

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

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley**  
**On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**

**PRESENT**

President C W West (CWW), General Secretary S Storey (SS), Fixtures Secretary N Hutchinson (NH), Results Secretary G Smith (GS), Treasurer D Stanwix (DS), Umpire Co-Ordinator D S Oliver (DSO), Committee Members A B Bainbridge (ABB), T Briddock (TB), S Brenkley (SB), S Donlan (SD), J Crowther (JC), S Gill (SG) and M Jobling (MJ)...(13)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from M Christon (MC).

**WELCOME TO NEW GENERAL SECRETARY**

The president welcomed Mr Shaun Storey, the new general secretary, to the LMC, mentioning that he had shown great enthusiasm for the role when applying. A preliminary meeting had been held between CWW and SS a few weeks earlier to help with the settling in process and Mr Storey confirmed he was looking forward to serving the League in this role.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The president re-affirmed as required under recommended governance procedures, that where any committee member has a perceived conflict of interest in any matter coming before the committee they should declare such.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last LMC meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

The president reported on the following:

**Annual Club Information Returns**

All returns had now been received, the last one coming 18 days after the deadline. Nevertheless, the information gleaned had proved most useful and the County Boards had been copied in to the outcomes as the information will be helpful to them in delivery of several projects.

The returns had been accompanied by a request to complete a quick online play-cricket questionnaire which would then have the benefit of updating the clubs' own website with the details – unfortunately there were still 18 outstanding questionnaires. **A play-cricket follow up would be sent to remind those clubs who have yet to complete this 5-minute job, and those clubs are urged to complete the task as soon as they are able.**

It was also noted that there are just over 3,000 registered 'active' players in the NYSD, and over 200 qualified coaches – these figures standing positive comparison with the 2010 audit, although it was recognised that as far as the number of players went some of this excess may be down to clubs not doing their annual spring clean of dormant players.

**Discipline**

The NEPL had been written to and had acknowledged their responsibilities in respect of Karl Turner and his new club Brandon.

## Newsletter

The volume of other work in the League had meant that the first newsletter of 2018 had not yet been produced.

## Umpires Expenses

The review at the last meeting had not taken account of the differing percentage scales for matches in Divisions 3 and 4 where there was just one League umpire.

**Resolved: That the fee for a game in Division 3 or 4 where just one umpire was standing would be £40 (£42 in 2017).**

## REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY

### Junior Cup North

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Hartlepool v Seaton Carew now being played at Seaton Carew due to Hartlepool's ground being unavailable.

### Junior Fifteens

Hartlepool v Sedgfield now being played on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July as neither ground is available on the scheduled date of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Some clubs had enquired about a possible rearrangement of their Sunday Division fixtures due to clash with England v Panama in the World Cup kicking off at 1pm.

**Resolved: Only and if both clubs are in agreement their matches may start earlier, start later or they may re-arrange to play on another date in-season under rule 22, providing that such re-arrangement was not made to MacMillan Finals Day, Kerridge Cup Final day, Fifteens Final Day or after the final games of the season in that division. If clubs cannot agree, the match will be played on the original date. Clubs wishing to consider any change should make the arrangements between themselves and inform the Fixtures Secretary at the earliest opportunity to receive formal League sanction as required by rule.**

### Ray Bell Cup Group B

Billingham Synthonia had advised that they wished to withdraw from the Ray Bell Cup. This change required the fixtures in that group to be re-drawn in order that the remaining five teams have two home and two away fixtures.

**Resolved: Billingham's resignation accepted. Re-drawing of group B fixtures sanctioned on the basis that the new fixtures would accompany the minutes so affected clubs receive early notification.**

## NYSD MASTERS

Nine clubs have confirmed an intention to enter the competition, although three clubs still need to submit name and playing day details – they are Guisborough, Normanby Hall and Barnard Castle.

The other six clubs entered are as follows Maltby Mandrills, Marton, Norton, Richmondshire Titans, Seatron Sloggers and Sedgfield Stallions.

There is an amendment to the rules of the competition this year in that a batsman reaching 50 runs must retire.

**Resolved: Barnard Castle, Guisborough and Normanby Hall to confirm their playing names and preferred days for home matches in order that the fixtures can be compiled. The groups and fixture details will be forwarded to the clubs when completed.**

## NYSD U19 T20 BLAST

Ten teams have confirmed their wish to enter this year's NYSD competition, the entrants as follows:

Blackhall Bulldozers, Hartlepool Hangers, Levenside, Marton Junior Jolsha, Richmondshire SDX, Saltburn Sharks, Seaton Casuals, Sedgfield Stallions, Stockton Swifts and Thornaby Spitfires. Levenside is a merged team of Great Ayton and Stokesley which has been sanctioned by the County Board.

The fixtures are now being drawn up although clubs will have the opportunity to mutually re-arrange their games should they wish to do so.

## **REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY**

The Club Administration Guide is in the process of being updated and will be issued to clubs shortly.

## **PLAY-CRICKET PRO APP - SCORER ROADSHOWS**

The ECB have arranged a series of roadshows to demonstrate the new PCS PRO scoring facility with 'local' ones to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Headingley and on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Riverside, Durham CCC. Clubs have already been provided with the necessary link to book a place on the course.

The latest news from the ECB was that the PCS Pro app would be available in early March

A discussion took place around possible incentive schemes for home clubs to ensure that their full league scorecard is on play-cricket by no later than 11pm on the day of the match. If live scoring was used then this could be done automatically immediately the match was finished.

**Resolved: That a 'league table' of compliant clubs be kept throughout the season, the leading clubs to be rewarded financially at the end of the campaign. This would be discussed in more detail at the March meeting.**

## **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER**

Mr Stanwix reported a balance of £32,862.70, which includes a payment received on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 of £1K from the ECB, and which related to a PRPF 'bonus payment' that the League had merited. Contingent liabilities were NYSD Prize vouchers £900, and Tea Award fund £825.

Two outstanding payments from the presentation night would be followed up immediately.

All insurances have been renewed at an extra premium of £14 on the cost of last year.

A £500 deposit has been paid to Hardwick Hall as required under contract for the presentation evening for 2018.

## **REPORT FROM UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR**

### **MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 code)**

Meetings had been arranged to disseminate information to both umpires and clubs about the new laws of cricket, with particular emphasis on the onfield sanctions that would apply for disciplinary offences. These meetings are viewed as crucial, and in particular captains should make every effort to attend.

Both meetings are at Billingham Synthonia CCC, 7.30pm start, with a buffet afterwards for attendees

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Umpires Seminar**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Captains and club officials**

**NB – the second meeting is not the pre-season meeting of clubs which is detailed later in these minutes**

### **Players of the Year/Man of the Match**

It was decided not to proceed with this possible initiative as it would remove the unique situation whereby players of the year were not announced until the presentation evening.

### **Umpires Training Courses**

The Level 1 Umpire course has now concluded and the Level 2 finishes next week. A Level 1A course is to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **DDCL**

Approaches had been made by a DDCL representative to several umpires on the NYSD panel asking them whether they wished to umpire on Saturdays in the DDCL. These approaches directly contravened the accepted etiquette operated by all leagues that such approaches should not be made. The president had written to the DDCL expressing his concern at this development and the Secretary had responded apologising and advising that their umpires representative was to be made aware of the protocol in these matters.

## **Neil Pratt**

(DSO) brought to the attention of the LMC that Mr Neil Pratt had now been added to the Emerging Umpires List by the ECB. The committee wishes to express their congratulations to Neil on this achievement as he progresses through the Umpire Pyramid. It was also felt that Neil's achievements reflect well on the NYSD as he has been a member of the League Umpires Panel throughout his progression.

## **PLAYER REGISTRATIONS SANCTIONED**

### **Professionals – English Qualified.**

Liam Coates – Darlington

### **Professionals – Overseas**

Pitigala Jeewatha – Great Ayton

### **Overseas Amateurs**

Dale Wells – Redcar

### **Transfers**

Joe Clarkson – Thornaby to Hartlepool

Stuart Christon – Thirsk to Hartlepool

Alex Thompson – Maltby to Saltburn

Walid Ghauri – Great Ayton to Darlington

Stephen Bell – Darlington RA to Darlington

### **Paid Employees**

James Quinn - Coach – Barnard Castle

Ben Ainsley – Coach – Saltburn

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Seaton Carew – Car Parking**

The Club had advised that they no longer had the car parking system in place. All the cameras have been removed from site. The car parking at the ground is once again free with no restrictions on time.

## **RULE CHANGES**

### **Third Team Cup Eligibility**

The draft rules produced by GS had not received any amendments since the last meeting and they would therefore be adopted unaltered and clubs provided with copies.

### **Player Loan Scheme**

An initial draft set of rules had been produced since the last meeting, and the committee had had the opportunity to review them before the meeting. Several additions and amendments were made.

**Resolved: The amendments to be incorporated in the regulations and then 'signed off' by the LMC. Copies of the finalised scheme would be issued with the minutes of this meeting.**

## **DISCIPLINE**

The new ECB regulations following the changes in the Laws of Cricket had still not been finalised by the governing body – it was expected they would be available around mid-March which would be too late for publication in the handbook. The League had therefore undertaken an independent review of their own regulations and had these agreed in principle by the ECB.

## **SPONSORS**

### **Darlington Building Society (DBS)**

The League is still awaiting formal confirmation that DBS are to continue their support following the review meeting with them in November, although the president had been asked to provide a detailed 'impact

statement' and 'testimonial' for DBS in recent weeks which had been provided and very positively received and acknowledged.

It was agreed that time was pressing given the many deadline pressures the League faced in terms of branding for the new season.

**Resolved: If nothing heard by the beginning of March the president authorised to make direct enquiries.**

### **Teesside University (TU)**

Following the recent agreement to support the League for a further term TU are looking at several initiatives as follows:

1. A competition for their students to provide 'dynamic' logo designs for the NYSD's T20 and F15 competitions – it has been agreed to provide cash awards of £50 to each of the two winning designs.
2. Identify which of TU's current students/graduates currently play for NYSD teams so that they can link any news story and build affinity with students/alumni. The League have been asked to consider ways they could assist with producing a list.

**Resolved: The only apparent methodology would be to ask clubs to check with all their members and it was agreed this should be done.**

3. Utilising the work of the sports injury clinic – some potential options to be explored are:
  - Access to FREE student massage, injury and rehabilitation clinics for all club members (including children who would need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian if under 16 years of age). These clinics are currently scheduled to run until w/c 30/4/18, however the feasibility of running reduced clinics over the summer if students are around was being explored.
  - Access to Teesside Sports Injury Centre which runs from the University Mon – Fri 9am-9pm. There would be fees payable for this service however a standard £5 discount would be offered to all NYSD League members.
  - "Pop up clinics" once a month at various matches or tournaments. These could run June – September and would be dependent on students being available to attend the events. At these massage clinics FREE 5 minute massages or £5 for 15 minutes are offered. A member of staff would attend who could field any injury queries and promote the clinics and University programmes.
  - The potential for Coaching Placements with the various clubs for Coaching Students to be explored with clubs.
  - From July 2018 onwards students could be offered as First Aiders for clubs (this would be dependent on the clubs having qualified first aiders who could act as supervisors). There may be some students who would be interested in doing First Aid between now and June if there were a requirement.

The committee felt these were very worthwhile proposals which would be attractive to clubs and therefore they should be explored further.

**Resolved: The president to organise a further meeting with TU at which these initiatives would be explored further. Any LMC members wishing to accompany the president to this meeting were very welcome to do so.**

### **TAG Teamwear Ltd**

As already advised to clubs the company are no longer trading, however Andy Fothergill (AF) has provided assurances that it is business as usual for all his NYSD customers. Whilst the business premises are no longer being used, any kit ordered will be exactly the same and any orders will be delivered direct to clubs. For those clubs who won prize vouchers in the 2017 Fifteens competitions these remain valid – to redeem these against orders all clubs need do is contact AF direct - the new contact details as follows: Seven Sportswear Ltd – email [tag7@btinternet.com](mailto:tag7@btinternet.com) telephone 07974 826146.

AF has also confirmed that the prize voucher offering for the NYSD Fifteens will again be available in 2018.

### **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

#### **Wilkinson Cup and NE U21 Cup**

The AGM of the above competitions was held at the Riverside in mid-February. The NYSD had tendered their resignations from both competitions as previously determined by the LMC.

#### **Senior Team**

The annual MCC fixture has now been confirmed to be played on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm start at Richmondshire CC

## **Under 17**

Confirmed fixtures:

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April v Durham Academy at Saltburn. 2 x T20. 1pm and 4pm starts

Yorkshire U17 championships:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May v York at Marske 1pm start

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May v Huddersfield at Stokesley (start yet to be agreed)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July – away v Bradford

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July – away v Barnsley

## **PRESENTATION NIGHT**

The date is now confirmed as Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Hardwick Hall Hotel. A holding deposit of £500 has been paid. It is anticipated that Matthew Hoggard will be confirmed as the cricket speaker in the near future.

## **HALL OF FAME**

This is one of the most popular initiatives in the history of the NYSD, and has been exceptionally well received by those who have been inducted and their clubs. However, it is always difficult to prime nominations out of clubs despite it being one of the best ways they can reward volunteers or key players.

The 'marquee' induction made at the presentation evening will be Bill Athey in 2018 – he has already confirmed his attendance at the event.

**Resolved: Clubs to be reminded of the value of making the effort to nominate, and LMC members to consider putting forward one name each from their 'memory banks' for consideration.**

## **PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS**

The date has been set and is to be Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Teesside University. If available there will be a short presentation from Illiyana Farfarova re IT and website development to benefit clubs.

All clubs are reminded that attendance at this event is important and that each should send 4 representatives if possible.

**Full details will be sent nearer the time but all clubs are asked to note the date in their diaries now.**

## **CRICKET BALLS**

All club orders have been received, collated and sent to Dukes to enable delivery of orders to the pre-season meeting of clubs

## **HANDBOOK 2018**

The handbook is taking up a huge amount of time this year as much of the composition work is being done by league officials, a full restructuring of the rules is being undertaken to improve the layout and readability, and the slowness of some clubs in submitting information has further significantly hampered progress. Furthermore, a request for obituaries has been met with a poor response even though it is known that several would be appropriate. The president gave his thanks to DSO who has assisted him greatly in the handbook work.

**Resolved: Those clubs where it is known that an obituary would be appropriate to be contacted direct. A copy of the restructured rules to be sent to all LMC members for checking to finalise.**

## **CHILD WELFARE – SAFE HANDS COURSE**

A Safe Hands Course has been arranged for March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 to be held at Marton CC, it can be accessed through the Yorkshire Cricket Board website. The cost will be £20 per delegate and the course will run from 6.30pm to 9pm. All clubs have been circulated details on how to register, and the DDCL, Langbaugh and MML have all been notified that the course would be available to their clubs as well.

## LEAGUE WEBSITE

The club directory has proved an excellent addition to the value of the site and most clubs have embraced the concept and are submitting information.

The 'About Us' section of the website has been redesigned to give it a much better look.

An approach has been made from Cricket Yorkshire to place an advert on the League website and a £50 fee has been agreed.

## ECB

The next meeting of the Northern Region Premier Leagues is to be held at Headingley on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the president to attend.

The League had been awarded a further £1,000 under the 2017 PRPF, this a bonus distribution from that year's fund which had not been fully spent because only the NYSD and a couple of other leagues had achieved full compliance and received the maximum payout.

## YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD

Yorkshire Cricket Board AGM is on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Headingley

The next Yorkshire Premier League Management Board meeting is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at Dinnington.

## DURHAM YOUTH TRUST

The Trust had written to advise of the clubs they had helped in recent times, these including NYSD clubs Rockcliffe Park and Sedgfield who had received grants for junior cricket development.

Their annual fund raising dinner was on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March and as usual the NYSD had purchased 4 tickets in support of the organisation.

## LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE

The National Player of the Year awards luncheon, AGM and meeting will be held at Nantwich CC on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Jonathon Spillane has been put forward as the NYSD nomination in the POY categories.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Celebratory Lunch**

The President proposed a unique event to properly mark the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League.

The proposal was that the League hold a celebratory lunch at the Durham CCC v Yorkshire CCC, Royal London Cup fixture at the Riverside on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The key details would be as follows:

10.30 to 11.00 – arrival, coffee and biscuits in the Castle View Lounge

11.00 to 12.00 – speeches - toast to the League, response, entertainment

12.00 to 1.30 – two course lunch

1.45 – all guests move to the Carribbean and Fosters lounges to watch the match.

5.30 – match interval with buffet tea

9.30 – match conclusion

Guests to be invited would be: ECB – Mike Gatting and Paul Bedford. DCCC – Ian Botham, David Harker, Bob Jackson, Graeme Weeks and Geoff Cook. YCCC – Steve Denison, Mark Arthur, Andrew Watson, Martyn Moxon plus sponsors.

Initial enquiries had confirmed Graeme Fowler would be available for the pre-lunch entertainment.

The whole event had been costed out with **all-inclusive** tickets to be available at around £40/£45 with a maximum attendance of 120/130.

**Resolved: An excellent and unique idea, the president to pursue formalisation and guest invitations. It was hoped that all member clubs would be represented although it was expected that demand for tickets would be high. It was therefore determined that each member club be offered the opportunity to take 4 tickets, but**

**they would have to commit by the end of March after which date any surplus tickets would be offered to those seeking more than an allocation of 4.**

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Ties and Pin Badges**

Mr Christon had provided a couple of draft designs for a '125' tie and LMC members would be given the opportunity to review the designs at their leisure and determine whether they would wish to proceed with a bulk purchase.

**Womens and Girls NYSD Competition**

The president discussed the potential for the League to host an event to support girls and women's cricket. This was proposed to be held one Sunday through the season along Fifteens Finals Day lines.

**Resolved: MJ to make enquiries with the clubs that have strong female player memberships and teams.**

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**