

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 16th November 2016.

PRESENT – President C W West, A B Bainbridge, T Briddock, S Clarke, S Donlan, N Hutchinson, D Stanwix, and General Secretary D Watchman.

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE – D Austin, M Christon, M Kirkbright, C Nicholls, D Oliver and G Smith.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October 2016 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Sponsors

The president announced that he had concluded negotiations with Teesside University and was pleased to report that they had agreed to support the Macmillan Cup and NYSD 15's for a further year at the same levels as the last agreement.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Club Fixture Requests

It was reported that an excessive number of requests had been received for free week ends during the 2017 season.

Further detailed examination is required but it is evident that alternative dates cannot be identified in some cases and rearrangement will have to be negotiated between the two clubs involved, and then only providing the reason is considered an acceptable one by the LMC.

Club are advised that requests for rearrangements due to weddings, stag weekends etc. will **NOT** be granted

U19's Competition

It was reported that 10 clubs had entered the 2017 competition.

Over 40's Competition

Expressions of interest had been received from 8 clubs

RESULTS SECRETARY

In the absence of Mr Smith the president reported on a Get The Game On webex he had been involved in earlier in the day as part of the GTGO advisory group. The key factors were:

1. There had been a 'soft launch' of the Cricket Unleashed strategy to leagues and clubs across the country – a deliberate approach by the ECB.
2. A summary of the key insight from the 2016 National Player Survey had been provided – this would be fed through to clubs in due course, however it was noted that the findings were not significantly different from those expected.
3. Digital – acknowledged as a key area for development. The digital toolkit is now live on the Cricket Unleashed website and clubs are encouraged to explore it.
4. Live scoring – the ECB are just about to appoint a supplier following a lengthy tendering process. Clubs are recommended to stick with the systems they currently have for the 2017 season.

TREASURERS REPORT

Annual Accounts

The annual accounts for the year ending 31st October were currently with the auditors. The unaudited draft version was made available to the meeting for their perusal.

Resolved: Once the audit is completed the accounts will be circulated to clubs.

UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

Introductory Umpires Course

All clubs had been circulated with details of the "Introduction to Umpiring" presentation to be held at Darlington CC on Monday 5th December with a request for each club to send at least one individual.

Level 1 Umpires Course

For those wishing to progress following the above course, a Level 1 course will start at Stockton CC on Monday 9th January. Details can be obtained from David Oliver at davids.oliver@btinternet.com.

DISCIPLINE

Umpires Match Report Cautions

K Brown Saltburn No appeal Fine paid

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REGISTRATIONS

REGISTRATIONS CONFIRMED

Amateur (EQ) Registration

Farooq Din Wolviston

REGISTRATION INCOMPLETE - NO FEE RECIEVED

Amateur Transfers

Sam Berry Redcar to Marske

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Nunthorpe

The president, general secretary and Mr Donlan had met officials of the club at their ground on Sunday 6th November. Following the meeting, which included a ground and facilities inspection, it was unanimously agreed that the minimum grade for entry to the NYSD League had been met. Certain areas of concern had been identified however, and although most were addressed in the clubs development plan, further assurances would be required in certain areas.

Resolved: The LMC would support an application from Nunthorpe to the 2017 AGM for admission to the league in the 2018 season subject to a satisfactory resolution of the identified issues. With this in mind a further visit to the club would be made in September 2017 to assess progress. The club to be written to with the requisite details, and their current leagues advised of the position.

ECB

A request had been made by the new Regional Clubs and Facilities Manager (North West) for a raft of information on the NYSD PCL relating to potential rule changes, AGM details etc. A holding response had been sent pending completion of several labour intensive events considered of more urgency.

MANAGED MIGRATION

The president had attended a meeting with the Home Office at Lord's on 2nd November at the request of the ECB given the NYSD's perceived depth of knowledge in this field.

Following this meeting it is likely that a guidance 'blueprint' will be produced for every league in the country, as well as recommendations made on visa checking processes, including registration forms, within leagues.

YCB

Notification received that the ECB small grants scheme for 2017 is now open to all clubs who did not receive a grant in 2016. The deadline for applications is the 20th January 2017.

In addition a number of notices had been sent to the league by the YCB. It was felt appropriate that these would be best disseminated to clubs in one mailing rather than in numerous smaller ones, the president to action once the minutes were issued.

YORKSHIRE PL MANAGEMENT BOARD

The president had attended the YPL championship final in Abu Dhabi in his role as chairman of the Yorkshire Cricket Board. The match had attracted significant media coverage with over 13,000 media applications to view the match live. Wakefield Thornes had been the eventual winners.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2016

A substantial amount of preparation had gone into the event, with new technological challenges this year in particular.

Guests who had confirmed attendance included Jon Lewis, which meant that the Head Coaches of both Durham and Yorkshire would be at the event. After just undergoing a hip replacement operation Geoff Cook had tendered apologies but sent his best wishes for another 'outstanding evening'.

A request had been received by Blackhall to help with an item to be auctioned for the Bradley Lowery appeal. The president had approached DBS and they had committed £160 from their 160th anniversary charity fund, and he had pledged to match that from the NYSD. An autographed Tim Bresnan Yorkshire shirt would be 'silent auctioned' with any additional funds from this source to be added to the £320 already committed.

Matched funding had been pledged by Barclays Bank for GNAAS, subject to an element of the presentation evening being dedicated to raising funds for that cause.

Resolved: The Team of the Year challenge quiz to be dedicated to GNAAS.

AGM

Papers for the AGM had been issued to clubs on 9th November, with all proposals from the LMC having full commentaries attached to them to assist clubs and their members in considering the proposed changes. The accounts were currently with the auditor and would be issued to clubs as soon as they were available.

Clubs are reminded that attendance at the AGM is obligatory and that a free buffet is provided after the meeting for all delegates who wish to partake.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Joe Lumb Competition.

Following the resignation of Andrew Batchelor, a new team manager will need to be appointed for the 2017 season.

Resolved: The general secretary should confirm the NYSD League entry to the competition before the 4th December when the competition AGM will be held at Cleckheaton. It was further proposed that one of next season's overseas professionals should be invited to manage / coach the team.

The president was unable to attend the AGM on the 4th December but felt it important that an LMC member should attend on this occasion given the proposed rule changes.

Post Meeting Note: Entry submitted and receipt acknowledged 17th November.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IT Operative

There had been no response to the previous 'advert' in league minutes and the president had therefore approached Steve Charlton directly about the possibility of him fulfilling this role, and he had responded positively. The 'terms of engagement' would be agreed between the parties before the end of the year.

Co-opted LMC Member

Since the issue of the AGM papers with nominations for all posts, and following an approach made by the president, contact had been received from Stephen Brenkley (Barnard Castle) indicating an interest in working with/for the LMC. The president felt he would be an outstanding addition to the committee and proposed that he be taken onto the committee initially as a co-opted member.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed.

Chief Executive

The treasurer pointed out to the meeting the huge amount of work undertaken by the president on behalf of the league on a voluntary and unremunerated basis, and expressed an opinion that it would be almost impossible to find someone to take on those workloads and responsibilities voluntarily if the president was unable to do so in the future. He felt that one solution could be to consider creating a new Chief Executive role (remunerated).

The president indicated he hoped not to expire in the immediate future, but the meeting agreed that planning for the future was very much a key component of good governance and that this suggestion would be given further consideration by the newly elected committee once the AGM had been concluded.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 28th November at Billingham Synthonia CC with the junior meeting starting at 7:10pm and the senior meeting at 7:30 pm.