

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 27th June 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), T Briddock (TB), M.Christon (MC) (10)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from S. Brenkley (SB), S Gill (SG).

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 16th May 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

Guisborough 2nd X1 resigned from Division 3 for 2018. All clubs were notified directly at the time. The League have left the door open to them to apply to re-join the league in Division 4 in season 2019 if they feel their problems have been resolved.

REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY (NH)

Premier

Saturday 25th August Middlesbrough v Barnard Castle - starting at 12:30pm due to event at the ground on the following day.

Division One

Guisborough v Norton - was 25th August now Sunday 24th June

Division Four

Northallerton v Maltby - was Sunday 5th August now Saturday 14th July as both teams have a free day

Sunday Premier

Wolviston v Middlesbrough reversed fixtures to 24th June at Middlesbrough, 19th August at Wolviston due to Wolviston being drawn at home in the Village Cup

Richmondshire v Middlesbrough - 1st July at Richmond School, 2nd September at Middlesbrough due to both clubs hosting Kerridge Cup semi-finals on 1st July

Sunday Conference North

Seaton Carew v Rockliffe Park - reversed fixtures to 15th July at Rockliffe, 16th September at Seaton Carew due to fun day at Seaton

Division Two/Three/Four Fifteens

Newton Aycliffe v Shildon - was Wednesday 20th June, now Tuesday 19th June due to Shildon being in the Ken Welsh Final

Junior Cup Final

Richmondshire v Marton - being played Tuesday 3rd July

Junior Fifteens

Stokesley v Maltby - 22nd June played at Maltby

Masters North

Richmondshire v Seaton Carew - was Thursday 26th July now being played Friday 27th July due to Richmond being in the Division One Fifteens Quarter Final

Under 19s T20 Blast

Levenside v Thornaby Thursday 5th July - now at Great Ayton

Levenside v Saltburn Thursday 19th July - now at Stokesley

FIFTEENS FINALS DAY

The president, accompanied by SS and MC, met with Redcar officials on the 11th June to discuss their preparations for the 15's finals day. The meeting was well attended and the day seems to be on track. A request was made to approach the League's music contact to provide both MC and music facilities on the day, and this booking has subsequently been confirmed.

KERRIDGE CUP FINAL VENUE

Marton CC will be the host of the Kerridge Cup Final which is due to be played on Sunday 5th August.

REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY (GS)

Result not entered on play-cricket within 24 hours (£10 per offence)

17/05 Ray Bell Norton

19/05 D3 Norton

19/05 D3 Bishop Auckland

22/05 Ray Bell Saltburn

04/06 Jun Sth Guisborough

11/06 Jun Cent Hartlepool

06/06 Ken Welsh Bishop Auckland

09/06 Ray Bell Stokesley

19/06 D2 15's Shildon railway

Full card not entered on Play-Cricket within 3 working days (£10 per offence)

17/05 Ray Bell Norton

04/06 Jun Sth Guisborough

Incorrect result entered on Play-cricket (£10)

16/06 D2 Marske

23/06 D4 Billingham v Newton Aycliffe input as a Billingham win batting first instead of batting second. All electronic inputs made by Newton Aycliffe, and Billingham confirmed result. Newton Aycliffe were the away side but as error was made by them fine applies to Newton Aycliffe.

Concessions

24/05 Robinson Marske £50

27/05 Sunday South Great Ayton £25

24/06 Sunday South Stokesley £25

23/05 Ray Bell Seaton Carew £25

24/05 Ray Bell Darlington £25

05/06 Sanders Wolviston £25

27/06 D2 15's Stokesley £50

U17 – Concessions

18/05 Jun Cup Nth Norton – since resigned U-17 team from all competitions

18/05 Jun Cup Nth Stockton

18/05 Jun Cup Sth Guisborough

01/06 Jun Plate Stockton

01/06 Jun Plate Guisborough

01/06 Jun Plate Great Ayton

15/06 Jun Plate Normanby Hall

25/06 Jun Central Middlesbrough

25/06 Jun South Normanby Hall

Norton v Rockcliffe Park, Ray Bell Cup 30th May (£25)

In the quarter-final tie, Norton fielded an ineligible player, Tahir Javed. The game was abandoned for bad light with 5 overs remaining.

The Match-Play sub-committee determined that the game should be awarded to Rockcliffe Park

Resolved: Decision ratified

LEAGUE REGISTERED PLAYERS – clean up

Whilst there are some clubs where considerable work has been done in tidying up their registered player lists as required under ECBPL accreditation criteria, there are also many clubs where little or no work has been done despite this being advised to them around six months ago.

To assist clubs in fulfilling this obligation Steve Charlton has done some excellent work in identifying players still registered on Play-Cricket who have not played any games in the past 3 seasons. In order to comply with any potential GDPR issues and to assist the clubs, a notifying email will be sent to all clubs to assist them in cleaning up their registrations lists.

ACTION POINT – CLUB ADMINISTRATORS:

RESOLVED: Each club to check the site administration (your actions) section on their club websites where they will find a list of their own inactive players. The e mail sending these details provides clear instructions on what to do, and the actions take very little time.

CUP FINALS

These are on track and up to date, and although some re-arrangement of presenters has been necessary all commitments have been fulfilled.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER (DS)

A balance of £44, 895 was reported, this including payment for handbooks of £3,509. Contingent liabilities are negligible.

The treasurer reported that five clubs had not yet paid their annual invoice which includes subscriptions. A reminder had been sent to the five clubs - Bedale, Billingham, Guisborough, Redcar and Shildon - reminding them these should have been paid by the 1st June and were now significantly overdue.

CLUB TREASURER ACTION POINT:

Resolved: The five clubs to be given until the 20th July to complete payment failing which a fine of £50 would be applied.

REPORT FROM UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR

Late Captains Reports – 12 May to 16 June (£10)

DATE	HOME CLUB	AWAY CLUB	DIVISION	CLUB AT FAULT	REC'D
19.05.18	Barnard Castle	Marske	Prem	Marske	27/5
19.05.18	Stokesley	Darlington	Prem	Stokesley	29/5
19.05.18	Guisborough	Wolviston	One	Guisborough	28/5
20.05.18	Richmondshire	Stokesley	Prem	Stokesley	29/5
20.05.18	Normanby Hall	Guisborough	One	Guisborough	28/5
		Billingham			
20.05.18	Norton	Synthonia	One	Norton	29/5
26.05.18	Hartlepool	Thornaby	Prem	Hartlepool	2/6
09.06.18	Barnard Castle	Middlesbrough	Prem	Middlesbrough	17/6
09.06.18	Great Ayton	Richmondshire	Prem	Richmondshire	21/6
09.06.18	Marske	Stokesley	Prem	Marske	17/6
09.06.18	Marske	Stokesley	Prem	Stokesley	
09.06.18	Seaton Carew	Marton	Prem	Seaton Carew	17/6
09.06.18	Norton	Guisborough	One	Guisborough	18/6

To date this season there have been 25 fines raised. However there has been discretion shown and fines are not levied until one week after completion of the match. If fines had been raised totally in accordance with League rule then there would have been 48 fines raised

Late completion adds to the work of the UC who has to keep checking on WTU to see if they have been completed and, on many occasions, send chasing e mails to captains to remind them to complete.

PREMIER AND DIVISION ONE CLUB CAPTAINS ACTION POINT:

Clubs to remind captains of the need to complete these reports in a timely manner. The reports (which are required by ECB) should be completed within the laid down timescales of rule 19

Umpires Coloured Clothing

It was confirmed that umpires should wear the light blue clothing in all cup ties including 15s. Should there be a need to wear the red gear which is used in certain games this will be advised directly to the umpires in question

Umpire's Cup Final Absence

Unfortunately, an umpire had failed to turn up for the Ken Welsh Cup Final with SS standing in at short notice. This was due to an error in entering this on the wrong date on his calendar. The umpire concerned has apologised and is making a donation to The Great North Air Ambulance Charity

Umpires Marks

A summary of umpire marks have been collated to 31 May which show average marks in the Premier Division at 7.77 and Division 1 at 8.02. These show a very good level of performance from the umpires so far.

Umpire Shortages

The position with umpire availability and numbers continues to cause concern. The number of single- manned games to 30 June will be 68 with a further 36 games only having one umpire allocated in July taking that to 104 for the season to end July. This is against 67 single-manned games in the whole of 2017. August trends tend to be even worse as holidays take effect. We are also now starting to see some single-manned games on a Sunday which were a rarity in 2017

Whilst this is a national problem and not just an NYSD issue if recruits are not forthcoming (and clubs have a massive part to play here) this will only get worse in 2019 and the day when there are no umpires appointed to the lower divisions on a Saturday with players having to umpire games may become a distinct possibility.

CLUB ACTION POINT:

There are significant incentives in place for both clubs and individuals to generate new umpires for the League panel. Clubs are asked to re-double their efforts to unearth the umpires of the future.

PLAYER REGISTRATIONS SANCTIONED

Transfers

Trevor Shingler - Blackhall to Newton Aycliffe
Lucas Pilling - Crook to Newton Aycliffe
Chris Matthews - Guisborough to Great Ayton
Daniel Osbourne - Kildale to Great Ayton
Adrian Rummel - Ingleby Greenhow to Great Ayton
Joe Clarkson - Hartlepool to Northallerton
James Lester - Milton Keynes to Thornaby
Peter Greenwell - Philadelphia to Darlington
Chris Witherley - Marske to Normanby Hall
David Smith - Thornaby to Normanby Hall
Jake Ewart - Stockton to Norton
Peter Ewart - Stockton to Norton
Harry Ewart - Stockton to Norton
Connor Jones - St Chads Broomfield to Norton
Joe Hinchliffe - Mulgrave to Whitby
Oliver King - Seaton Carew to Sedgfield

PITCH REPORTS

Pitch markings for the season to date had indicated some clubs falling below the ECB reporting level of 12. They had been or would be contacted to make them aware of the markings and seek their comments.

PROMOTIONAL GROUND GRADING

Promotion from each level in the League is subject to minimum ground grading levels being achieved. The annual review of promotion prospects was therefore undertaken and it was agreed to visit Newton Aycliffe, Rockliffe Park and Whitby to update their ground gradings.

Resolved: Facilities committee to organise a visit to each club by the end of July.

NEW MEMBER CLUB

The conditional sanction of Nunthorpe's move to the NYSD in 2019 incorporated the need for a further inspection to take place in August to assess whether the additional requirements for entry detailed to them had been met.

Resolved: Delegation to be organised and a visit to the club established in August.

CORRESPONDENCE

The only correspondence was reminders from Yorkshire and Durham regarding nominations for the 2018 OSCA's. These had been forwarded to all clubs.

DISCIPLINE

Cautions

Whitby – K Morris – carried forward from last minutes as pending. No appeal. Fine paid.

Darlington – Liam Coates No appeal Fine paid.

Norton – Ryan Barnes No appeal Fine paid.

Normanby Hall

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Davis and D Lee relating to the behaviour of Jordan Leech during the Division 1 League match at home to Billingham on the 19th May.

In accordance with procedures laid down in the League rules, the DRC had reviewed the report and determined that the alleged offence was a level 1 infringement, however the same player had received a level 1 caution on 26th May 2017 which escalated the level of offence to 2.

Normanby Hall had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and they had subsequently notified the League that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 14 days from the 10th June to the 23rd June inclusive.

Resolved: DRC confirmed acceptance of Normanby Hall's actions.

Norton

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires P Henry and T Henderson relating to the behaviour of Glen Lancaster during the Hornby Cup Final match at Seaton Carew against Wolviston on the 7th June. In accordance with procedures laid down in the League rules, the DRC had reviewed the report and determined that the alleged offence was a level 3 infringement.

Norton had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had since notified the League that the player had been suspended by the club for a period of 28 days which expires on 5th July.

Resolved: DRC confirmed acceptance of Norton's actions subject to the exact inclusive dates of the suspension period being advised by the club. This information was still awaited.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE ACCREDITATION

Annual Criteria

The president had completed and submitted the annual May criteria returns covering category 3 and 3E registered players, the listing of Premier League umpire panel members with ECB ACO number, and details of relevant major playing conditions changes for the 2018 season.

Disciplinary Audit

The president had completed and submitted the new ECB disciplinary audit return.

Managed Migration

One query had so far been received from the ECB regarding the overseas player submission and this had been satisfactorily resolved.

PRPF 2018

An extensive return had been made by the president to both Yorkshire and Durham in respect of the ECB's 2018 programme. These included a paper on Participation and Growth priorities for 2018 and Conditional and Discretionary funding proposals in the same period.

Yorkshire had confirmed agreement of the plans, Durham had also done so but with a caveat that they wanted to discuss Women's Softball Festival engagement in more detail at some point in the future.

The president expressed his continued concerns that we were effectively having to 'jump through two hoops' every year to satisfy 2 County Boards – a significant duplication of time and effort given that the plans applied to the whole league, not just the geographical location of the clubs.

Premier Division Club Incentives 2018

In conjunction with the national P&G priorities and the ECB PRPF targets for 2018 the LMC determined that this year's distribution of funds should once again incentivise particular elements linked to the national targets.

It was therefore resolved that the following funding distributions would be made in the end of season payments/invoice run:

£200 to those Premier clubs with age group teams at u11, u13, u15 and u17 levels.

£100 to any Premier club with a team entered in the NYSD u19 league (reduced by £10 per concession if these occur).

£100 to any Premier club registered for and running an All Stars Cricket Programme

£100 to any Premier club running a Women's Soft Ball Festival in 2018

In considering these incentives the LMC were restricted by the fact that PRPF monies are for Premier clubs only, however they felt that in respect of certain areas additional awards should be made to none Premier full member clubs as well to recognise their efforts in promoting the game.

Accordingly the following would apply in addition to the Premier incentives:

£50 to any none-Premier full member club with a team entered in the NYSD u19 league (reduced by £10 per concession if these occur).

£50 to any none-Premier full member club registered for and running an All Stars Cricket Programme

£50 to any none-Premier full member club running a Women's Soft Ball Festival in 2018

These payments would be met from the League's own resources.

National Competitions 2019

The ECB are considering altering the regulations and conditions relating to the National Club Championship and National T20 and had sent out documents for consideration and feedback.

This has been completed with the NYSD expressing their serious concerns in several areas of the proposals.

ECB Premier League Chairmen's Annual Meeting

This was scheduled for Thursday the 19th July at the Danubias Hotel, St John's Wood, London. The president would attend on the NYSD's behalf.

NYSD/YCB/NEYACC MEETING

A meeting of the three bodies had been arranged at Stokesley on the 10th July at Stokesley to discuss the future direction of the NEYACC. The president would attend, and invitations had been issued to all LMC members.

YORKSHIRE PL MANAGEMENT BOARD

To be held at Dinnington on the 28th June, CWW and DSO to attend. The ECB would be in attendance to discuss PL progress and issues in the 2018 season.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Senior Team

The League had been requested at short notice to play a T20 against Durham CCC as part of the County's preparations for the Vitality Blast. Arrangements had been made to play the game at Hartlepool CC on Monday 2nd July.

Under 17

The Under 17 team's next game in the Yorkshire Championships is away against the Bradford League on Sunday 15th July at Bankfoot CC. As team manager Paul Leadbitter is unavailable Auckland A coach Ian West had been appointed to oversee the team at the game.

HALL OF FAME

Several worthy nominations have been received and the committee are in the process of selecting the nominations for the next inductions which will take place at the annual Kerridge Cup Final luncheon.

125TH ANNIVERSARY

The feedback from the celebratory lunch held before the Durham v Yorkshire OD match at Chester-le-Street on the 18th May had been outstanding. There were a couple of outstanding payments which were being followed up, but the overall financial outcome was in line with budget expectations.

The limited edition of anniversary ties was proving very popular. There are only a few left and if anyone wants to purchase one (£12) they should contact Mark Christon as soon as possible.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Whitby – Tim Richardson Chairman and Junior contact, new mobile number 07799 500169.
Bishop Auckland club has a new landline number 01388 001420.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 8th August 2018 (Changed from 25th July)