

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 26th July 2017.

PRESENT

President C W West, A B Bainbridge, T Briddock, JJ Dykes, N Hutchinson, C Nicholls, DS Oliver, G Smith, and D Stanwix. (9)

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from S Brenkley, M Christon and S Donlan.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2017 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Following the reference in the last minutes to the extension of League photography services it was noted that some excellent work was being produced and exhibited on the League website in the various revolving galleries on the front page.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Mr Hutchinson reported as follows:

Div One – Middlesbrough v Darlington RA - It was reported that the venue for the league match scheduled for 28th August had been reversed.

Div Three – Northallerton v Bishop Auckland - It was reported that the date of this fixture had been re-arranged to 30th July 2017, the original having been abandoned due to a medical emergency.

Div Four – Blackhall v Sedgefield – It was reported that this fixture, originally scheduled for May 20th, would now be played on Sunday 13th August.

Resolved – the above changes were all agreed.

Kerridge Cup Final

It was reported that the final would be held at Marske CC on Sunday 6th August and would involve the usual pre-match luncheon and Hall of Fame inductions. LMC members were encouraged to attend if possible .

Cup Finals 2017

It was noted that the season's cup finals were now well advanced and good progress continued to be made. Thanks were expressed by the president to all concerned.

National Club T20

The area finals qualifiers were now all known – Barnard Castle, Bradford & Bingley, South Northumberland and York. The finals day would be at York on Sunday 30th July.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Mr Smith presented his report.

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

25/6	SD1	Middlesbrough
30/6	JLN	Stockton
3/7	JLS	Saltburn
22/7	D3	Yarm
5/7	D2 15s	Thornaby
15/7	D1	Middlesbrough

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

11/6	SD2	Saltburn
3/7	JLS	Saltburn
10/7	JLN	Norton
12/7	D2 15s	Maltby
14/7	Jun 15s	Stockton
15/7	D1	Middlesbrough

Incorrect result added on website (£10 each)

8/7	D2	Shildon Railway
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Conceded games

18/6	SD1	Stokesley	£25
24/6	D4	Preston	£50
2/7	SD2	Great Ayton	£25
5/7	D2 15s	Northallerton	£50
9/7	SD2	Marske	£25
12/7	D2 15s	Whitby	£50
12/7	D2 15s	Yarm	£50
12/7	D2 15s	Northallerton	£50
14/7	Masters	Barnard Castle	Nil
20/7	D2 15s	Shildon Railway	£50
23/7	SD2	Whitby	£25
23/7	SD2	Marske	£25

Junior Concessions

16/6	Plate	Thornaby	Nil
16/6	Plate	Stockton	Nil
14/7	15s	Seaton Carew	Nil
14/7	15s	Normanby Hall	Nil

Resolved: that the fines for conceded matches be as outlined above.

Masters Competition

A request from D Pennock (Great Ayton) to be permitted to play for Guisborough CC in the Masters tournament while remaining registered for his normal club was received. The regulations for this competition did not permit transfer of players from one club to another for strengthening purposes and the request was therefore declined.

NatWest Blast 19 Club T20 Blast

The four qualifiers for the NYSD semi-finals had now been confirmed as Richmondshire, Saltburn, Hartlepool and Blackhall. There had been a small element of social media comment from Stockton who felt they should have qualified, but it had been pointed out to them that the rules of the competition were entirely clear and had been in the possession of all competing clubs for some months, and thus there were no grounds to take this matter further although they were fully at liberty to submit a formal protest in accordance with rule if they so wished

Saltburn v Billingham, July 8th, Division 1

Billingham have written a letter of objection to (among other things) Saltburn being allowed to not use a new ball in Division One contrary to league rules.

Despite an official protest not being submitted under Rule 32, the umpires had reported on this specific matter so the LMC could consider it.

Saltburn were contacted for their views, and provided the explanation that a box of new balls had been left at the club, but unfortunately it contained orange balls, and when this was discovered it was not possible to make contact with the secretary who was elsewhere on umpiring duties.

Billingham had only one ball with them so were unable to lend Saltburn a ball. In the circumstances, the umpires allowed the game to continue with a used ball. The game ended in a draw.

Resolved: that the result of the match in question stand. Further resolved: that the Results Secretary write to Billingham with the outcome, and remind them of the correct way to submit a complaint as per League Rule 32.

Darlington RA v Stokesley, Sunday Division 1, 23rd July

Subsequent to the meeting, a protest was received from Darlington RA CC regarding this match in accordance with League Rule 32. The allegation was that Stokesley CC had played the player Sam Wilson under the name of David Kendrew. Investigation showed the allegation to be correct, and Stokesley CC admitted the offences.

The following offences were therefore found to be proven:

1. Exceeding the allowed number of players from Saturday teams in the Sunday team
2. Playing a player who had played in the Premier Division the previous day without permission
3. Playing a player under a false name

League officials (other than the President for reasons of impartiality) considered the offences, and debated the relevant penalties to be applied, bearing in mind precedents for similar offences in the past.

Rule 29 requires that, where an ineligible player is played, the team shall be deducted all points gained in the game, and the opposition shall be awarded 25 points for the game in question.

The third offence, however, submission of a team sheet with a false name, was deemed to be far more serious and the penalties to be applied should reflect this.

Resolved:- that the following penalties shall be applied:

- A. The game to be awarded to Darlington RA with 25 points awarded;**
- B. Stokesley to be deducted 50 points being loss of the 11 points gained in the game, plus an additional 39 points to reflect the severity of the offence;**
- C. Stokesley to be fined £25.**
- D. The Stokesley captain to be referred for disciplinary action given that he had handed in a team sheet which contained false information. The club were asked to consider their own disciplinary measures and then respond in the light of this.**
- E. Stokesley are further required to revisit the number of scorecards in this season that have UNSURE entries, and to remedy that problem. This should be completed within 7 days.**

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr Dykes reported as follows:

TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS RECORDED

Amateur Transfers

Thomas Ley	Smiths Docks CC	to	Normanby Hall CC
Andrew Himsworth	Smiths Docks CC	to	Normanby Hall CC
Neil Bancroft	Barnard Castle CC	to	Newton Aycliffe CC
Shaun Charlton	Richmondshire CC	to	Guisborough CC
Richard Hawthorne	Mainsforth CC	to	Sedgefield CC
Mukhtar Ahmed	Rockliffe Park CC	to	Bishop Auckland CC
Alfie Bartley	Stockton CC	to	Yarm CC
Shazad Rashid	Nunthorpe CC	to	Wolviston CC
Dale Metcalfe	Guisborough CC	to	Hartlepool CC
Andrew Allen	Mainsforth CC	to	Sedgefield CC
Jason Thirsk	Yarm CC	to	Maltby CC
Luke Kenning	Maltby CC	to	Billingham Synth CC
Mark Cronin	Seaton Carew CC	to	Hartlepool CC
Mukhtar Ahmed	Bishop Auckland CC	to	Wolviston CC

Amateur player (EQ) registrations

Rizwan Abbas	Yarm CC
Christopher Strong	Sildon R'way CC
John-Paul Smith	Whitby CC
Connall Paul Gibson	Whitby CC
Arthur Kelly	Whitby CC
Andrew Dennis	Seaton Carew CC
Nathaniel Skidmore	Seaton Carew CC
Ibrar Rashid	Wolviston CC
Tom Miller	Marton CC
Abid Hassan	Guisborough CC
Fardin Abdul	Stockton CC

Amateur Player Dual Registration

Paul Brian Watson	Maltby CC / Falkland CC
David J Glaves-Sowden	Wolviston CC / Sheriff Hutton CC

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr Stanwix reported as follows:

Bank & cash balance of £37,423, including sponsorship received from DBS and Teesside University.

Invoices received and paid included printers, subscriptions, pitch report, transport costs, and photography at a total cost of £1,786.

A financial summary of the Macmillan Cup finals day had been submitted by Stokesley and surplus funds distributed to the competing clubs in accordance with the competition rules – Barnard Castle and Richmondshire received £120 each, and Hartlepool and Stokesley £50 each.

It was reported that the ECB accreditation monies, totalling £7,000, had been paid into the old bank account and these would be transferred in due course.

Resolved: the Treasurer be thanked for his report which was approved.

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

Mr Oliver reported as follows.

Unsupervised Children at Cricket Fields

Two reports of umpire concern at the dangers posed to young children who they perceived to be inadequately supervised were discussed.

Resolved: All Clubs are urged to take note of the clear duty of care owed by them to people entering their grounds. In particular they are reminded to consider, or review as appropriate, their signage and notices, their insurers' advice and guidance, their supervision procedures, and the serious liability which extends to the Club Welfare Officer(s) and the Club Executive. In the unfortunate event of an incident, clubs will be required to clearly demonstrate and evidence the steps actively taken by them to address this issue.

Completion of Captains Reports

Concern was expressed at the increasing number of late captains reports, each of which carries a fine of £10 which will be cumulatively charged to the clubs at the end of the season. The meeting considered the latest list which was presented.

Resolved: - that the list of fineable late submissions to date be circulated to all clubs, to act as a reminder and a prompt to remedy.

Umpire Numbers

It was reported that the number of single manned matches to the end of June had been 19. Further 13 were anticipated up to the end of July, and, to date, some 38 were due in August.

Resolved:- Clubs to be advised that umpire shortage in August was likely to result in an increase in single manned matches, especially over the bank holiday weekend. Clubs were urged to make sure that suitable square-leg umpires were provided. Clubs were also reminded of the incentives for them to nominate candidates for the umpire training courses to be held over the winter, and urged to make serious efforts to provide candidates.

Law Changes

The Umpire Coordinator reported that a number of law changes were to be made prior to next season, and expressed the intention to provide off-season courses for umpires, and possibly for captains.

Resolved:- the appropriate courses be arranged, and GS and DSO to jointly investigate the possibility of providing the training using series of You-tube presentations.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pre-season Meeting non-attendance.

Stokesley CC had been requested to comment on the Club's failure to attend this meeting. Their response was reported to the meeting, and generally held to be disappointing because of other known factors.

Resolved:- that the General Secretary acknowledge receipt of the reply.

Club Mark Accreditation – Newton Aycliffe CC

The Committee noted with pleasure that Newton Aycliffe CC had received an excellent Club Mark Accreditation report from DCB, and wished to record the League's congratulations to all involved.

Visitors Changing Rooms.

A letter from Marske CC was received by the League. It concerned a complaint as to the state the visitors changing rooms had been left in by Richmondshire CC after a Premier Division match. The G Sec was able to advise the meeting that the matter had subsequently been dealt with satisfactorily between the clubs.

Resolved:- that the letter be placed on file.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Marske

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires P Chrisp and B Noor relating to the behaviour of C Veazey during the Premier Division match at home to Seaton Carew on the 8th July. The DRC noted that this was the second level 1 offence reported for the same player in the last 12 months and it therefore constituted a level 2 offence under the League's disciplinary regulations.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Marske had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had initially responded by confirming the player had been suspended for a period of 7 days. As this was not in accord with the recommended penalties applying to a level 2 offence the club had been given the opportunity to revisit their actions.

The club subsequently confirmed a suspension would be imposed for a period of 14 days from the 10th July to the 24th July inclusive.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Barnard Castle

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Oliver and N Pratt relating to the behaviour of K Turner during the Premier Division Fifteens match at home to Richmondshire on the 9th July. The DRC noted that this was the second level 1 offence reported for the same player during the 2017 season, the third reported in a 12 month period, and the fourth in the previous two years.

Barnard Castle had acted immediately by invoking the automatic 14 day suspension for 2 level 1 offences in the same season, but the DRC had highlighted the previous offences and indicated penalties that would be appropriate for cumulative offences. Having considered this the club confirmed the following:

- The automatic penalty of a 14 day suspension from the 15th July to the 28th July inclusive and £25 fine.
- Any further proven level 1 disciplinary offences which occur between now and the 8th July 2018 will be treated as a minimum level 3 offence. In effect this would result in a minimum suspension of four weeks should it arise.
- An additional fine of £50 relating to the cumulative offences, payable immediately.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Billingham Synthonia

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Smithson and S Brown relating to the behaviour of J Langstaff during the Division Three match away to Whitby on 8th July.

In accordance with procedures laid down in league rules, Billingham had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming they had issued a 14 day suspension. As this was

not in accord with the recommended penalties applying to a level 3 offence the club had been given the opportunity to revisit their actions, and had subsequently confirmed the following sanctions:

- A suspension of 28 days, 14 of which will be suspended to become immediately actionable should any further offences of any level be committed by the player in the next 12 months, up to and including the 7th July 2018.
- The immediate 14 days suspension to run inclusively from the 15th July to the 28th July.
- A fine of £25.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Umpires Match Report Cautions (Level 1)

Two level 1 cautions were detailed as progressing in the previous minutes as follows:

W Ghauri Great Ayton
S Rashid Normanby Hall

These had both been accepted and the fines paid.

Additional cautions recorded since the previous minutes:

JM Weighell	Stokesley	Accepted and fine paid.
J Campbell	Maltby	Accepted and fine paid.
S Reeves	Middlesbrough	Accepted and fine paid.
B Van Rensburg	Marske	Accepted and fine paid.
L Harper	Marske	Accepted and fine paid.
M Davies	Billingham Synthonia	Accepted and fine paid.
A Sajjad	Marton	Accepted and fine paid.
R Nevison	Shildon Railway	Accepted and fine paid.
D Bowman	Guisborough	Accepted and fine paid.
K Barker	Darlington	Retrospective caution. Accepted and fine paid.

Resolved:- Clubs to be reminded that suspensions involving any 2 of their players during the same season result in points deductions, and those clubs currently 'walking a points deduction tightrope' are encouraged to reinforce the disciplinary standards expected with their players.

Letter from Stokesley CC

The letter of complaint from Stokesley alleging unacceptable abuse towards one of their players had been forwarded to the alleged offending club who had been asked to investigate and respond. Their response was received and reported to the meeting.

The club had conducted a thorough enquiry with the players involved in the match and had found no evidence to support the complaint, but stated clearly their total abhorrence of any such form of abuse, and confirmed that a message reinforcing that stance had been passed to all their players. This response had been passed to Stokesley CC.

Resolved:- given the report from the club and the fact there had been no umpires confirmation of the alleged incident, the committee considered there was insufficient evidence to take the matter further, however it was resolved that the letters of complaint would lie on file indefinitely.

PROMOTIONAL GROUND GRADING

The meeting considered the current potential promotion candidates in each division with a view to identifying grounds where a ground facility and pitch inspection would be appropriate.

Resolved:- that early inspections by the pitch committee be made of the facilities at two grounds. Further that the Ground/Pitch Grading Procedures be reviewed during and after this process.

CLUB / TEAM MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2018

Nunthorpe

There was no progress to report on this application although a meeting was planned with the club in the next month or so

Bedale

Bedale CC have expressed interest in adding a second team to their League membership and the process to be followed had been outlined to them, including the following of any procedures or rules of their existing league.

Resolved:- providing all requirements of their existing league had been complied with the LMC would recommend an application to the AGM.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUES

Chairman's meeting

The president had attended the annual meeting in London on the 25th July and reported on the key elements as follows:

- Managed migration – the ECB had now completed their review of the overseas player returns from leagues and reported the following headline figures: 55 potential breaches of visa had been found, this covering 70% of all PLs. 7 PLs have 4 or more players in potential breach.
The next action would be that the ECB will forward their findings to the Home Office who would review and if they feel there has been a breach the club of the player concerned will be written to on the basis that if the club don't stop playing the player then sanctions would apply.
- Under 19 club cup – 676 teams competing in 37 county competitions
- New laws in 2018 – ACO will not be training.
- Play-cricket – more using – a 55% increase has been seen since 2016. The help-desk now has three more people working on it. PCS scoring – 800 games per week now being scored on it, with 17 PLs using significantly. There may now be a laptop version available in 2018.
- Clubmark – new online portal fully operational.

DURHAM CRICKET BOARD

CWW, GS, DSO and SB attended the GTGO meeting at the Riverside, which was reported as being poorly attended and disappointing. It was announced that applications to the Innovation Funding Initiative would need to be submitted by 31st July. There was also a move to have more T20 matches arranged at weekends.

Resolved:- that CWW consider making a submission in respect of the NYSD Masters Competition.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES MANAGEMENT BOARD

YPLMB Constitution

The committee received copies of the proposals for amendment of the Constitution.

Resolved:- that the proposals be considered in detail at the August LMC meeting.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD

OSCAS

The Committee was pleased to note that several NYSD officials and volunteers had been recognised at the YCB OSCAs presentation – Albert Pagan, Dave Beach and Mike Stones.

Resolved: Congratulations to be noted in the minutes

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Senior team

The meeting was pleased to record that the NYSD had defeated Yorkshire Vikings in the annual T20 challenge. The game had proved a wonderful advert for the league and cricket.

Resolved: Marton to be thanked for their excellent organisation and hospitality.

The annual match against the MCC had resulted in defeat although this had taken place on a day when there had been a major programme of Premier fixtures.

Resolved: Richmondshire to be thanked for their excellent organisation and hospitality.

Under 21

The president reported that the team had two wins and one more group game v West Tyne League U25s at Allendale to play.

Under 17

Whilst not involved in the end of season play-offs the team had been promoted to the top division for 2018.

HALL OF FAME

The sub-committee had confirmed the names of those to be inducted at the forthcoming Kerridge Cup final luncheon - John Edwardson, Frank Everett, Syd Gill, Claude Hornby, Ian Russell and Bernard Lee.

Resolved: Congratulations to all recipients to be noted in the minutes.

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH

The successful players for June were noted as:-

Senior – Dan Conway, Bishop Auckland CC

Junior – Yash Vagadia, Middlesbrough CC.

CRICKET BALLS

The president reported that Steve Donlan had only undertaken the role of cricket ball co-ordinator on a temporary basis following Stewart Clarke's passing, and that a permanent appointment to this role was desirable. He asked LMC members to consider this and advise if they were willing to take on this not unduly onerous duty.

As the Dukes 3-year contract was now coming to an end a meeting would be sought with them over the next few months.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Mobile Phone – Maltby 1st XI Captain

It was noted that the new phone number is **07512 564055**

Darlington RA – Chairman's email and phone contact number

The new email address is david.robinson@hmy-group.co.uk

And the new mobile phone contact number is **07817 123484**

Darlington RA – additional CWO

The additional CWO is **Joanne Scott** – phone **07429 393134** email joanne.scott10@ntlworld.com

Darlington RA – 2nd team Captain

Dale Thomas – mobile number **07908 534966**

Darlington RA amendment to contact details

Please ignore the current Fixture Secretary details and use Captain and/or Secretary as contacts.

STRUCTURAL PROPOSALS FOR 2018

A special meeting to discuss the various proposals is to be held at the Springboard Centre on Wednesday 16th August at 7pm.

CWO DATA COLLECTION

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Match abandonment Barnard Castle II v Bedale 22nd July

A letter had been received from Barnard Castle CC expressing disappointment at the umpires' decision (taken at about 2pm) to abandon the above match as they considered the ground unfit due to prolonged rain. It went on to explain that subsequently the conditions improved considerably, and that play may have been considered possible before the final cut-off point.

An additional report was requested and received from the umpires concerned. It gave a detailed breakdown of the umpires' actions from arrival to the final decision to abandon. The meeting considered both submissions.

Resolved:- that the committee appreciated the frustrations expressed by the Club that a decision was not delayed until the last possible time, but the detailed actions and considerations of the umpires were extensive and were in accord with guidelines on weather affected matches. Accordingly the match result would remain unaltered.

A.G.M. Arrangements

Resolved:- subject to the availability of facilities (subsequently confirmed) it was agreed the AGM would be held at Billingham Synthonia CC on Monday 27th November 2017. Clubs please note.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly LMC meeting will be held **at 7p.m.** on Wednesday 23rd August.

There will additionally be a special meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 16th August to discuss proposals for the future League structure.