

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 8th November 2017.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2017 were approved to be signed as a correct record subject to an amendment to be made as noted below in matters arising.

MATTERS ARISING

Sedgefield

It was agreed that the record in the minutes should be amended to read that the League's findings would be notified to the complainant in writing only when, and if, he decided to submit a formal complaint in the manner advised to him by the General Secretary.

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr Dykes reported as follows:

TRANSFERS RECORDED

Amateur Transfers

Ryan Nicholson	Brandon CC	to	Bishop Auckland CC
Chris Allinson	Great Ayton CC	to	Marton CC

FIXTURES SECRETARY

Mr Hutchinson reported as follows:

Annual Fixture Requests

Responses were still awaited or incomplete from the following clubs: Blackhall, Marske, Middlesbrough and Thornaby.

Resolved: Those clubs to respond immediately

There had been a significant increase in the number of clubs seeking special one off requests for a free date on their ground for fund raising events.

Resolved: Accommodation for reasonable requests would be made where this was possible by fixture adjustments.

A request had been received from Yarm CC for no home fixtures before June 2018 due to ground works involving relaying of the outfield.

In addition they expected their AGM of the 17TH November to determine whether they would field one or two Saturday teams in 2018.

The president had responded to the club at the end of October asking if they wished to have a meeting with the League to determine whether any additional assistance might be offered to them to help. At the time of the meeting there had been no response.

Resolved: The situation in respect of the delay in home fixtures and the number of Saturday teams would need progressing before the League AGM so fixture planning could commence in earnest. The fixtures secretary to follow up if necessary.

NYSD Masters

The feedback had been positive and it looked as though there would be an increased entry in 2018.

Under 19

Slight downturn in entries but all clubs would be contacted separately on this as in previous years so that position might change.

NATWEST BLAST – NATIONAL CLUB T20

The usual documentation had been received from the ECB in respect of this competition. It was noted that the Northern Area finals would be hosted on an NEPL ground in 2018.

RESULTS SECRETARY

Mr Smith presented his report as follows:-

Averages

The end-of-season player averages for the 2017 season had been finalised, ratified and issued.

TREASURER

Mr Stanwix reported as follows:

Year End Accounts 2017

The draft year end accounts had been prepared and copies provided to the meeting. The accounts would be finalised by the League's Auditors, and, subject to their review and approval, would be reported fully to the AGM on November 27th. The drafts showed a 2017 surplus of £3,797.

UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

Mr Oliver reported as follows:

New Umpire Education Courses

It was reported that all courses have been re-written by ECB-ACO, and that all NYSD League tutors have attended familiarisation courses.

The new system has replaced the various "levels" of umpire progress with "stages" for new applicants, although all existing qualifications will remain as before, and allowance has been made in year 1 for candidates midway through existing Level 1 and 1A modules to complete this method of attainment.

NYSD Courses 2018

It was reported that a 4 week Stage One Course would be held in January 2018, followed by a 4 week Stage Two Course in February. Both courses involve an amount of on-line activity by the candidates, but neither is

subject to an examination. Assessments are optional by individual arrangement, and candidates learn and work through the laws in their own time and at their own pace. Both courses will be held in Stockton. There will be a final Level 1A course at Feethams in March to accommodate those of the 11 successful Level 1 attainees who wish to progress.

Law Changes

The MCC have totally redrafted the Laws of Cricket this year, which has included a number of changes, the main one of which concerns umpires' actions on field when they deem that Law 42 has been breached. However the ECB have asked tutors not to deliver on these yet despite their having come into effect on October 1st. Tutor packages will be issued in January in time for the 2018 season. The League will then have to consider whether to adopt the new code and regulations in full.

Handbook Layout

Work has begun on reorganising the League Handbook layout of League Rules and Regulations with a view to making them more easily readable.

DISCIPLINE

Div 2 Shildon v Wolviston 9.9.17

Further to the last minutes regarding the above game Shildon had responded to the request for further information, and this was advised to the committee.

Resolved: Based on the information provided, and accepting that Maltby officials had not been involved, it was determined that no further action would be taken on the matter other than to make Maltby aware of the full details in case they wished to take additional independent internal action. Shildon would also be advised that they should have made the League aware of the full background when seeking special registration of the players.

Maltby CC

Following on from the last minutes the LMC had now considered previous precedents and these were taken into account when considering the 2017 record of the Club.

Resolved: That, in addition to the individual sanctions already issued and applied, the Club be subject to a probationary period of 12 months with regards the behaviour of its players and members with any proven disciplinary issues arising in 2018 to be subject to possible club, as well as individual, sanctions.

AGM 2017

Rule Change Proposals

There had been no amendments submitted to any of the proposals put forward by LMC or by the clubs. A proposal for adoption by all leagues had been submitted by the Durham CB relating to minimum safeguarding requirements. The NYSD had been approached by the County for their advice on this prior to issue.

Resolved: that all sets of proposals stand as submitted and the proposition by the DCB would be included in the final AGM proposals going to clubs.

Applications for League Membership

No further applications having been received those from Bedale and Rockliffe Park for 2018 membership would proceed to the AGM, with the Nunthorpe application also formally lodged for entry in 2019 subject to certain conditions being met.

Nominations to Committee

Following the resignations of D Austin, S Clarke and JJ Dykes, a number of vacancies had arisen on the LMC.

Resolved: As all nominations received in accordance with rule had to be lodged by the 1st November those received by that date for the LMC (6 in total) would be considered as confirmed and approved at the AGM. In respect of the other 2 elected representative positions it was agreed that clubs could be advised that additional nominations for election would be accepted up to Nov 26th 2017. If more than 2 nominations for the LMC were received by that date then a ballot would be held at the AGM for the 2 remaining places.

Future Management Structure of the League

It was proposed that a Chief Executive Officer position should be created at the AGM which would be advertised by the LMC during 2018 once a 'job description' had been produced.

Resolved: Confirmed, full details to be provided to member clubs via e mail and at the AGM.

ECB & COUNTY BOARDS

Premier Leagues

The president had attended a meeting of Northern Premier Leagues at Elland Road on the 24th October, which had been called by the ECB under the title 'The Future of Premier Leagues'. It had proved to be a fact finding mission by ECB, but the opportunity was taken to seek updates on several other issues, two of which are detailed below.

Managed Migration

The ECB and Home Office had met on a couple of occasions in the last couple of months but, disappointingly, nothing within the regulations would change for the 2018 season despite the widespread issues that arose during 2017, and which for many leagues linger on.

Leagues which had fallen foul of the new system in 2017 had all been notified and a general amnesty was being applied, but failings would be taken into account where there were any future transgressions.

CricHQ

It had been announced that this firm had entered into receivership. ECB had advised that PCS were developing a laptop application in time for the 2018 season but clubs are best advised to sit tight for the next few months as the situation unravels.

Performance Related Funding

All necessary returns had been submitted by the end of October deadline. The ECB had confirmed receipt and that details of funding allocations would be provided by no later than the end of November.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES MANAGEMENT BOARD

It was noted that a meeting of the Board was scheduled for 16th November at Darrington. The president would attend, Mr Oliver gave his apologies

125TH ANNIVERSARY

The president reported that 3 committee members had enjoyed an impromptu lunch at the Golden Fleece in Thirsk on Friday the 3rd November, this being the League's official 125th birthday. The Fleece was the original venue of the League formation meeting on the 3rd November 1892. Mike Amos from the Northern Echo had also attended and would provide some publicity of the occasion.

PRESENTATION EVENING

The President gave a detailed report on preparations. The table plan was virtually complete and ready for transmission to the hotel. Volunteers were sought for a number of administrative and operational duties on the day, to include stand erection, trophy checking, cash float allocation, issue of raffle envelopes, programmes and folders, check of table arrangements and seating plans. Messrs Briddock, Dykes and Smith would attend from 2pm. Messrs Brenkley, Christon and Donlan would arrange collection of raffle envelopes, quiz papers etc. Mr Hutchinson would mark the Team of the Year quiz.

It was reported that to comply with the hotel's policies on bookings from new clients, the function food costs had to be met prior to the function date, and arrangements had been made accordingly.

It was reported that the change of venue had resulted in increased costs for technical audio and video services, and that expenditure was approved.

The president confirmed the list of celebrities, sponsors and guests, plus the speaker, MC and comedian, and also that the Gone but not Forgotten presentation was in hand.

SPONSORS

The president reported that arrangements were in hand for end-of-season reviews with both major sponsors of the League, with the DBS meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th November which he and Mr Christon would attend.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Notification of the Joe Lumb AGM, to be held at Cleckheaton on 3rd December, had been received. Paul Leadbitter, as under 17 manager, had been advised and would attend on our behalf if possible.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The president reported that he had been delighted to complete the induction of Paul Jarvis into the Hall of Fame at a function at Marske CC on the 28th October. Mr Jarvis had expressed his own delight and appreciation of the recognition.

DURHAM YOUTH TRUST

It was reported that Durham Youth Trust had requested permission, through Geoff Cook, to address the clubs, and arrangements had been made for them to speak briefly (5 mins) at the forthcoming AGM, this address to be made at 7.25pm after the junior AGM.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be the AGM on November 27th, following which the President would notify the new committee of the date of the next monthly LMC meeting.