

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 24th May 2017.

PRESENT

President C W West, A B Bainbridge, N Hutchinson, G Smith, D S Oliver, T Briddock, S Clarke, S Donlan

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies received from S Brenkley, D Stanwix, JJ Dykes and C Nicholls

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2017 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

1. It was noted that Blackhall were yet to supply the League with a new date for their Division 4 game v Sedgefield rearranged from 20th May. **New date should now be confirmed asap.**
2. NYSD Masters – all teams were now registered
3. U19 Match Balls – these have been collected from Headingley by the president and he will deliver to all competing clubs well before the start date for fixtures.
4. Pre-season meeting of clubs – letters had been written to the 2 non-attending clubs (Guisborough and Stokesley) to ask for reasons for absence. A response had been received from Guisborough and was accepted and noted. **No response had yet been received from Stokesley.** To be reviewed at the next meeting on 14th June.

RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr Austin had written indicating his desire to resign from the LMC with immediate effect. The resignation was accepted, and the president proposed a vote of thanks for the work he had done whilst on the LMC.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Mr Hutchinson reported as follows:

Hartlepool CC

It was noted that Hartlepool CC had rearranged the date of their Junior Cup (N) game with Wolviston without going through the proper procedures as required by the League. The game was allowed to be played on the rearranged date,

Resolved – Hartlepool CC reminded that they cannot unilaterally decide to rearrange fixed-date games.

Bishop Auckland v Whitby, Division 3, 29th July

The home club had written to request a rearrangement of this fixture, as a charity event was planned on being held on the Bishop Auckland ground on this date. Whitby were not amenable to playing the game on a Sunday. A suggestion had been made that Saturday September 16th could be used.

This date is a week after the Saturday Division have ended their season.

Resolved - September the 16th was agreed as an alternative date but with the following strict conditions to ensure no unfair advantage could be gained by either team

a) **No player who play in Bishop Auckland or Whitby 1st XI in Division 1 on the 29th July will be allowed to play.**

b) **The 13 game rule in rule 13c (page 102 of Handbook) would be strictly enforced.**

The clubs needed to agree this change in the short term and advise the fixtures secretary.

NB – since the meeting the clubs have managed to reach an agreement to play on Sunday 3rd September.

Great Ayton v Redcar, Sunday Division 2, 17th September

Great Ayton had requested that the venue of this game be changed to Redcar, to allow major work to begin on their ground. Redcar were happy to accommodate the game.

Resolved – the change was agreed

Billingham v Marske, Sunday Division 2.

The venues of the 2 fixtures between the clubs had been agreed by the clubs to be reversed to allow work to begin on the Billingham square in September

Resolved – the change was agreed.

It was noted that there was an error in the Handbook regarding the date of the first round of the Junior Plate (p71), which was stated as Friday 29th May. The accurate date is Friday 2nd June. **All competing clubs to note.**

RESULTS SECRETARY

Mr Smith presented his report.

Result not added to play-cricket within 24 hours (£10 each)

16/4	SD2	Saltburn
22/4	D4	Sedgefield
6/5	D1	Middlesbrough
6/5	D2	Maltby
8/5	JLN	Stockton
19/5	JCup(N)	Norton
20/5	Prem	Hartlepool
20/5	D3	Billingham

Full card not added to play-cricket within 48 hours (£10)

22/4	Prem	Hartlepool
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Full card not added to play-cricket within 3 working days (£10 each)

16/4	SD2	Saltburn
29/4	D2	Shildon Railway
4/5	JCup(N)	Hartlepool
7/5	SD1	Hartlepool
8/5	JLN	Stockton

Incorrect result added to play-cricket (£10)

20/5	Prem	Hartlepool
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Conceded games

23/4	SD2	Marske	£25
29/4	D3	Northallerton	£50
30/4	SD1	Stokesley	£25
6/5	D3	Northallerton	£50
7/5	SD1	Stokesley	£25
7/5	SD2	Whitby	£25
14/5	SD2	Saltburn	£25
9/5	Sanders	Wolviston	
17/5	RayBell	Great Ayton	
17/5	RayBell	Guisborough	
17/5	RayBell	Norton	
17/5	RayBell	Seaton Carew	
17/5	RayBell	Stokesley	
17/5	RayBell	Wolviston	
23/5	Sanders	Guisborough	

It was pointed out that whilst the League's relaxation of rules for Sunday eligibility had been welcome, there had been no relaxation in the rules for cup eligibility, resulting in the extremely large number of 3rd team cup concessions.

Resolved – No fines would be levied for Ray Bell or Arthur Sanders 1st round concessions.

At this point the president expressed his serious concerns over the excessive number of conceded fixtures in the current season. It was agreed by the meeting that a radical overhaul of third team cricket was needed with options discussed being three divisions meaning fewer league fixtures and the ability to play cup ties on a Sunday rather than evenings which seem to be a real problem at this level. Different formats were also discussed which would allow earlier finishing times. This will be an ongoing debate.

Yarm - Division 4 and concessions.

Yarm had contacted the League very early in the season to explain the extreme difficulties they were having in raising a 2nd XI on a Saturday in the early part of the season. They were confident they would be able to raise teams once May was out and returning students were available.

The League were keen to help the club retain 2nd XI cricket if at all possible, and to see Division 4 remain an 8-team Division.

The following plan was devised

Yarm will concede their first game against every other team in the league, thus minimising any advantage for other teams.

The first 5 games of the season were conceded, and the games against Preston (29th May) and Newton Aycliffe (24th June) will be treated as concessions for the league table, though the games may be played as friendlies if the clubs wish.

So far there have been 7 concessions in total from 22/4 to 26/5 inclusive

Maltby, Saltburn, Blackhall, Seaton Carew, Sedgfield, Saltburn, Seaton Carew (these last 2 games were not in the original scheme of arrangement).

Resolved – The League were keen to help retain 2nd team cricket at the club and were keen to help maintain Division 4 at 8 clubs, thus they were happy with the plan.

A fine of £100 was levied, which maintained consistency with the approach taken with other clubs. No further fines would be levied for future concessions. Points deductions apply for all conceded games.

Under 17 Concessions

8/5 JLS Marske

19/5 JCup(N) Norton

Resolved – In line with previous practice, no fines are levied for conceded u17 games.

Billingham v Saltburn – Division One 29th April

The game was abandoned after 7.5 overs when the umpires deemed the pitch unsafe to continue. Views had been received from the clubs and the umpires and league officials had visited the ground to inspect the pitch, and they confirmed that the actions taken by the umpires in abandoning the match were correct. The League had also commissioned an independent pitch report on the whole square from an ECB Pitch Advisor and whilst he had not yet submitted the written report he had advised the League verbally of his findings a few hours before the meeting.

These findings were presented to the meeting.

Resolved – In view of the available evidence, the decision to abandon the game was entirely correct. In line with League precedent, and that from the wider game, the results stands, match abandoned, Billingham 6pts, Saltburn 7pts.

In addition the committee would meet further with the club once the written report was to hand.

Marske v Normanby Hall, Division Three, 13th May

Marske batted 1st and declared after 46.4 overs.

54 overs were played in the 2nd innings, instead of 53. During the 54th over, Normanby Hall reached the 75% figure for draw points, and the match ended as a draw.

Marske queried the result with the league.

Enquiries revealed that players had not challenged the advice from the umpire that 54 overs were to be played.

Resolved – This was a genuine umpiring error which is part of the game. Result stands.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Whilst Mr Dykes was on holiday he had provided full details of all transfer and registrations as follows:

TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS

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

Amateur Transfers

Euan Buchanan	Skelton Castle CC	to	Saltburn CC
Andrew Buchanan	Skelton Castle CC	to	Saltburn CC
Steve Elliott	Skelton Castle CC	to	Saltburn CC
Mark Smith	Skelton Castle CC	to	Saltburn CC
Christopher Twiby	Skelton Castle CC	to	Saltburn CC
Joe Kennedy	Rainhill CC	to	Saltburn CC
Matthew Lovell	Stokesley CC	to	Saltburn CC
Harry Linton	Norton CC	to	Saltburn CC
Gareth Shaw	Marton CC	to	Saltburn CC
Matthew Wilkinson	Norton CC	to	Maltby CC
Adam Hill	Thornaby CC	to	Maltby CC
Ben Foster	Hunwick CC	to	Maltby CC
Andrew Critchley	St Helens Town CC	to	Maltby CC
Mark Davies	Norton CC	to	Billingham Synth CC

Glen Donaldson	Mainsforth CC	to	Sedgefield CC
Ed Routledge	Trimdon Colliery CC	to	Sedgefield CC
Naeem Akhtar	Hurley CC	to	Barnard Castle CC
Shams Rehman Khan	Billingham CC	to	Yarm CC
Michael Jones	Ingleby Greenhow CC	to	Great Ayton CC
Ethan Tennant	Saltburn CC	to	Guisborough CC
Owen Tennant	Saltburn CC	to	Guisborough CC
Jonathan Coates	Maltby CC	to	Guisborough CC
Ryan Sean Buckley	Stockton CC	to	Darlington RA CC
Shazad Sadiq	Willington CC	to	Darlington RA CC
Tahir Javed	Norton CC	to	Yarm CC
Callum Bowman	Blackhall CC	to	Seaton Carew CC
Ben Briggs	Hartlepool CC	to	Blackhall CC
Dan Devine	Peterlee CC	to	Sedgefield CC
Benjamin Che Usher	Bishop Auckland CC	to	Barnard Castle CC
Graham Shaw	Marion CC	to	Saltburn CC
Corey Hart	Whitby CC	to	Saltburn CC
Paul Hardy	Nunthorpe	to	Rockcliffe Park
Alex Lamb	Nunthorpe	to	Rockcliffe Park
James Kenneth Wills	Barnard Castle	to	Rockcliffe Park
Harry Bartlett	Bransgore	to	Northallerton
Andrew Liddle	Stokesley	to	Great Ayton
David McCabe	Marion	to	Marske
Graham Kettle	Felbridge & Sunnyside	to	Whitby
Rob Woods	Alnwick	to	Whitby
Karthik Nataraj	Haughton	to	Rockcliffe Park
Sam Harris	Littleton	to	Hartlepool
Gary Cunliffe	Blackhall	to	Hartlepool
Chris Bradley	Cliffe	to	Darlington
Edd Alexander	Alton	to	Richmondshire
Pratish Thakkar	Darlington	to	Rockcliffe Park
Neyaz Karim	Norton	to	Wolviston
Alan Tebbett	Hartlepool	to	Seaton Carew
Adam Langhorne	Richmondshire	to	Bedale
Joshua Evans	West Park RA	to	Darlington RA

Professional Transfers

Harsha Eranga Vithana	Penrith CC	to	Hartlepool CC
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Professional Registration (Overseas)

Pitigala Arachchi Saliya Saman Jeewantha	Great Ayton CC
Shanuka Dissanayake	Guisborough CC
Aubrey Ryan Swanepoel	Stokesley CC
Harsha Eranga Vithana	Hartlepool CC

Re-Instatement as Amateur

Omar Shahid	Marton CC
Chris Nicholls	Guisborough CC
Ryan Sean Buckley	Darlington RA CC

Paid Employee Registrations

	Club
James Piper	Hartlepool CC
Andrew Weighell	Stokesley CC
Dave Barningham	Northallerton CC
Peter John Bentley	Darlington CC
Christian MacDonald	Maltby CC

Amateur player (EQ) registrations

Tom Henniker-Major	Sildon CC
George Garlick	Wolviston CC
Atta Ur Rehman Naeem	Thornaby CC
David Bayles	Sildon CC
Timothy Christopher Hargreaves	Sildon CC
Daniel Jackson	Yarm CC
Jake Tytler	Yarm CC
Barry Craig Heyes	Whitby CC
Harry Purves	Whitby CC
Bailey Stamp	Whitby CC
Khurram Khan	Wolviston
Adam Cayless	Newton Aycliffe
Alfie Husband	Whitby
Kevin Peirse	Whitby
Aydan Reynard	Saltburn
Kory Boushall	Whitby
Dominic Ingham	Whitby
Jordan Ingham	Whitby
James Ritson	Saltburn
Safdar Hussain	Wolviston

Thornaby CC – Special Registration

A request had been made by Thornaby concerning the possibility of registering Dumisani Mpupu, a Zimbabwean asylum seeker who had been in this country for 11 months. The request did not meet any of the League's current registration categories but in view of the background it had been decided to see if dispensation could be gained from the ECB.

They had seen copies of his visas and discussed the matter with the Home Office but sanction was unable to be obtained. The club had been advised to make further representations once the individual has been in the country for 18 months.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer was on holiday but had forwarded a report to be presented to the meeting. The salient points were as follows:

Bank & cash balance of £26,836.

Annual club invoices, which included subscriptions – had been invoiced early May, total £10,834.

Approximately 50% had been paid at the date of the meeting, this being included in the bank balance quoted.

Clubs are reminded invoices must be paid by the 1st June

Fifteens prize vouchers - £675 claimed and paid, leaving £225 still outstanding.

Clubs with prize vouchers unused must deal with these by the 30th June (original deadlines 31st March).

Presentation evening 2017 - £700 advance payment made to speakers to obtain discount of £150 – **ratified by meeting**

Major bills paid – Handbooks £3268, Umpires clothing £2350.

Sponsorship – annual invoices sent to DBS and Teesside University.

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

Mr Oliver reported as follows:

Manning

Of 5 Saturdays so far in the summer, 4 had been fully covered, with 13th May the only exception.

June appointments had been made and published.

Umpire reports

The following were noted from the match reports submitted by umpires in 2017

The ever-increasing habit of players playing with footballs during the game was of concern. **Clubs are asked to ensure their players are aware that every effort should be made to ensure the game is not interrupted by balls encroaching on to the playing area.**

In one game where only 1 umpire was standing, the umpire noted that all of the players sent out for square leg duty were very young, and in some cases not up to the job. Enquiries with the captain revealed that the more experienced players in the side had refused to go out and stand.

Resolved - A reminder to all clubs that, in the instances where only 1 league-appointed umpire is present, clubs are expected to help out as much as possible, and experienced players should stand at square leg wherever possible.

There had been 2 complaints about the state of the umpires changing facilities at Marske CC during the ongoing building work. These had been passed to the club, and some improvement had been made since.

A report had been received from Richmondshire CC regarding an issue in a recent Premier Division game relating to the umpires. The report had been noted and actioned.

Mr Oliver reminded the meeting that he will be away on holiday from June 11-22. Mr Kirkbright will deputise.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thornaby CC – the club had submitted a request that a female coach in her mid-20s be allowed to play u-17 cricket due to her relative lack of experience in the game. This request was declined, with a suggestion to the club that the Sunday Divisions may be a more appropriate starting point for such a player.

Seaton Carew CC – The club had engaged new sponsors, and had sent copies of the designs to the league for approval. These designs were entirely within the League's guidelines for sponsor logos on clothing and they had been sanctioned.

Darlington RA CC and Guisborough CC – Correspondence received regarding grants for the purchase of new sightscreens

Resolved - £250 be granted to each club.

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH

Following voting the DBS Performance of the Month awards went to

Senior Award – Andrew Weighell (Stokesley) – 4-33 and 80* v Marton, Premier Division 22nd April

Junior Award – Owen Tennant (Guisborough) – 52 v Great Ayton, Premier Division, 22nd April

Special Award – David Beach (Marske) – for the achievement of scoring his 1000th Premier / A Division game in the NYSD League.

CUP PRESENTATIONS

The schedule of appointed LMC presenters for Cup Finals was complete.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Maltby

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Hamer and W Mann relating to the behaviour of J Heaney during the SD2 match away to Rockliffe Park on the 9th May

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Maltby had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the League that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 7 days commencing on 17th May

Resolved: The DRC considered that the action taken was appropriate, however they would query the reference to a possible additional suspended sentence.

Subsequent to the meeting the following penalties were agreed and confirmed with the club:

- 1. Player suspended for 7 days from 17th to the 23rd May inclusive.**
- 2. A suspended suspension of four weeks to be triggered if any further report of proven indiscipline is received during the 2017 season.**
- 3. £25 fine payable to the League.**

ECB

ECBPL Annual Return

The annual return of ECBPL criteria was due shortly. The president would submit by the end of May, the return to include details of the NYSD umpires panel members and ACO numbers, details of all category 3 and 3E players currently playing in the League, and details of the main rule changes applying in the 2017 season.

PRPF 2017

The Performance Related targets for 2017 were discussed and it was agreed that as in 2016 Premier Division clubs would be 'incentivised'.

Resolved: Premier club funding distribution to be confirmed at the June meeting.

DCB

Mr Dykes attended the DCB AGM on behalf of the league and had provided a full report for the meeting which was read out.

A merger of the County Cricket Club and the DCB is proposed to occur in the future. Member clubs will receive the proposals in due course

DCB have arranged 16 softball festivals targeted at women and girls cricket with the aim of increasing participation.

Nominations from clubs for the Nat West OSCAS were invited by all clubs affiliated to the DCB and YCB.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Marton had now confirmed that their ground was available for the semi-final on the 16th September along with Marske and Richmondshire. A decision as to the eventual venue would be made as soon as logistically possible.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

The Senior side comfortably beat the Darlington & District League at Barton CC on Sunday 21st May in the Wilkinson Cup and now play away to the Northumberland League.

After the opening friendlies with Durham Academy at Acklam Park the under 17 side had commenced their Yorkshire u17 Championships campaign with a 1 wicket win in a low-scoring game at Normanby Hall on the 21st May. Mark Davies had not attended either of the opening under 17 games. The president praised the work done by Paul Leadbitter and Shani Dissanayake so far with the team, and asked for thanks to be recorded to both Middlesbrough and Normanby Hall for their hosting of the games.

The under 21 side play their opening NE Under 21 Championship match against the Northumberland League at Backworth on Sunday 28th May. Neal Waters had advised that he was unable to undertake his under 21 duties this year. The president had stepped in to help. He praised the work done by Andrew Weighell with this side.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Ryan Sidebottom and MC Dave Callaghan had been confirmed alongside comedian Steffen Peddie for the 2017 Presentation Evening.

SPONSORS

The President & Mr Briddock had recently attended the Darlington Building Society AGM.

DBS had also sent a request asking for content to be provided to help update the cricket section of their website. Steve Charlton would be sent a copy of their requirements and would be asked to liaise with them.

ALL STARS CRICKET

The number of NYSD clubs registered for ASC had fallen to 11. Headline figures from Lord's at the date of this meeting were 31,000 youngsters signed up with 60% of their parents saying they would volunteer at their club.

HALL OF FAME

As covered in previous minutes the president had identified a number of potential worthy candidates for consideration and had written to their clubs asking them to consider nominating.

A reminder that Hall of Fame nominations should be made as soon as possible to Mr Smith, by the end of June AT THE VERY LATEST

CWO DATA COLLECTION

This is still incomplete. Information is still required from a number of clubs. The position will be reviewed once more in June with those clubs still outstanding being followed up.

125TH ANNIVERSARY

No progress on this since last meeting. Awaiting Mr Christon's return to action after recently becoming a father.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Cup Dates

It was noted that there was an error in the Handbook regarding the date of the first round of the Junior Plate (p71), which was stated as Friday 29th May. The accurate date is Friday 2nd June. **All competing clubs to note.**

Normanby Hall

Neville Blantern as now retired as Normanby Hall club secretary. Abid Ishaq has taken over his duties – e mail abidishaq@hotmail.co.uk

Whitby Contacts

3rd XI Captain Peter Stentiford's details should be deleted and replaced with "For 3rd XI match cancellations or queries please contact either the Secretary or Fixture Secretary"

Norton amendment

3rd XI Captain - Ryan Barnes Tel: 01642 557884 / Mobile: 07539 243376

Other amendments

Email Ian Palmer of Newton Aycliffe – please change to palmerian1959@gmail.com

Email Whitby CC – delete "russell" address for paulineanddunc@gmail.com

Email Sedgfield CC – delete "fsnet" address for john71walker@btinternet.com

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next LMC meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th June.

