

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 20th September 2017.

PRESENT

President C W West, A B Bainbridge, T Briddock, JJ Dykes, N Hutchinson and G Smith. (6)

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from S Brenkley, S Donlan, C Nicholls, DS Oliver and D Stanwix.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2017 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

League Trophies

The president reported that all trophies had either been returned or collected although two were in poor conditions of cleanliness and had not been engraved with the winners' names.

Resolved:- The clubs winning the trophies to engrave the 2016 and 2017 details with the defaulting clubs to be charged appropriately via the end of season invoicing process.

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Mr Hutchinson reported as follows:

Fixture Change of Venue

A change of venue had been requested by the two clubs involved in the Sunday Div 2 fixture Billingham Sythonia v Yarm. It had been agreed that the match would take place at Norton due to ground works being imminent at the two participating clubs.

Dates for the 2018 Season

The provisional dates for next season were announced as follows:-

Saturday matches – 21st April to 8th September; MacMillan Finals Day – 17th June; Kerridge Final 5th August; NYSD Fifteens Finals Day 26th August

It was agreed to await the outcome of the consultation meeting on league structures before determining the Sunday match dates.

NB – those Premier Yorkshire clubs who may be involved in the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Championship at the end of the season should be aware, for player/pro retention purposes, that the semi-finals will be played on the 15th September (reserve date 16th) and the final on the 22nd September (reserve date 23rd).

CUP FINALS

It was reported that the cup-final programme had been completed. Thanks were offered to all hosting clubs and officials involved. The president asked for the minutes to record particular thanks to Billingham Sythonia CC for their outstanding hosting of the 15s Finals Day, and to those who had assisted in the numerous presentations throughout the season.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Mr Smith presented his report as follows:-

Concessions

26/8	D2	Stokesley	£50
26/8	D2	Sildon	£100
26/8	D3	Northallerton	£50
2/9	D2	Sildon	£100
2/9	D4	Preston	£100
3/9	SD2	Whitby	No fine*
9/9	D2	Sildon	£100
9/9	D3	Whitby	£50
9/9	D3	Northallerton	£50
17/9	SD2	Great Ayton	£25

*The concession occurred following the agreement to a late rearrangement of a Div 3 match on the 29th July to accommodate a Bishop Auckland request because their ground was being used for a charity event. In exceptionally agreeing to this, Whitby were then unable to field two teams on the Sunday in question. It was agreed that no fine should be levied for this exceptional situation.

Whitby v Great Ayton – Sunday Division 2 – September 10th

There had been considerable confusion between the two clubs in respect of this fixture, with Great Ayton initially conceding on the morning of the game and then changing their mind. They had contacted the wrong Whitby official. Whilst this was going on Whitby also felt they were unable to raise a team.

Resolved: That the match be classed as a no result with each team awarded 6 points

Ineligible Player

Norton played Glen Lancaster in two lower level games towards the end of the season after he had made 13 appearances in the Premier Division for the club. This was in breach of rule 13c. The two games were: Division 3 v Wolviston on Saturday 2nd September - Wolviston won and got 25 pts and Norton 5pts.

Resolved: Norton fined £25 and deducted 5pts.

Sunday Division 1 v Thornaby on Sunday 10th September - Norton won,

Resolved: Norton fined £25 and deducted 20pts, Thornaby awarded 25pts.

PROMOTIONAL GROUNDS GRADING ASSESSMENTS

A ground grading visit had been made by the Facilities Committee to Bishop Auckland on the 26th August in accordance with rule 14b and given the Club's potential promotion to the Premier Division.

The ground and facilities had received a B assessment which qualified them for promotion, however concerns were expressed as to the condition of the outfield which had also been the subject of adverse umpires reports during August.

Resolved: That promotion be confirmed subject to written assurances and undertakings being given by the Club to the League regarding the measures recommended to be taken during the close-season. The undertakings to be provided by the 15th October.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr Dykes reported as follows:

Transfers and Registrations Recorded

An exceptional request had been received by Shildon to register three players just prior to their final game of the season to assist them in fulfilling the fixture. Agreement was provided under rule 25 after checks had been carried out to ensure no transfer was required.

Amateur player (EQ) registrations

Aaron David Newman	Shildon R'way CC
Thomas Mark Crofts	Shildon R'way CC
Jonathan Burton	Shildon R'way CC

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Messrs Briddock and Brenkley reported as follows.

August winners previously confirmed by the LMC:

Senior – J Spillane, Marton CC Junior – H Peirson, Marske CC.

It was felt appropriate to adjudicate on the September winners at the meeting and that resulted as follows:

Senior – T Wing, Billingham Synthonia CC

Junior – Joint awards for T Miller, Marton CC and T Merryweather, Barnard Castle CC.

TREASURERS REPORT

In his absence, Mr Stanwix's report was given as follows:

Bank & cash balance of £41,624.85, the total being before payment of officials' expenses and honoraria.

The current contingent liabilities were £1725, being 2017 Fifteens winners vouchers of £900 and Tea award balance of £825

Invoices received and paid included grants for a sight-screen, artwork for programmes, and trophies for 15s and MacMillan at a combined cost of £1,164.10.

The final accounts for the Fifteens Finals Day had been lodged by Billingham and showed gate receipts of £820, costs attributable to the League of £550, and net profit of £270.

HONORARIA

In accordance with rule the LMC agreed honoraria for the following year to enable them to present their proposals for ratification at the AGM.

Resolved: that given the increases made in the previous year honoraria would remain unaltered and as follows: General Secretary £800, Fixtures Secretary £500, Results Secretary £500, Treasurer £500 and Umpires Co-ordinator £750.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was reported that four clubs had submitted grant applications for coaching courses undertaken by their members and the following awards were made:

Redcar £300, Sedgfield £350, Marske £150 and Normanby Hall £150

In addition, the club payment scheme for umpires who had completed a season on the NYSD panel was considered and the following awards made:

Normanby Hall £100, Richmondshire £100, Norton £100, Marske £100

NB – payments will be made via the end of season club invoices.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUES

Discretionary PRPF Funding

The president reported that the ECB had requested an 'interim' return in respect of the above detailing what discretionary elements might be applied for. They had requested it on the 27th August with a deadline of the 31st August. The meeting recorded its concern that the ECB should issue such a request at such short notice, this concern to be advised to them.

The return had been completed (1 detailed live scoring document plus 8 strands of information on elements in the NYSD which are felt would qualify) and sent on the 31st August but not yet acknowledged, albeit that an automatic response had been received saying the individual at Lord's concerned with this was on holiday and would deal with it on their return.

Premier Division Accreditation Payments

The incentivised PDAP details had now been completed and a total grant of £5,100 was due to our 2017 Premier Division teams. These would be detailed and paid via the end of season invoices issued by the treasurer.

FAIR PLAY AWARDS

The meeting noted the data collated throughout the season on player behaviour, and the declared average scores of 12.06 in the Premier Division and 13.79 in the Rest of the League divisions.

Resolved: that Norton (Average 13.0) be awarded £500 as winners in the Premier Division, and that Preston (Average 15.69) be awarded £250 as winners in the Rest of the League.

A copy of the full results is attached to the email delivering the minutes.

BALIOL HOUSE TEA AWARDS

The seasonal markings were presented and awards for 2017 were as follows:

Winning club - Richmondshire

Highly Commended: Maltby, Hartlepool, Rockcliffe Park and Whitby

Resolved: All awards to be presented at the beginning of the next season. All clubs are to be congratulated on the continued high standards of cricket club teas.

NUNTHORPE CC

Nunthorpe had been given conditional support in 2016 for a formal application to be made for membership of the NYSD in the 2018 season – this had been subject to certain conditions being met, these to be confirmed by inspection during the 2017 season.

For a variety of reasons the Club felt the conditions applied could not be met in time for the 2018 season and therefore wished to defer the entry date to allow them time to complete the outstanding elements. They had therefore been asked to attend the LMC meeting in order that the committee could be fully updated. Mr D Newman, the Nunthorpe chairman, duly attended to represent them.

The committee were concerned to learn of the reasons why the conditions had not been met and these were outlined by Mr Newman, who then went on to confirm they anticipated that all would be met by the beginning of or during the 2018 season.

Matters addressed included the use of the outfield by other sports, and assurances were given that the necessary arrangements would be in place by April 2018. The Club then intends to spend 2018 preparing for League membership, and their sponsors are reported to be supportive for the application to be for entry in the 2019 season.

Mr Newman advised that the Club had aspirations of further development to include better scoring facilities and improved drainage. He also described the Club's Junior Section and reported that there were currently three Level 2 coaches in situ and the All Stars initiative was proving extremely popular.

Mr Newman was thanked for attending.

Resolved: That Nunthorpe's application for 2 teams to be accepted into the NYSD in the 2019 season would be supported by the LMC at the 2017 AGM, but their entry, if confirmed, would be conditional on the various outstanding requirements being met and these would need to be confirmed by visits to the Club during the 2018 season. These requirements to be detailed in writing to the Club who would be invited to the AGM to state their case if they so wished.

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

In his absence, Mr Oliver's report was as follows:

Captains Reports

There were still some outstanding reports to the end of the season. Fines had been allocated against all those arriving late as follows:

Club (H/A)	Division	Match date	Received date
Norton (H)	Premier	19.08	30.08
Richmondshire (H)	One	19.08	03.09
Stokesley (A)	Premier	26.08	05.09
Great Ayton (H)	Premier	26.08	06.09
Marske (H)	Premier	26.08	05.09
Hartlepool (A)	Premier	26.08	04.09
Richmondshire (A)	One	26.08	03.09
Darlington RA (H)	One	26.08	04.09
Whitby (H)	One	26.08	04.09
Marske (A)	Premier	28.08	05.09
Stokesley (H)	Premier	28.08	05.09
Great Ayton (A)	Premier	28.08	06.09
Norton (A)	Premier	02.09	-
Middlesbrough (H)	Premier	02.09	11.09
Richmondshire (A)	Premier	02.09	13.09
Barnard Castle (A)	Premier	02.09	13.09
Norton (H)	Premier	09.09	-
Stokesley (A)	Premier	09.09	-
Whitby (A)	One	09.09	-

It was further reported that some 60 fines for late submission were issued over the season, but that leniency had been applied in a further 107 instances on an equal treatment basis. It is unlikely this leniency would be maintained at the same level in 2018. **A copy of the total fines for the season is attached to the email delivering the minutes.**

Umpire Numbers

It was reported that the number of single manned matches during the 2017 season was 71 which equates to 6.6% of all games league and cup. With a number of umpires expected to retire, the importance of attracting new umpires to the League was again emphasised.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Whitby

Following the interim notation in the last minutes concerning the report submitted relating to the behaviour of R Lyth during the Division One match away to Redcar on 19th August the Club confirmed that the player had been suspended for a period of 14 days from the 31st August to the 13th September inclusive.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Saltburn

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires K Foster and S Barker relating to the behaviour of J Tribick during the Division One match away to Middlesbrough on the 19th August. The DRC determined that the alleged behaviour constituted a level 2 offence.

In accordance with procedures laid down Saltburn had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended for 14 days from the 31st August to the 13th September inclusive.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Marske

An umpires match report caution had been issued against L Harper in the Premier Division match at home to Marton on the 26th August.

This was the second caution issued against the player during the season and as such an automatic 14 day suspension was implemented from Tuesday 29th August to Monday 11th September inclusive.

There remained an outstanding fine of £25 to conclude matters. In accordance with disciplinary regulations the player remains suspended until such time as the fine is paid.

Maltby

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires W Mann and D Hamer relating to the behaviour of J Campbell during the Division Two match at home to Guisborough on the 9th September. Further, a complaint of alleged social media indiscretions by the same individual following the game had been submitted to the League.

The DRC determined that the alleged cumulative behaviours constituted a level 4 offence.

In accordance with procedures laid down Maltby had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action.

Subsequent to the meeting Maltby had responded by advising that they had conducted a full disciplinary hearing and had concluded that:

1. The three onfield misconduct allegations constituted a cumulative level 4 offence by themselves and the Club had imposed a three month suspension beginning in the 2018 season and running from the 1st April 2018 to the 30th June 2018 inclusive.
2. The social media offence was deemed to be a further level 4 breach and the Club had imposed an additional 3 month suspension from the 1st July 2018 to the 30th September 2018. The two suspensions were to run consecutively.

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires W Mann and D Hamer relating to the behaviour of J Heaney during the Division Two match at home to Guisborough on the 9th September.

The DRC determined that the alleged offence constituted a level 3 breach and in accordance with procedures laid down Maltby had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and in doing so also bear in mind the previous suspended penalty applying to the player.

Subsequent to the meeting Maltby had responded by advising that they considered the grading of the breaches appropriate at level 3 and had applied a suspension of 6 weeks. In addition, based on the previous suspended sentence, the total suspension period had been determined as 10 weeks beginning in the 2018 season and running from the 1st April 2018 to the 10th June 2018 inclusive.

In conjunction with the two player misconduct reports on this game an alleged incident concerning a Guisborough player and spectators had been reported and Maltby had been asked to conduct an investigation and provide a report.

The Club reported that as a result of their investigation one non-playing member had received a suspended ban and been warned as to future conduct, while a second individual, who was a non-member, would advised that he would not be welcome on the Club premises should he return to the Club in the future.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of all the above actions taken by the Club and also asked that they be congratulated on the speedy and exemplary manner in which they had dealt with these matters. In view of the matters arising from this game, coupled with the previous disciplinary issues in recent times, the Club will be invited to attend the next LMC meeting on the 11th October.

Umpires Match Report Cautions (Level 1)

C Hall	Maltby	Reported in the last minutes as pending. Accepted and fine paid.
S Lobb	Seaton Carew	Accepted and fine paid.

CONSULTATION MEETING

Members discussed the format of the meeting to be held at Norton CC on Tuesday 26th September. It was confirmed that, following an explanatory introduction by the president, each divisional section of the consultation paper would then be debated with clubs, and they would then be invited to show their support or otherwise for the various structures and formats proposed.

The outcomes would then be discussed at a separate meeting of the LMC with the club supported elements put forward as formal proposals to the AGM.

AGM and COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The date of the AGM was confirmed as being Monday 27th November at 7.30pm at Billingham Synthonia CC. Clubs would be reminded that the deadline for submission of any rule changes or amendments from themselves was the 1st October.

Following notification that the General Secretary would not be seeking re-election for 2018, a discussion on options for the future structure of League management took place, including the scenario of a Chief Executive's appointment being made as previously put forward by members of the LMC. This would be taken forward at future meetings ahead of the AGM.

NB – there are some vacancies available on the LMC and nominations from clubs for one of the eight elected representative positions would be welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Nunthorpe - see report above

Bedale

A letter of application for Bedale's second team to transfer from Nidderdale League and play in the Saturday competitions was formally submitted. Confirmation has been received (from both the Club and League) that all the requirements of the Nidderdale League regarding resignation have been met.

Resolved: that the application be put to the AGM with the support of the LMC.

Rockliffe Park

A letter of application for Rockliffe Park's third team to transfer from the Darlington & District League was formally submitted. Confirmation has been received regarding the agreement of the Darlington League to this move. Rockliffe are looking to play two teams in the Saturday divisions and the third team in the Sunday divisions

Resolved: that the application be put to the AGM with the support of the LMC.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES CHAMPIONSHIP

The President reported that both semi-finals had been postponed due to adverse weather. The Great v Wakefield Thornes semi-final would now take place at Scarborough CC on Saturday 23rd with the winners to play in the final at Headingley on Sunday 24th September.

PRESENTATION EVENING

The meeting considered the appropriate recipients of invitations to attend the Presentation Night, and also the awards and presentations to be given. Volunteers were sought from LMC members for the various tasks required on the night. It was confirmed that tickets and posters would be issued at the Consultation Meeting on Tuesday 26th September.

ACTION POINT: All clubs are referred to Appendix A below for full instructions and deadlines concerning the presentation night.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

ACTION POINT: Clubs are reminded they need to submit names to the president if they wish to include anyone from their club in the presentation evening recognition of those individuals who have passed away in the last 12 months. Photographs (if possible) would be appreciated with any submission.

LEAGUE AVERAGES AND AWARDS

The president detailed the qualification criteria for league averages which had applied in 2016. The results secretary referenced those criteria to the actual figures seen in the 2017 season and the meeting ratified the following criteria to apply to this year's awards.

	Batting	Bowling	Wicket - keeping
Div.	Innings /Runs	Wickets	Victims
Prem	10/450	30	15
One	10/450	30	15
Two	10/400	30	15
Three	8/300	25	10
Four	8/300	20	10
Sun 1&2	10/400	25	10
Junior	8/200	10	All

The senior averages will be taken from the websites. Clubs will need to verify when they receive the list. Clubs must manually submit junior averages which should be aggregated and cover all under 17 matches played. Detailed instructions have been sent to all Clubs. Deadline 30th September. Nominations for all Player of the Year individual awards are also required by 30th September.

HALL OF FAME

The League normally make one 'marquee' induction to the HOF on presentation night – clubs are invited to submit the name of anyone they think would be included in this category.

125th ANNIVERSARY

In the absence of Mr Christon this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

HISTORICAL DATA COLLECTION

Mr Brenkley had confirmed that the 'loading' of the new information received from seven clubs over the last few months would commence on the League website towards the end of October.

It was also confirmed that Mr Charlton was in the process of making access to the history records more user friendly on the website and clubs were encouraged to access this via the History 'button' on the headline menu to view this improvement for themselves – something which it is hoped will encourage more clubs to progress their own history updates.

CWO DATA COLLECTION

The president reported that he hoped to organise some safeguarding courses in the region in the close-season which would give all member clubs the opportunity to ensure their CWO was fully compliant.

CRICKET BALLS

The president reported that a meeting was to be held shortly with Dukes regarding the renewal of their contract.

Subsequent to the meeting: Because of the continuing volatility in the currency exchange markets and continuing uncertainty over the effects of Brexit Dukes had offered to extend the present arrangements for a further 12-month period. This would be considered by the committee at their next meeting.

UMPIRE REPORTS SUMMARY

Mr Dykes presented members with a summary of the season's marking outcomes, including fair play, pitch quality, facilities and umpire costs, and comparisons were made with the previous season's figures.

A copy of the full results is attached to the email delivering the minutes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly LMC meeting will be held **at 7p.m.** on Wednesday 11th October.

SEE APPENDIX A BELOW RE THE PRESENTATION EVENING

APPENDIX A

LEAGUE PRESENTATION DINNER

SATURDAY THE 11th NOVEMBER 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS

Summary reminder:

Venue: Marton Hotel & Country Club

Timings: Dinner served 7.30pm prompt

Carriages: Midnight

Ticket price: £30

Main guests: Ryan Sidebottom – Yorkshire CCC and England and Steffen Peddie – of TV and radio fame

MC: Dave Callaghan – BBC Radio Leeds

Ticket Ordering Arrangements

Please ensure that James Dykes has your **initial estimate of numbers** actually attending from your club **by Monday 30th October**. It would be easiest if orders were placed by e-mail although postal details will be accepted if the former is a problem. **(please copy in the president)**.

Don't worry if you feel you may be one or two out if you are waiting for people to get back to you – minor adjustments after the 30th will be allowed – we need to have your best estimates by that date.

In terms of **EXACT** numbers of attendees, **if these subsequently become different from the estimate, then we need to know your final figure by Tuesday the 7th November**.

Please use the following e-mail addresses when sending in your orders - baliolhouse@gmail.com and copy in cwcpres@btconnect.com

Payment for Tickets

As in previous years we would request that clubs send a remittance for their overall number of tickets to arrive in David Stanwix's hands **by Thursday the 9th November at the latest**.

(NB - Full member clubs with three senior teams are required to purchase a minimum of ten tickets, full member clubs with two senior teams eight tickets, full member clubs with one senior team six tickets and affiliate member clubs four tickets - although there is no upper limit on the number of tickets that may be ordered).