

Darlington Building Society
North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League
Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 12th April 2017.

PRESENT

President C W West, T Briddock, N Hutchinson, D S Oliver, G Smith, D Stanwix, and General Secretary JJ Dykes (7)

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from S Brenkley, S Donlan, and C Nicholls (3).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that weren't being covered elsewhere within the meeting.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Blackhall

It was understood that a request had been made by Blackhall to alter the date of a second team fixture in May. The fixtures secretary had not been copied in and the president undertook to send a copy of the request to him for noting and pending formal confirmation of any change agreed between the clubs.

NYSD Masters

It was reported that one team was still to register their players for this competition, but everything else was in place.

Resolved: Fixtures secretary to contact the team concerned to progress.

UNDER 19 COMPETITION

The president reported that only two teams from the Durham Cricket League were now contesting this competition in their own league. A request had been received from the DCB for the NYSD to consider if their losing internal finalist would be allowed to play the DCL winner in a play-off to determine the fourth County semi-final place.

Resolved: As this arrangement was favourable to our under 19 teams by offering an additional opportunity for the NYSD runners-up to reach the County semi-finals, the request was approved.

U19 match balls

It had been intended that the ECB-issue pink balls for this competition would be delivered in time for the pre-season meeting so they could be distributed then, but the ECB had failed to meet the deadline. Subsequently they had advised that they could be collected from Headingley and the president undertook to collect them and then distribute to competing clubs over the course of the next month or so. The charge to clubs would be the same as in 2016, that is £50 per half dozen. The 2016 purchase had not yet been invoiced to the clubs concerned.

Resolved: Club invoices in May would include amounts due for both 2016 and 2017.

MACMILLAN CUP

It was reported that the draw had been made at the pre-season meeting, and that the hosting finalists would come from the winners of Group 1 (Great Ayton or Middlesbrough or Stokesley), subject to that club meeting the minimum ground requirements as determined by the LMC. In the event that club did not meet the minimum standards the game would go to the winner of Group 3.

A suggestion was tabled that LMC consider making the Macmillan Final a separate day in 2018, rather than 2 semi-finals and a final on the one day.

Resolved: That this be considered at the rules review meeting in September.

CUP FINALS

The president reminded committee members that cup final season was coming around quickly and he hoped that the workload of officiating at the presentation ceremonies would be shared around the committee members, particularly as there are now 20 finals.

Resolved: The president would circulate all LMC members with a calendar of the scheduled finals and ask for volunteers for each.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Sunday Divisions 16th April

GS had received a few enquiries about player eligibility on the first Sunday of the season, and given there would be no previous day matches.

Resolved: That clubs be advised that all players other than professionals were eligible, however the LMC would expect that integrity would be used in selection with the spirit of the third team competition upheld.

Club Administration

GS reported that an email and attachments, including the updated League Administration Guide, had been circulated to all clubs.

Junior Cricket Over Age Allowance

Only 8 clubs had so far requested dispensations under the under 18 age allowance. Clubs had been reminded at the pre-season meeting and were urged to take advantage of this allowance which was solely intended to help junior teams fulfil their fixture commitments .

Log-In to Play Cricket Sites

GS reported that the ECB have just introduced a new log-in process for all Play Cricket sites, and that there were early reports that this was creating problems for clubs. Further investigation was to be carried out and advice circulated to clubs if necessary.

Play Cricket Scorer

It was reported that the instructions recently issued to clubs regarding accessing PCS via a laptop had been tested and proved to be workable and also tested by SB. It was also pointed out that PCS was free and that clubs individual subscriptions to TCS (thought to be in the region of £200) would be saved if PCS was used successfully.

NB: In view of the uncertainty over scoring methods the League would like clubs, wherever possible, to 'tweet' scores to the League twitter feed throughout their games.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Registrations

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

Amateur Transfers

Andrew Mark Sturgeon from Blaydon to Darlington
Thomas Wickins from Shildon to Newton Aycliffe
Justin Pretorius from Edwinstowe to Richmondshire
Adam Burns from Guisborough to Great Ayton
Adam I'Anson from Darlington to Darlington RA
Ben Cardwell from Darlington to Darlington RA
Robin Walker from Hartlepool to Marske
Alex Metcalfe from Lancaster to Darlington
Ben Putson from Crathorne to Marton
Omar Shahid from Seaham Park to Marton
Vahili Ismail Kazi from Billingham to Wolviston
Ben Thompson from Bishop Auckland to Sedgfield
Jordan Cotterill from Wolviston to Billingham
Anthony Lowe from Wolviston to Billingham
Zahid Mehmood from Preston to Billingham
Michael Francis Yuill from Hartlepool to Billingham
Talib Ramzan from Thornaby to Normanby Hall
Callum Prosser from Hartlepool to Blackhall
Javad Ahmed Khan from Yarm to Middlesbrough
Kevin Clarkson from Northallerton to Thornaby
Lewis Johnson from Maltby to Marton
Stephen Porter from Brompton-on-Swale to Bedale
Jack Heads from Brompton-on-Swale to Bedale

Amateur Player Special Registration

Rajesh Shankar Priya - Bishop Auckland

Professional Transfers

Alston Bobb (WI) from Billingham to Richmondshire
Doug Mulholland (EQ) from Stokesley to Hartlepool

Overseas Amateur Registration

Riley Mitchell Shaw – Blackhall
Justin Pretorius – Richmondshire
Nikheil Rupa Bhana – Thornaby – pending.

Professional Registration (EQ)

Liam Coates – Darlington
Gary Pratt – Richmondshire
Mohammed Saad – Darlington
Karl Turner – Barnard Castle
James Finch – Barnard Castle

Professional Registration (Overseas)

Alston Bobb – Richmondshire

Cancellation of Registration of a Professional

An application by Seaton Carew to cancel the registration of Kashif Ali had been received.

Resolved: Application granted.

Amateur EQ Player Registration

Rohan Gill – Great Ayton

Gareth Mulhearn – Newton Aycliffe

David Wright – Newton Aycliffe

Andrew Davies – Hartlepool

Tuseef Abbas – Wolviston

Paid Employee Registrations

The following requests were presented to the committee:

Great Ayton – Cameron Beath – Part time Groundsman

Barnard Castle – Jake Black – Part time Bar Staff

Barnard Castle – Jack Tobbell – Part time Groundsman

Thornaby – Paul Allen – Part time Bar Staff

Thornaby – Harvey Spaxman – Part time Bar Staff

Resolved: Applications approved.

Amateur Registration Application

The application by Bedale to register Paul Grayson as an amateur player was discussed.

Resolved: Application approved.

Secretarial Arrangements for the May meeting of LMC

The general secretary advised of an impending holiday and it was agreed that in his absence the agenda for the next meeting of the LMC would be drawn up by the president, whilst the results secretary would minute the meeting.

Postal and Email Arrangements during the absence of the General Secretary

Discussion took place regarding these arrangements and a covering system was devised and agreed.

Resolved: that the general secretary and the president circulate all club secretaries and all umpires nearer the dates with detailed instructions regarding communicating with the League.

MANAGED MIGRATION

Player Pathway

This recently introduced ECB/HO definition of professional sportspersons had been causing significant problems across the country with the evidence being there was little leeway for negotiation, or at least it was almost impossible to get those organisations to provide decisions.

The committee expressed its frustration that given the clear inequity in certain cases it should consider making formal representations for a review of this definition to be undertaken, albeit that such review would have little effect on the current season.

Overseas Category 3E Registrations

All clubs with Category 3E players in 2016 had been approached regarding the requirement to register these players annually, and the president reported that all but two clubs had taken the necessary action to date.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer reported a bank & cash balance of £29,241. Operational contingent liabilities are £3,632.

PQS contingency remained at £1,910, with £488 currently committed to clubs for ground improvements.

Resolved: That the PQS ground grants would continue to be available for claiming up until the date of the next meeting (24th May) after which any remaining contingent liability would be written off to general funds.

TAG prize vouchers – only £450 remained unclaimed.

Resolved: Clubs to be reminded via the minutes that these prize vouchers had an expiry date and should be utilised within the next month.

Baliol House Cricket Tea Awards – the first awards had been made at the pre-season meeting, with the eventual invoice to be paid against reduction in the contingent liability currently standing at £1,000.

Shirts and caps had now been purchased for the various league representative teams at a cost of around £1,000.

Steve Charlton had now set up a direct invoicing arrangement on the League website with details of how this could be operated advised to the treasurer. He would review in due course to ascertain whether it would be of benefit in his future work.

UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

Kerridge Cup Bowling Restrictions

The Umpires Co-ordinator pointed out that the rules in the 2017 handbook for the Kerridge Cup were missing the section on Bowlers Restrictions. (See Handbook Errata Section below).

Resolved: that clubs and umpires be formally advised of the omission and asked to amend their handbooks. A further reminder would be issued ahead of the opening rounds.

Umpires Appointments

The appointments for April were now in place, and the first draft of the May batch was prepared. Early indications were that single manned matches would be limited, although there was a bigger potential shortage on May 13th. It was also noted that DBS searches were still taking longer than usual, and that this may hinder the appointment of new applicants or of renewing umpires.

Umpire Mentors

It was reported that the Level 1 candidates had each been allocated an experienced umpire as a Mentor for the season, and that the system looked to be developing well.

Coloured Clothing and Handbooks for Umpires

The bulk of the coloured clothing for cup matches had been issued to umpires, with a few outstanding items to be delivered by courier by TAG. Most of the umpires' contributions were now collected, the eventual figure expected to be collected being £1,385. The potential liability to the League for their financial support will be in the region of £1,200. All of the handbooks had been issued except four which were to be posted.

WTU and Club Officials' Details Update

The Umpire Co-ordinator reminded the meeting that clubs should review their details as lodged on the WTU website, particularly where changes of captains or officials had taken place. This should be completed before the season started. **Resolved: Clubs to be reminded via a general e mail shortly.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Yorkshire Lady Taverners Competition 2017

The general secretary reported receipt of an email with attachments outlining the competition programme and rules.

Resolved: That the details be distributed to clubs along with the minutes.

Junior Players U12 in Senior Competitions

It was reported that the YCB would be issuing cards to all U12 county and district players who they authorise to play in senior cricket. It was believed that DCB would not be following this path but would deal with decisions case by case.

Club Contacts and Club Admin

A letter from David Sparrow, chairman of Barnard Castle CC, was received outlining a response to the concerns expressed at the pre-season meeting by the president relating to the problems of eliciting responses from club officials to requests for actions or information. His views were noted and discussed.

Resolved: The president to respond fully to Mr Sparrow and thanking him for his thoughts on improving response rates.

ALL STARS CRICKET

It was reported with pleasure that Darlington Building Society have agreed to input approaching £1,000 into this initiative in the NYSD. They would shortly be issuing flyers for distribution by the League to help activators.

The initiatives included a payment of £5 to the first five children in each participating club who opened a DBS account, and also the offer of a payment of £20 towards the total course costs of £40 per child if a genuine need was identified.

Resolved: Clubs to be written to with further details towards the end of April. The £20 support payment would be allocated on the basis of one per each entrant club, the club being the determining body of who within their own club it would most help.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A letter of application was received from Marske Cricket Club seeking a grant towards the costs of purchase of two sightscreens.

Resolved: A grant of £250 confirmed. The club should submit copy paid invoices to the treasurer to trigger the payment.

ECB and COUNTY BOARDS

ECB

It was noted that the League had at last been advised of the PRPF targets for the coming season. They include conditional funding as follows:-

£500 for all divisions under a Premier League executive having full scorecards on Play-cricket.

£500 for more than a 20% increase in individual player registrations with valid e mail addresses and opted-in on play-cricket.com

£100 per club for Premier Division clubs using the live scoring service; and

£500 for all Premier Leagues supporting the retention of young players by organising an U19 T20 competition.

In addition there would be discretionary funding of up to £1,500 for leagues supporting GTGO or live scoring initiatives.

Resolved: that in light of the potential financial benefits to the League, clubs would again be asked to work towards data cleanse objectives by encouraging, in particular, those clubs who have consistently fallen short in this area.

YCB/DCB

Clubmark and County Affiliation

Resolved: All clubs reminded to check and update their status if necessary.

YPL MANAGEMENT BOARD

The president reported on the recent board meeting attended by himself and DSO on 23rd March.

The 2017 play-off rules would be determined by a sub-committee who would meet shortly.

The annual subscription to the YPL championships had been determined as £250.

Yorkshire Cricket Heritage were undertaking a project to house league histories in the county on a central basis.

A proposal was put for the Board to set up a central Disciplinary Panel with the remit of hearing appeals against disciplinary decisions made by individual leagues. The view was taken that the League's own provision of a completely separate internal appeals committee was perfectly adequate, and the other leagues could not expect NYSD officials to make regular round trips of 150 miles on a weekly or monthly basis to sit on appeals committees.

Resolved: that NYSD would decline any invitation to be involved in the setting up of a Central Panel if they were asked.

It was noted that the next meeting would be at Headingley on 27th June.

REPRESENTATIVE & INTER-LEAGUE CRICKET

Wilkinson Cup and U21 NE Championship

The president would start the process of organising fixtures, although he pointed out this should not be down to him - there was clearly a pressing need for a volunteer to take the U21 management role for the League and volunteers would be sought.

Disappointingly only four clubs had responded to the request for u21 nominations. Clubs would be reminded.

U17 Squad

A squad of 23 had been announced and circulated for the game against Durham on the 30th April, but only around half had responded to confirm their availability.

Resolved: A follow up to be issued.

125TH ANNIVERSARY

No further progress to report.

HALL OF FAME

The president suggested that one or two 'nudges' may be given to clubs to submit nominations for the Kerridge Cup luncheon inductions.

Resolved: Agreed

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2017

It was noted that the services of entertainer Steffen Peddie had been secured for the dinner and confirmation of his booking was held.

PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS

It was reported that some excellent feedback had been received following this event, but it was noted with disappointment that two Premier Division clubs had failed to attend despite the number of reminders and clear instructions issued over the previous three months. One had issued apologies before the meeting, but the other had failed to make any contact, either before or after the event or after, to offer apologies. It was thought that this was the first time in many years that a full club attendance had not been achieved.

Resolved: The committee were unanimous in asking for letters to be sent to both clubs expressing concern and disappointment at the failure to attend what is perceived as the most important league meeting in the calendar.

CRICKET BALLS

The order had been delivered on time (with a small discrepancy which Dukes are dealing with by direct delivery), and all balls had been collected by clubs, the vast majority of whom had now paid.

It was noted that the contract to supply balls to the League was up for review at the end of this season and therefore a meeting would be sought sometime during the summer with Dukes to discuss their future proposals.

LEAGUE WEBSITE

There had been further work undertaken on the NYSD website in the last month and this improvement was generating additional interest. Further developments would include photographs of leading players in the statistics section, more entrants in the International Gallery, and the inclusion of obituaries in the history section.

HANDBOOK

Pricing

It was proposed and agreed that the pricing of handbooks to clubs would remain unaltered at £10.

Errata and Additions

Kerridge Cup – Bowling Restrictions Rule 7 page 139.

Clubs and Umpires please note the restrictions that a bowler may only bowl a maximum of one quarter of the innings overs (rounded up) are still in force and will be applied.

Secretary - Marske CC

Please note the "sabic" e mail address should no longer be used for contacting Neil Harvey and should be deleted.

Secretary – Normanby Hall CC

The new secretary is Abid Ishaq, 52 King Street, Middlesbrough TS6 6JU
(H) 01642 455654 – (Mob) 07776168021 - (EMail) abidishaq@hotmail.co.uk

Secretary – Blackhall CC

The new email address is blackhallcc@outlook.com Please **delete** the old hawaythehall@outlook.com address

Fixtures Sec – Sedgfield CC

The new email address is michael.ridley@nhs.net Please **delete** the riddlers@ridley22.orangehome.co.uk address.

3rd XI Captain - Whitby CC

Please delete Peter Stentiford's details and note that for 3rd team issues the contact is the Sec or Fixtures Sec.

3rd XI Captain – Norton CC

Please amend telephone details of Ryan Barnes to - Tel: 01642 557884 / Mobile: 07539 243376

HISTORIC DATA COLLECTION

It was reported SB and SC are now liaising over the timetable of updates, and that it is hoped to make a start in the near future. Club submissions will continue to be welcomed even though the original deadline has now passed.

CWO REGISTER

The League has been tasked by the County Boards to collate data on all Club Child Welfare Officers, to include the dates of attendance at various courses and the expiry dates of DBS checks. Although this process is now underway, a number of clubs have yet to respond despite the deadline having passed. Early indications are that several clubs do not entirely conform with expected standards.

Resolved: That non-responders be reminded, and further that actions for those not entirely compliant be diarised and followed up through the season..

NB – Durham Cricket Board now have 3 SH courses for new and existing officers booked at the Riverside – on the 25th and 26th April, and the 2nd May. Yorkshire clubs would be allowed to attend. All clubs who have officers needing courses can register online directly via the DCB website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that a response from Nunthorpe CC in relation to its proposed application for league membership was still awaited.

Resolved: that a letter be sent to Nunthorpe CC asking them for a report on progress.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next LMC meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th May 2017.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD:

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CW West, President. Date:/...../.....