

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 21st March 2018

PRESENT

President C W West (CWW), 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), S Donlan (SD), J Crowther (JC), S Gill (SG) and M Jobling (MJ)...(10)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from S Storey (SS), T Briddock (TB), S Brenkley (SB)

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 21st February 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record with, in the absence of the General Secretary, copies to be produced for signing at the next scheduled LMC meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Ray Bell Cup

Request received from Whitby that clarification be made to the LMC minutes of the 17th January which stated that Whitby CC had dropped out of the Ray Bell Cup. The Club wished it to be noted that they had never entered third team cups to enable them to manage fixtures and player availability and this was still the case with the Ray Bell Cup.

Annual Club Information Returns

Despite reminders and chasers there still remained 4 clubs who had not completed the Play-cricket questionnaire sitting in their admin in-box on their own club website. The four clubs are Blackhall, Darlington RA, Guisborough and Redcar

Resolved: The four clubs are respectfully asked to address this long outstanding issue in the short term. If they require any clarification as to what is required then they should contact the president.

Player Loan Scheme

All clubs had been provided with copies of the scheme, details had been posted on the League website, and the full guide was also in the 2018 handbook. There had been no feedback, positive or negative so the scheme would operate in the new season.

Women's and Girls Cricket

Marlon had corresponded with the League outlining their concerns over the progress of their women's and girl's cricket projects.

Resolved: MJ asked to contact the club and liaise with the YCB to ascertain whether there was anything that could be done to help the Club.

REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY

NH reported as follows:

Under 19 Fixtures

Fixtures had been issued. Durham had been supplied with a copy and asked for details of national registration. The game between Levenside and Thornaby Spitfires on July 5th would be played at Stokesley. The game between Levenside and Saltburn Sharks on the 19th July would be played at Great Ayton. It had been possible to include these venues in the new handbook.

NYSD Masters

Confirmed fixture change -

Richmondshire Titans v Barney Blizzard was Thursday 12th July, now being played Friday 20th July

Kerridge Cup Final Venue 2018

The president raised the issue of the Kerridge Cup Final venue not being determined until the finalists were known, a timescale that meant many grounds were unavailable for consideration because of function bookings etc. Any host club had to be available to provide suitable facilities for the final lunch which took place before the game and which had become such a well-liked part of the occasion, with Hall of Fame inductions involved as well.

Resolved: It would be appropriate to agree availability with potential venues before the start of the season, and that given the competing clubs could not host the game it would also be appropriate to have two venue alternatives. The committee agreed that Hartlepool and Marton should be approached to assess their availability.

NYSD Fifteens Finals Day 2018

It was usual practice to meet with the host club several months before the event.

Resolved: Meeting to be arranged with Redcar in the near future.

REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY

Junior Cricket – Over Age Player Registration

Clubs are reminded that they can seek dispensation for certain under 18 age group players to be available to play in the Junior League (see junior rule 2, page 133 of the handbook, for details of the process).

Club Player Registration Tidy-Up

Some clubs had now begun this process. The tidy-up was now even more necessary because of GDPR. The Club Administration Guide provides details on the process.

PLAY-CRICKET SCORER PRO

This was now available for download on to laptops and had received favourable feedback.

The ECB have arranged a series of roadshows to demonstrate the new PCS PRO scoring facility with 'local' ones to be held on the 7th April 2018 at Headingley and on the 9th April 2018 at the Riverside, Durham CCC. Clubs have already been provided with the necessary link to book a place on the course, and this is also available on the League website twitter feed.

SCORING INCENTIVES

Following on from the last minutes the decision to offer incentives to clubs to get their full scorecards on to Play-cricket by 11pm on the day of a league game (in any division) was confirmed with the incentives agreed. It was hoped that these incentives would encourage clubs at all levels to utilise the PCS scoring applications which were now there for use on all types of hardware - if live scoring was used then downloading of results to Play-cricket 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 as follows: 1st - £500, 2nd - £250, 3rd - £150, 4th - £100

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

DS reported a balance of £33, 407 with all outstanding issues in respect of the presentation evening now complete.

REPORT FROM UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

DSO reported as follows:

MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 code) – Captains Meeting

Approximately 80/90 had attended the meeting at Billingham on the 7th March with the presentations well appreciated.

MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 code) – Captains Meeting

Adverse weather had caused the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for the 1st March. It had subsequently been held on the 19th March at Billingham. In all around 70% of umpires had attended the two meetings with the balance being provided with online tutorials.

Resolved: The president asked for thanks to be recorded in the minutes to Billingham for their hosting of the two events and this was agreed.

Umpire Appointments

DSO indicated that 21 umpires were unavailable on the opening Saturday of the season, an unusually high number, although availability did improve for the following weekend.

Umpire Registration

The DBS record checking was now virtually complete. Discussions were ongoing with the ECB regarding the online renewal recording process.

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS SANCTIONED

Professionals – English Qualified.

Matthew Henry McKiernan – Richmondshire
Christopher John Batchelor – Great Ayton

Overseas Amateurs

Joshua Luke Dowling – Guisborough
Giles Campbell Creedon – Barnard Castle
Asharn Hodge - Saltburn

Transfers

Matthew Henry McKiernan – Leigh to Richmondshire
Neil Whitworth – Blackhall to Seaton Carew
Luke Kenning – Billingham Synthonia to Maltby
Jonathan Scott – Seaton Carew to Blackhall
David Storey – Seaton Carew to Blackhall
Tahir Javed – Yarm to Norton
Ben Brown – Wolviston to Billingham Synthonia
Danny Clarke – Thornaby to Billingham Synthonia
Kevin Clarkson – Thornaby to Northallerton
Callum Bowman – Seaton Carew to Blackhall

Paid Employees

Giles Campbell Creedon – Barnard Castle

Substitute Professional

A query had been raised by Barnard Castle concerning their overseas professional possibly being unavailable for several weeks at the beginning of the season because of international duty, and whether a substitute pro was allowed in these circumstances.

Resolved: That the situation in this respect remained in line with precedents in that a sub pro was allowable for this providing the absence of the original pro was for 5 or more games, his reason and expected dates of absence to be formally notified for acceptance by the League. The process of registration was that the original pro should be registered as the Club's overseas player, with the temporary stand-in to be registered via the sub pro procedures.

MANAGED MIGRATION

The president asked for a reminder to be posted in the minutes concerning the fact that clubs needed to be aware that if they employed an overseas amateur within the club (eg on the ground, bar etc) not only did this have to be allowable under the method of entry/visa this arrangement could well be considered by the Home Office to be one of the elements that would lead them to consider that the individual was a 'professional sports person' and they should ensure they took this fully into consideration. The fact that the League may sanction such an arrangement within League rules did not mean that arrangement would meet Home Office rules. These considerations relate primarily to YMS visas entrants.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wolviston

Request for special dispensation for 2 under 15 players to be allowed to play in the Sunday Divisions during the 2018 season when or if they had played in Division 1 the previous day.

The LMC felt they could support this request, however in such circumstances it was appropriate to offer this to all clubs with teams in the Premier Division and Division 1.

Resolved: That the following regulation applies in the 2018 season - *Any player who was under 15 at the 31st August 2017, and played in the Premier Division or Division One the previous day, will be allowed to play in the Sunday Divisions for their club on the same weekend provided that the overall maximum limit of 5 players as detailed in rule 40 is not breached.*

Darlington RA

Request received from DRA for 'dual registration' of Liam Dixon, a DRA player who is in the Royal Navy based in Portsmouth. He is intending to sign for a team in the Southern Premier Cricket League but would like to be able to play for Darlington RA when he is at home in Darlington.

Resolved: Request agreed. It will be the Club's responsibility to ensure any authorities or sanctions needed from his other club and/or the Southern Premier League are obtained, and that such sanctions are confirmed to the LMC when received.

2018 HANDBOOK

The final proof was signed off on the 19th March, delivery is expected on the day of the pre-season meeting.

Given the significant overhaul of the rules within the book the potential for one or two errors slipping the proof reading net is perhaps higher than usual and all clubs are asked to let the LMC know should they spot anything that needs correcting.

ECB

The president reported on the meeting of Northern region Premier Leagues held at Headingley on the 8th March. Nothing startling had emerged that the League were not already on top of, with discussions involving the new CPA (old MOU), new laws, disciplinary regulations, managed migration, player registration, GDPR and PRFP 2018.

COUNTY BOARDS

All clubs are reminded that they must be affiliated with their County Board before the start of the season

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUES MANAGEMENT BOARD

The meeting scheduled for the 22nd March had been cancelled.

Leagues had been asked to consider the potential of a club T20 tournament in Abu Dhabi in February 2019. The LMC felt there may be some barriers to clubs sending sides eg finance, availability etc, however there may be possibilities for merged teams and/or a league representative side. This feedback would be given to the YPLMB.

LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE

The national player of the year awards would be presented at the LCC lunch on the 24th March at Nantwich. CWW would be attending in his role as LCC Chair, whilst SS would be attending on behalf of the NYSD. Four would be attending from Marton to support award winner Jonny Spillane.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The League had been successful in getting the ECB to address the issue of more specific instructions being provided to leagues and clubs and this should be available during April or early May.

The president pointed out that the League should have a DP Compliance Officer and would be seeking a volunteer for this role.

SPONSORS

Darlington Building Society (DBS)

A meeting, attended by CWW and MC, was held at the DBS offices on the 14th March at which renewal of support for 2018 was confirmed.

DBS are seeking some information from NYSD clubs concerning their involvement with their community and charities and this would be requested from clubs shortly.

Teesside University (TU)

Meeting, attended by CWW and SS, was held at the University on the 13th March at which the specific agreements as to this year's partnership were confirmed. Clubs would be provided with full details once the terms of reference were signed off.

The final draft of the T20 and F15 logos were agreed with confirmation they would be available for unveiling at the pre-season meeting of clubs.

PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS

Preparations were now well advanced. Guests would be TU representatives, student winner of the logo competition, and Iliyana Farfarova from Durham CCC. Presentations would be made on the logos, social media, and PCS Pro.

A number of LMC members confirmed their availability to help with the final preparations from 5pm on the meeting date.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCH

Confirmed guests included Sir Ian Botham, Martyn Moxon, Mike Gatting, Geoff Cook and Graeme Fowler. The response from the hierarchy of both Durham and Yorkshire had been exceptional.

Clubs had been advised that they needed to submit their ticket requests on or before the 31st March after which date further requests may not be able to be considered. Ticket prices would be £45.

Full details of entry procedures, car parking availability etc. would be issued once the final attendance list was confirmed.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 16th November 2018 at Hardwick Hall Hotel. Matthew Hoggard confirmed as the cricket speaker, and Pete Emmett confirmed as the MC. Meal costs are £21 per head, likely ticket price circa £32.

LEAGUE WEBSITE

The club directory has proved an excellent addition to the value of the site however submissions to complete this for all clubs had slowed down considerably.

This would be highlighted at the pre-season meeting, with direct approaches to clubs where information is lacking.

HALL OF FAME

Following the last meeting LMC members had made several suggestions regarding new inductees and these would be raised with the clubs concerned.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 11th April 2018