

**Darlington Building Society**  
**North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League**

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley**  
**on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

**PRESENT**

President C W West, A B Bainbridge, D Stanwix, N Hutchinson, G Smith, D S Oliver, D Austin, T Briddock, M Christon, S Clarke, S Donlan, C Nicholls and General Secretary JJ Dykes. (13)

The president welcomed the two newly elected officials D S Oliver and J J Dykes to the committee.

**APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from K Forbes and S Brenkley

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that the transfer and registration of Sam Berry to Marske had been completed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None that was not due to be raised under other agenda items.

**MINUTES OF AGM & JUNIOR AGM**

The minutes of the two meetings had been circulated to clubs and league officials. It was noted that Marske CC had not been represented at the meetings.

**Resolved: that in accordance with League rule 6, a fine of £50 be imposed on Marske CC.**

**CO-OPTIONS AND SUB-COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2017**

The co-option to the LMC of Mr S Brenkley had been agreed at the last meeting, and following the AGM the meeting was asked to ratify this decision.

**Resolved: Co-option confirmed unanimously.**

The following structures for the League's various sub-committees for 2017 were proposed:-

Discipline Review Committee – CWW (Chair), CN, SD, DSO and JJD.

Disciplinary Committee – CWW (Chair), ABB, DS, DSO, DA, TB, JJD

Appeals Committee – GS (Chair), MC, CN, SC, SD, KF, JJD

Facilities Committee – CWW (Chair), ABB, CN, DSO, JJD

Events Committee – to be disbanded on the basis that all LMC members assist in events logistics when required to do so.

125 Committee – MC (Chair) – plus nominations to be sought.

LUSC – this to be left to the umpires co-ordinator to explore whether the existing members MK, GH, and EW were prepared to stand. If so DSO suggested that MK be appointed as chair and this was agreed by the meeting.

Hall of Fame Committee – GS (Chair), TB, DA, KF

Website Administrator – SD

Press and Media Officer – CWW

League Historian and Website consultant – S Charlton

Historical Records (1993 to 2016) Co-ordinator – SB

Cricket Balls Officer – SD

League C.W.O. – Dr M Lindsay

Senior League Team Manager – CN

Under 21 Managers – position to be filled once it was known whether this competition would continue.

U17 Managers – Mark Davies had agreed to assist on match days. An approach would be made to Shani Dissanayake whilst Paul Leadbitter and Gary Chisholm had indicated a willingness to continue to assist

**Resolved: that the above appointments be confirmed, and that the president be authorised to fill the vacancies noted.**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Treasurer reported a bank & cash balance of £27,930.26, which included the ECBPL PRPF of £4,400. Contingent liabilities were £3,856.60. The insurance policy was shortly due for renewal, the treasurer to effect.

The GNAAS Account held £5,986.83. A transfer of £823 needed to be made from the League account to the GNAAS account in respect of the funds raised for the charity at the presentation evening.

## **FIXTURES SECRETARY**

### **2017 Season Dates**

The Fixture Secretary confirmed that all fixtures had now been issued and entered on the website. He reported two fixture changes:-

**D1. 28/8/17. Richmond v Bishop Auckland – date changed to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Jun Lge North.**

**19/6/17. Richmond v Stockton** - a request by Richmondshire CC to use a ground not normally used for NYSD fixtures for this evening fixture because of a County second team match on the club ground on that day.

**Resolved: That the standard procedure covered by precedent be followed, in that the option of a later start time be utilised or the fixture reversed.**

**Super Sunday (Premier) and Super Monday (Division 1)** - all hosts had confirmed that they could meet the terms and conditions attaching to the hosting of the group matches, and they had therefore been confirmed.

**NatWest Club T20** - all details for the regional rounds of this national competition were detailed on the League website.

**NatWest U19 T20** – 10 teams had indicated they wished to take part and full details had been sent to them asking them to confirm entries, preferred playing days and team names. Only 3 had responded by the deadline and chasers had been issued.

**Competing clubs to note they need to respond to the president by the 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

**NYSD Masters** – 8 clubs had indicated they wished to take part in the inaugural competition. They would be contacted shortly with details with the format proposed to be two groups of 4 followed by finals.

**Resolved; Format confirmed.**

## **RESULTS SECRETARY**

GS would be producing a list of all NYSD players currently registered as category 3 and 3E. The list to be used in helping clubs with their new obligations in respect of managed migration recording.

In addition an updated data cleanse summary of all NYSD clubs would be produced to assist with the monitoring of this primary club target.

## **GTGO**

There was to be a GTGO Digital Toolkit presentation at Headingley on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February which all Yorkshire leagues had been requested to attend.

**Resolved: President CWW, GTGO LCM GS, and TB would attend on the League's behalf.**

## **TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS**

It was reported that the following transfers and registrations had been recorded.

### **Amateur Transfers**

Nasar Khan from Billingham to Wolviston  
James A Ward from Stockton to Hartlepool  
Jonathan Barnes from Mainsforth to Darlington  
Lewis Harper from Great Ayton to Marske  
Carl McGregor from Bishop Auckland to Darlington RA  
Faizan Hussain from Marske to Marton.

### **Professional Registration (Overseas)**

Usman Arshad – Professional Registration (O/seas) - Seaton Carew

### **Overseas Amateur**

Cameron Beath – Great Ayton

## **UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR**

### **Recruitment**

6 people had attended the Introduction to Umpiring Course in December – 3 have progressed to the Level 1 course and one qualified in 2012 but sought a refresher prior to umpiring in NYSD in 2017. 11 Clubs failed to respond to the flyers issued.

### **Level 1 Course**

14 candidates are undertaking the Level 1 course, of which 12 are interested in standing in NYSD (9 have already completed the necessary forms. Eight of the twelve have registered as being connected to an NYSD.

**Resolved: The president had previously agreed that Level 1 course fees would be refunded to any umpire who completes a full season on the NYSD panel and officiates in a minimum 10 matches. This grant assistance was ratified by the meeting.**

**It was also agreed that for any of those umpires who are connected to an NYSD club and complete a full season on the panel as indicated, a payment of £100 would be made to their club.**

### **Level 2 Course**

4 nominations have been made for the Riverside based Level 2 Course on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolved: As in previous seasons the League would pay 50% of the level 2 course fees of any NYSD undertaking the course.**

#### **Low Match Volume Umpires 2016**

Contact has been made with a number of umpires who did not stand much in 2016, and eight have expressed the intention of umpiring more this year.

#### **Mentoring**

A mentoring scheme is to be introduced to assist newly qualified umpires to achieve the League's required standards, and to progress as rapidly as their development allows. It is also intended to afford suitable umpires support in achieving promotion to higher grades of cricket.

#### **ACO & DBS.**

NYSD League umpires are required to be ACO members which also involves keeping their DBS certification up to date. Records are now maintained on WTU and umpires failing to fulfil these requirements will not be appointed. Umpires currently in default will be contacted and this position made clear.

#### **WTU**

During the closed season, contact has been made with the WTU programmers to assist in a drive to enable leagues and clubs to retrieve more and better information. The League will also investigate the recently announced developments in report compilation on Play-Cricket.

**Resolved: the League will issue these on a cost reduced basis similar to the existing red clothing required for Macmillan and senior 15s.**

#### **Winter Training Meeting**

The annual pre-season training meeting will be held at Stokesley CC on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. A buffet would be provided for attendees.

#### **Umpires Clothing**

With the introduction of coloured player clothing to all senior cup competitions in 2017, and the use of red balls in all but the Macmillan and NYSD Fifteens, DSO raised the issue of umpires clothing for those matches given that the current wear was red tops.

The president confirmed he had already considered this issue and it was intended that a light blue long sleeved polo be used by umpires in the red ball cup ties, with consideration also to be given to jackets.

**Resolved: The president to make formal enquiries through TAG with the League to provide financial support for the clothing.**

DSO was thanked for a most comprehensive report.

#### **UMPIRE FEES**

In accordance with rule 24 the committee undertook the annual review of umpires fees.

**Resolved: that umpires fees for 2017 be as follows:**

**League Premier - £32, Div. One - £28, Divs. 2, 3, & 4 - £26, Sunday Divs. - £25**

**Single stand matches:**

**League Premier - £48, Divs. 1, 2, 3, & 4 - £42, Sunday Divs. £38**

**Junior matches - £20**

**Cups - Kerridge & Macmillan - £16, Others £15.**

**Travelling Expenses – unchanged.**

## DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

There was nothing to report.

## MANAGED MIGRATION

**THE COMMITTEE URGE ALL CLUBS TO ENSURE THEY ARE AWARE OF THE RECENT CHANGES REGARDING OVERSEAS PLAYERS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ECB AND UKBA. CLUBS HAVE ALL BEEN CIRCULATED WITH THE LATEST UPDATES AND ADVICE, AND ASSISTANCE WILL BE OFFERED BY THE LEAGUE WHERE NECESSARY. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS THE ABSOLUTE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CLUB TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT REGULATIONS AND LAWS, AND TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION AND KEEP IT AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE AUTHORITIES.**

### **Category 3E**

Following recent Home Office edicts a new registration form will be produced for overseas exempt (special registration) players. Until this form is available clubs should use the previous version. Clubs are reminded that category 3E players must be registered annually, with up to date information supplied to the League.

## 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The president had circulated a list of suggestions about how to celebrate the anniversary to LMC members some weeks earlier and these were debated.

### **Anniversary dinner**

The prospect of a dinner with high profile speaker was discussed with a possible venue being Wynyard Hall.  
**Resolved: Date agreed 19<sup>th</sup> May, potential speaker availability to be checked and detailed costings to be reviewed. MC to take forward.**

### **Hall of Fame**

Two marquee inductions to be considered for anniversary dinner if it proceeds.

### **Newsletter**

Quarterly electronic newsletter to be considered. The president had distributed a mock design.  
**Resolved: To progress if possible, president to be editor.**

### **Marquee Matches**

Matches had already been arranged against Yorkshire and the MCC.

### **Anniversary Brochure**

A follow on from the centenary brochure and covering the last 25 years.

**Resolved: Agreed. The president to collate and edit, clubs to be asked to contribute articles.**

### **Logo**

DBS had already offered to design a 125 logo and it had been agreed with them they could incorporate their own involvement with the League.

**Resolved: This offer to be accepted.**

### **Merchandise**

MC offered a number of options regarding merchandising possibilities including ties and umbrellas.

**Resolved: MC to progress the design of both items. It was agreed that an initial supply of 25 umbrellas would be purchased at the prices indicated by MC. The tie design to be submitted to LMC members for consideration at the next meeting.**

## **COUNTY CLUBS AND BOARDS**

### **DCB**

A meeting of League chairmen had been called for the 22<sup>nd</sup> February but as this clashed with the next LMC meeting apologies had been tendered.

Subsequent to the meeting advice had been received that the meeting at CLS had been re-arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **DURHAM CCC**

An approach had been made to the president by DCCC advising that they were going through a process of redefining their business plan and wanted to take the opportunity to clearly define their future vision and purpose.

As part of this, they wished to canvas a selected group of key stakeholders of the club with a view to building consensus around what the objectives for Durham CCC should be, and how these can best be delivered, with an overall goal of making cricket matter more to more people in the North East of England.

It had been confirmed that the League would be happy to assist in any way it could, and subsequently a lengthy interview had been undertaken with the management consultants acting on behalf of DCCC.

### **YCB**

A drop-in roadshow was being held at Middlesbrough CC on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. All NYSD clubs had been circulated with details and the event had been heavily advertised on the League website and via twitter.

### **All Stars Cricket**

All but 4 NYSD clubs had lodged expressions of interest in this programme which is scheduled to be the ECB's primary participation and growth initiative of 2017. Clubs who had lodged EOI would be invited to ASC roadshows at Chester-le-Street (6<sup>th</sup> February) or Elland Road, Leeds (12<sup>th</sup> February).

## **GNAAS**

It was reported that the fund raising for GNAAS in 2016 would total just over £8,000. A presentational cheque would be handed over in a short publicity ceremony to include Darlington Building Society. A debate was held as to whether the League wished to consider a 2017 charity partnership.

**Resolved: that the League again nominate GNAAS as its chosen charity for 2017, and ask DBS to again be involved. Further that a page in the handbook be developed showing this relationship.**

## **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

### **U19 T20**

The former officials of the old Cleveland League had contacted the president offering to provide individual trophies for the U19 T20 competition once more having been significantly impressed by the 2016 final.

**Resolved: That this generous offer be gratefully accepted.**

### **Division 4 and NYSD Masters**

Following the donation of several former Cleveland League trophies to the NYSD in 2016 there were now 2 spare trophies.

**Resolved: That the Jim Everett Memorial Cup become the Division 4 championship trophy, and the Oldfield Trophy become the trophy for the over 40's competition should it go ahead.**

## **2016 Tea Awards**

The award winners were Richmondshire, Darlington, Maltby, Hartlepool and Whitby

**Resolved: that the Baliol House Tea Awards presentation take place at the pre-season meeting.**

## **D Watchman and M Kirkbright**

The president suggested that the LMC should consider some awards to be made to the former officials who had retired at the last AGM after a number of years of outstanding service.

**Resolved: that letters of appreciation and small awards be presented to Derek Watchman and Mick Kirkbright – these presentations to be made at the pre-season meeting.**

## **PRESENTATION NIGHT 2017**

It was agreed the event should revert to a Saturday night if possible. Various venues were discussed but the MHCC remained the only central venue that could cater for the numbers involved. The speaker presentation format of 2016 was considered successful and should be repeated. Several suggestions for speakers and entertainers were put forward and enquiries as to their availability will be made.

**Resolved: President to seek a booking at MHCC and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

## **PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS**

The date agreed was Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**Resolved: GS to confirm bookings with Teesside University under the same terms and conditions as in 2016.**

## **CRICKET BALLS**

An email requesting the placement of orders will be prepared by SD and issued shortly. The committee were reminded that the pink balls ordered by clubs from Durham for the 2016 U19 competition had initially been paid for by the League to help clubs with collection, but these clubs had not yet been invoiced the £50 applicable.

**Resolved: The treasurer to include this claim with the next invoice to clubs.**

**Ball ordering – clubs involved in the Macmillan Cup are reminded that they need to order a supply of league issue pink balls.**

## **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

### **Seniors**

The T20 match versus Yorkshire Vikings would be played on the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Yorkshire had requested that given the previous two years washouts that Marton be offered the chance to host once more. They had subsequently agreed.

A full day match against the MCC would be played on the 25<sup>th</sup> July – venue still to be determined.

### **Under 17**

More than 40 under 17s from the League had attended a coaching and trials session at the Riverside on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Mark Davies had overseen the evening on the League's behalf. A note of thanks had already been sent to Durham.

The annual match against the Durham Academy would take place on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> April – venue to be decided.

The Yorkshire Championships involved 4 group matches, with the two home games on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June – venues to be decided.

### **Wilkinson Cup and U21 Competitions**

The League awaits notification regarding these competitions in 2017 with their future uncertain, however CN expressed the opinion that the League should enter both if they did proceed.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The president reminded the LMC of the outstanding work done by Mark Fletcher as league photographer, and that they might want to consider how they better utilise the photographs produced, for instance via a rotating gallery on the website.

**Resolved: Mark Fletcher to be re-engaged with consideration to be given to better utilisation of the end product.**

### **ECB**

#### **PRPF**

Performance related payments for 2016 had been received in the sum of £4,400. The only area of shortfall was in our data cleanse performance.

Disappointment was expressed that the 2017 PRPF targets were not yet available from the ECB. The president had reminded them of the need for more expediency with these as it made planning extremely difficult for leagues.

#### **League Information**

A request had been received from the ECB in November for a considerable amount of information on rule changes, AGM etc. A 23-page report had subsequently been sent to them since when nothing had been heard!

#### **Insight Summary**

The ECB had sent an insight summary to the League on the 30<sup>th</sup> November suggesting it might be of help to them in driving change at their AGM. The ECB had been thanked but it had been pointed out to them that the AGM had already been held and changes made against the internally driven insight gained from the NYSD player survey.

### **LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE**

The LCC were to run national Club Cricketers of the Year awards in memory of their former secretary Neil Edwards – these would mirror the Wisden Cricketer of the Year Awards in that five players from around the country would be selected. Each league in membership of Conference were requested to nominate one player.

**Resolved: That Lee Hodgson (Marske) be the NYSD nomination subject to his availability for the awards luncheon at Nantwich CC on the 11<sup>th</sup> March should he be one of the successful five.**

### **YPL MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The draw for the 2017 YPL Championship finals was made at Headingley in December with the leading Yorkshire side in the NYSD to play the champions of Yorkshire PL South on the 16<sup>th</sup> September on an NYSD ground. The winner of that match would progress to the final at Headingley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September where they would play the winners of the YPLN v Bradford League semi-final.

The League were required to nominate a ground(s) on which the semi-final would be played, and bearing in mind the rule that the 'home' semi-final representatives could not play on their own ground it was necessary to nominate at least 2 grounds as the potential venue. Conditions for the ground nominations were quality

of pitch and facilities, a pitch to be available in the centre of the square, and location in respect of team and supporter access.

**Resolved: That the following clubs be approached to assess whether they could give an undertaking that they could meet the minimum conditions and would make their ground available if called upon – Marton, Marske, Richmondshire. The actual final venue would be determined by the LMC some time in August when a reliable volume of pitch marks would be available and the likely NYSD representatives would be clearer.**

## **SPONSORS**

### **Darlington Building Society**

The president and Mark Christon had met with DBS at Darlington at their request on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The meeting had proved valuable with DBS keen to continue supporting NYSD initiatives. The prospect of their being linked to the All Stars Cricket project at NYSD clubs was raised, and the president was in the process of seeking ECB approval for this to ensure it did not create a conflict of interest with any national sponsors of the venture.

### **TAG Teamwear**

The president had met with Andy Fothergill on the 14<sup>th</sup> January with TAG confirming their valuable support for NYSD cricket on the same basis as in previous years. Clubs would be circulated with details.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

An update on the application by Nunthorpe CC was received. A letter detailing the conditions to be met by the Club had been issued, and a response was awaited.

## **HALL OF FAME**

This initiative had gathered significant pace over the last couple of years and was highly valued by clubs and volunteers.

**Resolved: That there would be 3 outlets for inductions in 2017:**

- 1. Kerridge Cup Final luncheon – 6 new inductions to be made. The president would approach those clubs who did not yet have any inductees with suggestions for nominations.**
- 2. 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner – 2 special inductions.**
- 3. Presentation evening – 1 marquee induction.**

## **LEAGUE IT**

The president once again expressed his concern that the League were not making full use of all IT platforms to promote themselves and their clubs. He reminded all LMC members that it was everyone's duty to support and promote IT initiatives, it should not be left to one or two people. Website, twitter, facebook, digital toolbox, data cleanse, play-cricket were just some areas where profile could be improved.

The good news was that after almost 18 months of banging on the ECB's door about providing central IT support for leagues and clubs the NYSD had been nominated as the first UK league to trial a full-time secondment from BT, and the president had already accepted this offer on the League's behalf. It was expected that further details would follow in the first quarter of 2017.

## HANDBOOK

There were 7 club responses awaited regarding update of club details, 4 of which involved AGMs yet to be held. Letters had been issued to 2016 advertisers offering rates for 2017 and responses were awaited. Work on the amendments to be presented to the printers had begun.

## STATIONERY ORDER 2017

This process was diarised for later in the closed season after officers had discussed requirements. JJD to seek copy of 2016 order from D Watchman.

## CHILD WELFARE

Clubs are reminded of the high profile nature of this topic, and the need for them to ensure adequate systems are in place regarding safeguarding minors, and well publicised protocols for reporting and investigating any concerns. The NYSD expects that all member clubs have the highest standards of welfare protection in place, and that all appropriate club members have up to date DBS clearance. Clubs should also check that any members requiring three year updates on their safeguarding and first aid courses should contact their County Boards for details of courses being run over the next couple of months.

## HISTORIC STATISTICS COLLECTION

It was reported that SB was already in contact with clubs regarding the compilation of historical playing data covering the period 1993 to 2016, and that several clubs had already responded. The deadline for submission was the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **Grounds**

The president reminded the meeting of the continuing contingency funds of around £2,000 dating back to the PQS project. Offers had been made to clubs to cover the cost of pitch reports, but there had been no takers, it was therefore proposed that the funds be considered now as a pitch and grounds grant facility whereby small sums could be granted to clubs to assist with specified ground works or items. It would be intended to make those available to all member clubs.

**Resolved: PQS funds to be available for 'minor' pitch and ground grants. The president to write to clubs with details over the next couple of months.**

### **Play-cricket**

It was reported that Play Cricket admin rights settings needed updating. GS to action.

### **Insurance Brokers**

A request from an Insurance Broker for inclusion of their advert in the handbook was linked to a request for the league to issue electronic and/or paper circulars to Clubs.

**Resolved: That the league was not minded to distribute advertising material to clubs, as this placed an onerous burden on league and club administrators at the same time as risking a degree of implied approval of the product(s).**

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next LMC meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.