

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

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley**  
**on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**PRESENT**

President C W West, A B Bainbridge, S Brenkley, T Briddock, S Donlan, JJ Dykes, N Hutchinson, G Smith, and D Stanwix. (9)

**APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from C Nicholls and DS Oliver.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

1. U19 Match Balls – these have all been delivered to the appropriate clubs by the president.
2. Pre-season meeting of clubs – it was noted with concern that Stokesley had still not responded to the Committee's request for reasons for their absence from this meeting.

**Resolved: The general secretary write to the club asking for an **urgent response**, and expressing the committee's disappointment at the lack of response to date.**

**RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Mr Clarke had written indicating his desire to resign from the LMC with immediate effect due to increasing business commitments and work pressures. 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:

**Sunday Div One - Stokesley v Middlesbrough** - It was reported that the two league matches had been reversed to accommodate the MacMillan Cup Finals Day.

**U19s Sedgefield v Norton 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017** - It was reported that the date of this fixture had been changed to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**Hornby Cup Final** – Following the weather abandonment of the final scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> June it was reported that this match would now take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

**Resolved – the above changes were all agreed.**

**Brunton Cup Final** - It was reported that the venue for this match was incorrect in the handbook, and should read Marton CC.

**Billingham Synthonia** – Had requested that the date of the Brunton Cup Final, in which they were due to play Bishop Auckland, be changed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to the 30<sup>th</sup> June as the ‘majority of their players are away on a stag do and do not return until the Friday evening.’

**Resolved: Request declined**

## **RESULTS SECRETARY**

Mr Smith presented his report.

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

27/5	D1	Middlesbrough
27/5	D4	Seaton Carew
28/5	SD2	Saltburn
29/5	D4	Yarm
5/6	JLN	Darlington
10/6	D4	Yarm
11/6	SD2	Saltburn
12/6	JLS	Saltburn
12/6	JLC	Middlesbrough
12/6	JLC	Stockton

### **Full card not added to play-cricket within 3 working days (£10 each)**

21/5	SD1	Middlesbrough
23/5	Sanders	Middlesbrough
28/5	SD2	Saltburn
3/6	D3	Thornaby

### **Conceded games**

23/5	Sanders	Guisborough	Nil
28/5	SD2	Whitby	£25
30/5	Readman	Shildon	£50
31/5	Ray Bell	Yarm	Nil
3/6	D4	Yarm	£50

### **Marske U17s**

Marske CC have notified the league that their U17s team will not be able to fulfil their remaining fixtures.

**Resolved – Marske CC be removed from the U17 competitions and results to date expunged.**

### **Unlocked Scorecards**

From the start of the season until the end of May, 42 scorecards remain unlocked due to being incomplete. Mainly this is due to “unsure entries” listed below. Sometimes this is because of scorebooks being incomplete, but on many occasions it is due to players not having been registered as required. Either way, clubs are required to complete scorecards fully.

**Resolved – The teams listed below should take immediate action to complete these cards, to maintain the integrity of the competitions concerned. A further review will be undertaken before the next meeting of LMC.**

### **April**

16/4	SD2	Rockcliffe Park	1 unsure
16/4	SD1	Stokesley	3 unswers
22/4	D4	Sedgefield	1 unsure

22/4	D4	Saltburn	2 unshures
22/4	D2	Shildon Railway	1 unshure
22/4	D1	Billingham	1 unshure
23/4	SD2	Great Ayton/Seaton Carew	1 unshure each
23/4	SD1	Stokesley	1 unshure
29/4	Premier	Stokesley	1 unshure
30/4	SD2	Seaton Carew	2 unshures
<b>May</b>			
5/5	JCS	Saltburn	2 unshures
5/5	JCS	Stokesley	2 unshures
7/5	SD2	Darlington	3 unshures
8/5	JLS	Saltburn	2 unshures
8/5	JLC	Middlesbrough	8 unshures !!!!!
8/5	JLC	Seaton Carew	3 unshures
11/5	Rob	Guisborough	1 unshure
12/5	Brun	Shildon Railway	1 unshure
13/5	D3	Billingham	2 unshures
20/5	D3	Yarm	1 unshure
20/5	D2	Stokesley/ Shildon	2 unshures / 1 unshure
21/5	SD2	Yarm	1 unshure
21/5	SD1	Middlesbrough	1 unshure
24/5	Welsh	Yarm	2 unshures
24/5	Welsh	Thornaby	1 unshure
25/5	Hornby	Billingham	2 unshures
25/5	Rob	Middlesbrough	3 unshures
25/5	Rob	Guisborough	2 unshures
26/5	JCS	Guisborough	1 unshure
27/5	D3	Bishop Auckland	1 unshure
27/5	D2	Bedale	6 unshures (weather affected game)
27/5	D2	Guisborough	4 unshures
28/5	SD1	Stokesley	2 unshures

### Named Unregistered Players

Where electronic means of scoring is used, and team members are not registered as players with the League, it is possible to enter the names manually so they appear, but they are not in the correct format for play-cricket to log their appearance and stats.

Checks on the current list of League Registered Players show that none of those listed below are currently registered on play cricket.

8/5	JLN	Sedgefield	Matthew Porter
8/5	JLN	Darlington	Oli Clarke
11/5	Rob	Seaton Carew	Tommy Holvey
14/5	SD2	Seaton Carew	Tommy Holvey
21/5	SD2	Guisborough	Joe MacAulay
21/5	SD1	Stokesley	Mark Fortey & Jack Atkinson
23/5	JCN	Sedgefield	Matthew Porter, Will Bland & Josh Bland
30/5	Readman	Guisborough	A Hassan

**Resolved – the clubs concerned are to ensure the players listed are registered on play-cricket as soon as possible, and the relevant scorecards amended. A further review will be undertaken before the next meeting of LMC.**

### **Matches started after the cut-off time when play is lost**

It was reported that, due to umpire error, two matches were started after the correct cut-off time on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that the rules covering this issue were located in separate places in the handbook which may have contributed to the error.

The Umpire Coordinator was requested to re-emphasise to all umpires the correct procedures, viz. that 2hrs 30 minutes of playing time lost plus time taken for tea is all that is allowed before abandonment.

**Resolved: That the results of the two matches in question would stand, and that the construction of the pertinent rules in the handbook be reviewed at the end of the season.**

### **BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA**

Mr A Clayton and Mr D Wing attended the meeting on behalf of Billingham to discuss the match abandonment earlier in the season due to an unfit pitch, and the subsequent report commissioned by the League from an ECB Pitch Adviser.

The report provided a view on the underlying issues believed to have caused the problems, advice on work to be undertaken through the season to ensure similar issues did not re-occur, and recommendations on the end of season work considered necessary. Permission had already been granted to re-arrange fixtures to ensure an early start.

The committee were concerned that, given the problems experienced and identified and the remedial work required, a suitable quality pitch(es) might not be able to be produced for the Fifteens Finals Day on August Bank Holiday Sunday, although it was noted that the pitch marks from all games played to the date of the meeting had shown a gradual improvement throughout the season suggesting the work undertaken had been effective. The Billingham representatives gave every assurance and were adamant that the pitch(es) to be provided for that event would be of the highest standard.

**Resolved – Based on the assurances given the committee confirmed that the Fifteens Final Day would be hosted by Billingham.**

### **CUP FINALS**

#### **MacMillan Finals Day**

Stokesley had won through from the group drawn at the pre-season meeting in April and they had confirmed they could meet the conditions attaching to hosting the event. All LMC members who were able to were encouraged to attend.

#### **Kerridge Cup Final Venue**

The president reminded the committee that minimum standards were required to host this final. Alongside a top quality pitch, as evidenced by pitch markings, facilities were required to host the pre-match luncheon and Hall of Fame inductions which are now an integral and valued part of the occasion. A number of options were considered and these would be explored.

### **GENERAL SECRETARY**

Mr Dykes reported as follows:

### **TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS RECORDED**

#### **Amateur Transfers**

Suraya Behara

Willington CC

to Rockliffe Park CC

Paul Hardy	Nunthorpe CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Harry Bartlett	Barnsgore CC	to	Northallerton CC
Andrew Liddle	Stokesley CC	to	Great Ayton CC
David McCabe	Marton CC	to	Marske CC
	Felbridge & Sunnyside CC	to	Whitby CC
Graham Richard Kettle	Alnwick CC	to	Whitby CC
Rob Woods	Raby Castle CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Alex Lamb	Barnard Castle CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Jamie Kenneth Wills	Haughton CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Karthik Nataraj	Blackhall CC	to	Hartlepool CC
Gary Cunliffe	Littleton CC	to	Hartlepool CC
Samuel M J Harris	Cliffe CC	to	Darlington CC
Chris Bradley	Norton CC	to	Wolviston CC
Neyaz Karim	Darlington CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Pratish Thakkar	Alton CC	to	Richmondshire CC
Edd Alexander	Hartlepool CC	to	Seaton Carew CC
Alan Tebbett	Richmondshire CC	to	Bedale CC
Adam Langhorne	West Park RA CC	to	Darlington RA CC
Joshua Evans	Hartlepool CC	to	Seaton Carew CC
David Seymour	Hartlepool CC	to	Guisborough CC
Dale Metcalfe	Staites CC	to	Marske CC
Stuart Pearson	Yarm CC	to	Billingham CC
Shams Rehman Khan	Ryhope CC	to	Rockcliffe Park CC
Daniel Douglas	Great Ayton CC	to	Maltby CC
Muhammad Arslan Riaz			

### **Amateur player (EQ) registrations**

Khurram Khan	Wolviston CC
Findlay Montgomery	Yarm CC
Daniel Matthew Newton	Yarm CC
Andrew Craig Cayless	Newton Aycliffe
Alfred Charles Husband	Whitby CC
Kevin Michael Peirse	Whitby CC
Aydan William Reynard	Saltburn CC
Kory Boushall	Whitby CC
Dominic Ingham	Whitby CC
Jordan Ingham	Whitby CC
James Ritson	Saltburn CC
Martyn Cairns	Whitby CC
Christopher Wass	Whitby CC
Graham Marshall	Whitby CC
Richard Marshall	Whitby CC
Shaun Hopper	Whitby CC
Sadfar Hussain	Wolviston CC

Arron Leeman	Whitby CC
Mark Stainthorpe	Great Ayton CC
Ali Ijaz	Wolviston CC
Abdul Rahman	Yarm CC
Mohammed Shabir	Yarm CC
Mohammed Wasim Hanif	Yarm CC
Jamie Pender	Yarm CC

### **Dual Registration Application**

The Committee considered a letter from Mr Paul Watson requesting approval for him to play for his Scottish Club (Falkland CC) while in Scotland and for an NYSD Club while in England. The letter was supported by correspondence from Cricket Scotland which stated that they recognised this as an exceptional case and were prepared to give their approval.

**Resolved: that subject to receipt of a clearance certificate from his Scottish Club and a registration application from his chosen NYSD Club, permission be granted as an exception to the general rule.**

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mr Stanwix reported as follows:

Bank & cash balance of £33,492 with outstanding bills of £1,050.00 due.

Annual club invoices, which included subscriptions, issued in early May, have all been settled.

Fifteens prize vouchers - £75 still outstanding.

**Clubs with prize vouchers unused must deal with these by the 31<sup>st</sup> July (original deadlines 31<sup>st</sup> March).**

### **UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR**

Mr Oliver was on holiday but had submitted a written report which was read to the meeting. The issues addressed were:-

#### **Appointments**

676 appointments were made up to end May, with only 10 matches (1.5%) being single manned, an improvement on the same period in 2016.

#### **Umpires Marking by Captains**

The average marks to end May were Premier Division - 7.69; Division 1 – 7.80. Of those marked the required standard was met or exceeded by Premier Division – 97.4% and Division 1 97.6%.

#### **Umpire club reports**

The reports summary to end May was presented via the general secretary.

**A copy of the report accompanies these minutes.**

#### **Completion of Captains Reports**

It was reported that the completion of reports by captains is patchy to say the least, and has required frequent and often regular chasing up of certain captains. It has been traditional not to levy fines (League Rule 18e requires completion within three days) until seven days has past, but conditions have deteriorated.

The UC recommended that he now begin to record all reports not on WTU by Wednesday, and add these to the fines list which is submitted to the Treasurer at the end of the season for inclusion on club invoices.

**Resolved: - that a list be presented to LMC monthly on outstanding reports**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Seaton Carew CC – The Cricket Club had been advised by Seaton Carew Sports and Social Club (who operate the clubhouse and site) of their decision to install an Automatic Number Plate Recognition System with cameras monitoring all vehicles entering and leaving the Hornby Park car park.

Parking will be free to members, visiting teams, parents, and supporters PROVIDING ONLY that they log their registration plate on to one of the touch screen pads installed, one in the downstairs bar area and one in the changing room entrance. Failure to log into these systems will render the vehicles' registered owners liable to charges which will be imposed by an external company, completely outside the control of the Cricket Club who opposed the system's introduction by the Sports and Social Club.

**Resolved:- The LMC recorded their own disappointment at this development. The letter would be distributed to all NYSD clubs, but it was felt that Seaton Carew CC should also contact all visiting cricket clubs the day before the respective fixtures this season reminding them of the need to register their vehicles. The Umpires Coordinator would be asked to notify all officials by email.**

### **PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH**

Following voting the DBS Performance of the Month awards for May went to:-

Senior Award – Tom Stockton (Richmondshire) – 97 in 55 balls helping lift the score from 97-6 to 290-9 and 1 for 29 v Great Ayton

Junior Award – Lachlan Kennedy (Saltburn) – 75no in 48 balls batting at No 10 v Richmondshire

### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

#### **Letter from Stokesley CC**

A letter of complaint alleging unacceptable abuse towards one of their players was received. It was noted that no mention of the alleged event had been reported by the umpires.

**Resolved:- Notwithstanding that no umpires report had been received, or that the complaint was submitted outside the guidelines laid down in the rules, the committee considered the allegations to be sufficiently serious that the club concerned should be sent a copy of the letter and asked to report back on their findings and any actions taken.**

#### **Great Ayton**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires F Smith and S McEvoy relating to the behaviour of J Grainge during the Premier Division match away to Barnard Castle on the 10<sup>th</sup> June.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Great Ayton had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action with their response required by 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Subsequent to the meeting Great Ayton confirmed suspending the player for 14 days from the 21<sup>st</sup> June to the 5<sup>th</sup> July inclusive. In addition the player had been fined £25. The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

#### **Umpires Match Report Cautions (Level 1)**

C Allinson	Great Ayton	Accepted and fine paid.
J Leech	Normanby Hall	Request for review made. Review undertaken by DRC and decision upheld. Fine paid.
K Turner	Barnard Castle	Retrospective caution. Accepted and fine paid.

D Evans	Middlesbrough	Retrospective caution. Accepted and fine paid.
W Ghauri	Great Ayton	In progress
S Rashid	Normanby Hall	In progress

## **CONCESSIONS**

### **Yarm II**

The continued failure of Yarm II to honour fixtures in Division 4, despite the efforts of the League as minuted in the previous committee meeting, was discussed and the president reported on further conversations with the Club.

**Resolved: The integrity of Division 4 had been compromised by the additional concessions beyond the scheme of arrangement, but the committee resolved to give the club a final chance to honour all their future commitments against their positive assurances that no further problems would be seen in the 2017 season.**

### **Sunday Leagues**

Given the continuing concerns over the number of games being conceded, and the fact that these were primarily third team league and cup matches, potential solutions were debated. There was a general consensus in favour of asking clubs' opinions to a possible restructuring of Sunday cricket with three divisions formed – a Sunday Premier Division of 8 teams, and below that 2 regional conferences, again both of 8 teams.

A scheme such as this would ease fixture congestion (14 league games per season) and allow matches to be arranged outside peak concession periods. In addition the Sunday cups could then also be played on Sundays if so desired, therefore reducing pressure on evening fixtures (10 Sunday cup concessions had been seen this season to date). This would have the advantages of reducing travel for these regional groups, while also allowing the playing of many of the 3<sup>rd</sup> team cup matches on a Sunday, and the better avoidance of cup games during the exam season. It would also make re-arrangement of fixtures much easier.

Formats would also be considered with a maximum 40 overs, and possible win/lose also to be considered.

**Resolved – that the Committee hold a survey of all Sunday League clubs for their comments on these proposals. If there is a positive response then an EGM would be required to introduce the necessary rule changes for the 2018 season.**

## **NATIONAL CRICKET PLAYING SURVEY**

The ECB had confirmed that another NPS would be held this year with leagues invited to 'add' three league specific questions of their own choosing. Members were asked to submit their suggestions via the president who would collate them.

**Resolved: The general secretary be authorised to enter the League's preferred questions on-line as instructed by the president.**

## **ECB PREMIER LEAGUES**

### **Annual returns**

The annual criteria, category 3 and umpires panel returns had been submitted by the due date with receipt acknowledged.

### **Premier Division Club Grants**

Subject to the league receiving their grant funding for 2017 Premier Division clubs would be incentivised and paid as follows:

£300 – providing the club have age group teams at all four specified levels i.e. u17, u15, u13, and u11.

£100 – subject to the club using either the TCS or PCS computer scoring application for their Premier games by the end of the season.

£100 – subject to the club having achieved a minimum 50% listed e mail addresses on play-cricket for their registered players.

£100 – to those Premier clubs with an u19 team in the NYSD u19 leagues (with no games conceded). Grants would be paid via the end of season invoice as usual.

### **PCS**

Recent requests made to the ECB about the promised live score app (promised by early May) had not received a clear response as to when this would be available. There had been suggestions this would now be July but this had not been confirmed.

There had been an indication that a laptop app for PCS may become available after all – but this would certainly not be before the 2018 season.

### **Managed Migration**

In addition to the submission of the list of all category 3 players made in late May by all ECBPLs, a request had now been received for a list of visa types for each player reported. The ECB could approach clubs directly for this information, but the League had undertaken the return on their clubs behalf.

**Clubs are advised** that they may well be approached directly by the ECB for additional information, which would almost certainly include copies of the visa paperwork, so they should ensure they have the appropriate copies on file for any overseas player they have in their club.

### **GTGO Innovation Fund**

Meetings to be held at the Riverside Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and/or Cleckheaton Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the above. The ECB have invited up to four from each league to attend.

**Resolved: CWW, DSO, GS and SB to attend the Riverside meeting on behalf of the League.**

### **YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The next Board meeting is to be held at Headingley on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June (from 2.30 to 8). The president and DSO would attend.

### **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

#### **Senior team**

Away to Northumberland League on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the Wilkinson Cup semi-final, game to be played at Ashington RCC

#### **Under 21**

Defeated the Northumberland League side at Backworth on the 28<sup>th</sup> May by 8 wickets.

The president reported that the team had faced an under 25 side (rather than under 21) and the first they were aware that Northumberland had been allowed this concession was when they arrived at the ground.

The competition organisers had failed to advise anyone of this material change and the League's concern at this had been lodged in writing with the officials – no response had yet been received.

The remaining group games have been arranged as follows:

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Home v NTSL – venue TBA

Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> – Away v West Tyne League U25 AT Allendale CC

#### **Under 17**

Currently top group with two games to play. Away v Nidderdale 25<sup>th</sup> June. Away v York 2<sup>nd</sup> July

## **HALL OF FAME**

Progress is being made with some additional nominations received. 6 inductions to be made at the Kerridge Cup luncheon.

## **LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY**

Agreement had been reached with M Fletcher for each of his weekly photo shoots to be provided free of charge to the press, with copies of 4 to be provided to the League for inclusion on the revolving gallery on the website. This to be at a total cost of £300 paid in three monthly invoices.

**Resolved: Agreement ratified.**

## **HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**

### **Email Address K Forbes**

It was noted that the new address is [kevin.forbes@hillendeng.com](mailto:kevin.forbes@hillendeng.com)

### **Wolviston II Captain**

The new mobile phone contact number for Saj Hussain is 07503 881972

## **HISTORIC DATA COLLECTION**

Slow progress. Agreed clubs should not be pressed for information during season.

## **CWO DATA COLLECTION**

Reasonable progress. One outstanding matter, president to follow up.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next LMC meeting will be held at 7p.m. on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July