

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 11th April 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), J Crowther (JC), S Gill (SG), T Briddock (TB), S Brenkley (SB) (11)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from S Donlan (SD), M Jobling (MJ)

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 March 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record with also the minutes from the meeting of the LMC on 21st February being signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Annual Club Information Returns

All but one club have now responded to the Play-cricket questionnaire. The president will try and expedite completion by that club before the start of the season.

Women's and Girls Cricket

MJ has made contact with Gary Knight at Marton over their request on girls cricket and hopefully will have a plan to submit shortly. He awaits information from Graeme Weeks at Durham and has contacted Hambleton representatives to help formulate the plan.

League Cricket Conference

It is confirmed that Jonathon Spillane attended the League Cricket Conference lunch at Nantwich CC, where he was presented with his award as one of the 5 LCC national club cricketers of the year. This event was also attended by representatives from Marton CC.

REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY (NH)

Tour de Yorkshire

Bedale and Richmondshire had highlighted potential traffic problems near their grounds on the 5th May when the Tour de Yorkshire was taking place. They would keep their opponents and match

officials informed and permission had been given to consider different match start times if that would help ease any potential problems.

Guisborough - Fixture change request

A request had been received from Guisborough to change their SD match scheduled for the 24th June to August Bank Holiday Monday.

It was pointed out that this was not possible as both clubs concerned already had matches on that date.

Resolved: NH asked to advise Guisborough

NYSD Masters South fixture change

Maltby Mandrills v Norton was Thursday 2nd August, now being played Friday 13th July.

START OF THE SEASON

A number of representations had been made to the League concerning the opening weekend of the season, and the fact that little or no work had been undertaken on grounds because of the lengthy spell of wet weather that had been experienced in the region.

Further discussions had been sought with clubs and it was clear from those discussions that pre-season work was significantly behind schedule (in several cases none had been possible) and, such was the current condition of grounds that even if the weather improved it was felt there was little or no chance of any cricket being played on the 21st and 22nd and certainly not without disproportionate damage being done to grounds.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the opening weekend fixtures be postponed in their entirety, and that the full programme should be played on a specific date, namely Sunday the 20th May.

Subsequent to the meeting the Umpires Co-ordinator had advised that there would be a significant umpiring shortage on the 20th May if all matches were played on that date and the LMC subsequently agreed that Premier Division, Division 1 and 2 matches would be scheduled for the 20th May (1.30pm starts), with the Division 3 and 4 games to be played on Sunday 5th August (1pm starts).

This resolution affects two days of Ray Bell T20 Cup matches – those scheduled for the 22nd April, and those scheduled for the 20th May.

Resolved: As they are T20 group matches these will now be played on an evening, 6pm starts, with group match regulations applying. It will be up to the home club in each of the T20 games affected to offer 2 dates to the away club to play the match, the games to be completed on or before the 25th May. Clubs to proceed with re-arrangement of these T20 games as soon as possible – once a new date is agreed the home club to advise the usual LMC officials immediately.

VITALITY U19 CLUB T20 BLAST

The County final has been set for the 6th September at the Riverside.

TEESSIDE UNIVERSITY MACMILLAN CUP T20 FINALS DAY HOSTS

The pre-season meeting draw to host the 2018 finals day had inadvertently used the teams from the Kerridge Cup rather than the Macmillan. The general principle of the draw was still valid in that group 2 teams get first chance to host the finals day subject to ground and pitch conditions being met, and the 'reserve' group will be group 3.

Group 2 teams are as follows: Seaton Carew, Bishop Auckland, Marton and Billingham Synthonia.

Group 3 teams are as follows: Hartlepool, Richmondshire and Barnard Castle.

All clubs had been advised separately by e mail

CUP FINALS 2018

The president advised the meeting that the cup finals planner would be issued to LMC members shortly so that presenters of trophies could be determined well in advance – with 21 finals this was a crucial element of forward planning. CWW pointed out that it is unlikely he will be able to officiate in as many final presentations as he has been able to in years gone by and asked that everyone took a share of the presenting responsibilities where they were able.

REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY (GS)

Junior Cricket – Over Age Player Registration

There had been a limited number of requests for dispensations under the under 18 age allowance. Clubs had been reminded at the pre-season meeting and were urged to take advantage of this allowance which was solely intended to help junior teams fulfil their fixture commitments.

Player Loan Scheme

Derek Owen had made a request to be included on the loan scheme. He is a playing member from Shildon, who do not have a Sunday team, and also umpires for the League on a Saturday. Although strictly outside the new player loan scheme regulations it was felt that the request merited support as it was clearly within the spirit of the scheme.

Resolved: Request sanctioned.

Play-Cricket Scorer Pro

GS had attended a roadshow by the ECB at Chester le Street which was also attended by representatives from 5 NYSD clubs. The view was that this had been more Play-cricket website centric than primarily aimed at scoring.

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) would be monitored via means of a 'league table' available for all to see.

If both clubs are scoring electronically, it would ordinarily be expected that the home club would assume the primary scorer role and score live, thus being responsible for uploading the card. Where a home club is scoring in a book and the away side is scoring electronically.

The Play-cricket administration logs will provide evidence as to which club has entered/uploaded the card and credit in the incentives league table will be given accordingly.

Pre-season Administration

Clubs are reminded of the pre-season tasks they need to complete to ensure they are ECBPL compliant. The full details can be found in the Club Administration Guide, an updated version of which GS will be issuing shortly, but as a reminder the key pre-season tasks are:

Club Websites – The ECB require that club Play-cricket websites are up to date.

Most clubs will have some work to do in one or more of the three following areas -

- a) **Club Contact Details** – The “About Us” section of your play-cricket website should be fully up to date. The club address & telephone number should be present. If possible add in a map

link and an e-mail address (should one exist). In addition the “Club Officials” section should be as complete as possible, giving details of committee members & appropriate contact details. If you check the main NYSD “About Us” page, you will see the ideal set-up.

Amendments can be made via the “About Us” tab on the Admin page of your Play-cricket website, and then using the tabs for Club Details, Club Officials etc

NB – THE VAST MAJORITY OF CLUBS HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS EXERCISE VIA THE CLUB INFORMATION PLAY-CRICKET ELECTRONIC QUESTIONNAIRES INITIATED BY THE LEAGUE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

- b) **Team Details** – Again the ECB are keen to see this section up to date as regards captains & squad members. Whilst it may be difficult to assign a player to a single squad within a club, if you could give it your best efforts it would be to the League’s benefit. Players can of course be assigned to more than 1 squad or you could even assign all players to all squads if you wish.

Amendments can be made via the “Teams” tab on the left hand side of your Admin page on play-cricket

- c) **Player details** – Some player lists are out of date and include players who in some instances have left a club some years ago.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER (DS)

A balance of £28, 493.58 was reported.

Recent expenditure had been as follows: - Pre-Season meeting £571.99, Logo prize £100, Tea awards £200 (offset against the contingency funds), Umpires and captains meeting costs £288, Printing of handbooks £2717.

DS expressed his concern that when some clubs were sending electronic payments they were failing to reference them properly which then caused him problems in reconciliation.

Resolved: All clubs paying electronically to note that any such payments should be fully referenced to ensure their payments can be identified.

REPORT FROM UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

DSO reported as follows:

Umpire Appointments

DSO expressed his concern at the continued shortage of umpires with most Saturdays during April and May showing shortfalls of 7 or more, which meant that lower divisions would see many games single-manned.

The shortage of umpires was a nationwide problem, but nevertheless of significant concern. The committee discussed a number of potential measures to address the problem, including incentives, but it was recognised by all that clubs needed to take more of a role in sourcing officials.

Resolved: That the current club incentives would remain in place and would be added to by an ex-gratia payment of £250 being made to any new umpires once they had completed 25 NYSD Saturday league games, these incentives to apply to any new umpires joining the NYSD panel on or after the 1st May 2018.

It was further resolved that the president should write to all member clubs, expressing the committee’s concern at declining umpire numbers, advising them of the new incentive and asking them to promote umpiring to their members.

DDCL

DSO is providing a presentation of the changes in the Laws of Cricket to the Darlington and District League on April 16th.

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS SANCTIONED

Professionals – Overseas

Tharindu Rathnayake – Thornaby
Shrikant Wagh – Stokesley
Aamir Sajjad - Marton

Professionals – English Qualified.

Gary Pratt – Richmond
Muhammed Zahid – Marton
Lee Hodgson - Marske
James Middleton – Middlesbrough
Steven Reeves – Middlesbrough
James Weighell - Stokesley

Overseas Amateurs

Thomas Hooper – Bedale
Daniel Chillingworth - Stokesley

Transfers

Philip Wears – Saltburn to Sedgfield
Lewis Fortune – Peterlee to Sedgfield
Gary Burlinson – Whitburn to Bishop Auckland
James Connor – Peterlee to Blackhall
Owen Tennant – Guisborough to Saltburn
Ethan Tennant – Guisborough to Saltburn
Alex Smith – Guisborough to Saltburn
Sam Green – East Cowton to Northallerton
Lewis Gimple – Durham City to Newton Aycliffe
Daniel Craggs – Durham City to Newton Aycliffe
Sam Telford – Marsden to Newton Aycliffe
Darryn Bancroft – Richmond to Newton Aycliffe
John Clark – East Cowton to Northallerton
Muhammed Riaz – Maltby to Wolviston
Nadeem Asif – Yarm to Wolviston
James Collinge – Didsbury to Marton
Dale Marshall – Darlington to Richmond
Muhammed Wasim Hanif – Yarm to Norton
Amjad Hussain – Yarm to Norton
Tahir Aslam – Yarm to Norton
Abdul Rehman – Yarm to Norton
Muhammed Shabbir – Yarm to Norton
Muhammed Nadeem Hanif – Yarm to Norton
Janes Middleton – Walsall to Middlesbrough
Jack Lacey – Seaham Harbour to Bishop Auckland
Andrew Walker – Bilton to Rockliffe Park
Ifzal Hussain – Dormanstown to Normanby Hall

Paid Employees

Peter Bentley – Darlington – Groundsman

Callum Brown – Redcar – Bar staff

Karl Buckton – Redcar – Bar staff

CORRESPONDENCE

TS1 Tees Valley

Request from Keir Tattersdill who works for an organisation called TS1 Tees Valley, who specialise in offering sporting opportunities to the BME community. They have an upcoming cricket tournament on the 13th May at Norton CC and were requesting umpires from the NYSD to support this 8 team, 10 over competition.

Resolved: DSO to cheque availability of league umpires.

Teesside University News Stories

Request from Kyle Wilson 3rd year student at the University of Teesside, who has a group currently working on a website which will cover positive stories in Teesside. They were hoping that the NYSD could contribute to the site.

Resolved: CWW to progress

Cricket Archive

Contact from a company wishing to sell the League a cricket archive player engagement service. This was at a cost of £750.

Resolved: Declined

2018 HANDBOOK

Whilst the invoice from the printers had been received, the invoice from the compositor was still awaited.

Resolved: The cost of books to clubs would remain unchanged at £10.

LEAGUE WEBSITE – CLUB DIRECTORY

Clubs had been reminded recently about this by the president. Approximately 50% of clubs had now fully completed their page, and those who had not yet done so were urged to try and complete this before the start of the season.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

The Under 17 representative teams for the upcoming matches against Durham Academy at Saltburn on Sunday 29th April have been selected and published, with all players requested to contact team manager Paul Leadbitter to confirm their availability.

ECB

The president gave a brief update on all matters ECB, including the surprise resignation of Matt Dwyer (Head of Participation and Growth) who had decided to take up an opportunity with Tennis Australia after three years at the helm of UK recreational cricket. He leaves at the end of June and there has been no announcement on his successor.

All Stars Cricket has 21,000 players currently registered nationally, which is 10,000 more than at the same time last year. National launch was on the 4th April. The end national target is 100,000.

Details had at last been received of fixed fee and performance related fee targets for 2018. They were as follows:

Fixed Fee Payment - 2018

The Fixed Fee Payment to ECB Premier Leagues will remain at the same level as in 2017. This payment will be paid to each Premier League on the basis of achieving the following ECB Premier League Accreditation criteria:

- Confirmation of League structure and playing conditions (including any changes)
- Marks for standards of Fair Play, Pitches and Officials
- Junior Cricket at u11,u13 and u15
- Premier Division Clubs achieving and maintaining Clubmark Accreditation
- Use Play-Cricket.com including:
 - Fixtures
 - Full scorecards
 - About Us section (Leagues)
 - Player Registration
 - Qualified coaches vetting checks
 - Player Discipline

Performance Related Fee Payment (PRFP) - 2018

Following the success of the 2017 method of dividing funds into conditional and discretionary incentives. This year the funds will be used to:

- Further deliver the 'guiding principles' of a Premier League
- Promote, support and /or drive Participation and Growth priorities

Breakdown of Funding

Up to a maximum of £4,000 is available to each ECB Premier League, subject to individual performance as follows:

£2,500 Conditional Funding, allocated to promoting, supporting and / or driving Participation and Growth priorities

£1,500 Discretionary Funding, allocated to expanding and improving the use of Play-Cricket.com including player registration and communication, Live Scoring and full Scorecards

In respect of promoting the ECB's P&G priorities this will be via agreement with County Boards, in the NYSD's case both Durham and Yorkshire.

COUNTY BOARDS

A recent County Board bulleting highlighted the following:

New Online Club Portal

Amongst other features, the application process for Clubmark that this tool provides has already saved club volunteers significant time and effort. This fantastic portal can be used to facilitate meaningful discussions with Boards and capture clubs requirements for further support.

NatWest OSCA's

The national OSCA's will take place at Lord's on October 9th. Invitations will soon be sent to clubs by Durham and Yorkshire seeking nominations.

County Board Affiliation

Clubs are reminded that affiliation to their respective County Board is a condition of membership of the NYSD. As at 12th April only 6 out of 16 NYSD Yorkshire clubs had affiliated to the YCB.

CLUB REMINDER: Please complete affiliation to your County Board before the start of the season. If you do not know the process please contact your Board for guidance.

SPONSORS

Darlington Building Society (DBS)

As part of the partnership clubs had been asked to complete a short return covering their involvement with local community and charitable causes. **Deadline for return was the 21st April.**

Teesside University (TU)

The offers made by the University to clubs had been well received, particularly in the area of coaching placements. The responses would be co-ordinated and sent to the University once the deadline had passed.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

In respect of GDPR the FAQ guidance from the ECB to leagues and clubs will be issued in the next few weeks. As part of the League's legal responsibilities it had been decided to appoint a DP compliance officer.

Resolved: The League Data Protection Compliance Officer to be SS.

CWO STATUS

There remain 7 clubs where confirmations are still required regarding certifications and/or course updates for their Child Welfare Officer. All these clubs have been written to recently as a reminder and this will be further followed up where necessary.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCH

Arrangements were well advanced and there was a glittering list of guests who had now confirmed their attendance headed by Sir Ian Botham and Mike Gatting OBE.

The president is to visit Durham on the 16th April to agree the final arrangements after which all concerned parties would be contacted with final details, including payment arrangements. Tickets would be priced at £50 per head.

It had been hoped that a brochure would be prepared which would include a history of each club, but as many clubs had yet to deliver their club history for the website Club Directory it was sadly no longer feasible to undertake the production of this book. Instead, a programme for the event would be produced.

HALL OF FAME

A number of clubs would be contacted shortly to suggest appropriate nominations.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Fantasy League was discussed and the possibility of doing a League based fantasy league is being considered. There is an electronic solution which may be a viable option for 2018.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 23rd May 2018

