

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

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley**  
**on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 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) and T Briddock (TB),

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from S Donlan (SD), M Jobling (MJ), S Brenkley (SB) and M Christon (MC)

**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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY (NH)**

Sunday Conference South

Marske v Whitby on 2nd September now being played at Whitby as Marske's ground isn't available

Marske v Guisborough was 12th August but rearranged to be played at Guisborough on 26th August to accommodate the Kerridge Cup Final

Marton v Marske on 19th August now being played at Marske as Marton are hosting the rearranged Kerridge Final.

**CUP FINALS**

There remained 7 cup finals to be played. The president pointed out that this was an extremely hectic period of the season - in the previous 8 days the League had organised and run 5 major events, and the committee were reminded that it was extremely important to give support through the next month or so.

### **National Club Championship**

Richmondshire's success in reaching the quarter-finals of the National Club Championship had brought its own problems with their opponents, Ormskirk, being asked by the ECB to complete their National Club T20 engagements first. This decision was baffling given the seniority of the NCC over the T20 – as a result of the ECB's decision the Kerridge Final, which had already been moved back a week to accommodate the NCC, had then suffered a weather abandonment on the 12<sup>th</sup> and had now dropped back to the reserve date of the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

There had been further protracted negotiations in respect of the Ormskirk match and it had subsequently been agreed, with some reservations, to play the game at Richmond on the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> August (10.30 start). This is a 40 overs per side contest, the early morning start designed to enable Richmondshire to then travel to Redcar in the afternoon for the Premier Fifteens Final.

### **NYSD Fifteens Finals Day Start Times**

As a result, the Fifteens start times of all four finals have been eased back to accommodate this. The finals will now commence at 10.15am, 12.45pm, 03.15pm and 05.45pm.

### **Kerridge Cup Final**

The Kerridge Cup Final was abandoned after the first innings at Marske on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August and was rearranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> August at Marton. Prior to the final the Hall of Fame lunch and presentation took place.

### **Pallister Cup**

The Pallister Cup final was played on 10<sup>th</sup> August and Richmondshire U17's competed a victory at their hosts Barnard Castle's ground, the president presenting the trophies.

### **VITALITY U19 CLUB T20 BLAST**

Richmondshire U19's also won the League U19 Cup against Marton. The game was played at Marton, and Mr Peter Lodge, who provides the trophies for the competition, was on hand to present the trophies after an introduction from the president.

Richmondshire now qualify for the County Final at the Riverside under lights on 17<sup>th</sup> September (6.30pm start).

### **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES**

All clubs currently holding championship trophies are reminded that these must be returned to the League by the beginning of September in accordance with rule 27b. They must be returned fully inscribed and in presentable condition – this is not always the case and occasionally involves much additional work for league officials in returning them to presentable order before presentation.

**NB - The following clubs are in possession of 2017 championship trophies and should contact the president/general secretary to make the return arrangements by the 6<sup>th</sup> September at the latest:**

**Premier – Great Ayton, Division One – Thornaby, Division Two – Darlington, Division Three – already returned, Division Four – Seaton Carew, SD1 – Richmondshire, SD2 – Darlington, JLS – Saltburn, JLC - Marton**

## **REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY (GS)**

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

30/06 D3 Norton  
07/07 D3 Norton  
29/07 Sunday Conference North Norton  
30/07 Juniors Central Middlesbrough  
03/08 Masters Barnard Castle

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

30/06 D3 Norton  
12/07 Junior 15's Hartlepool

### **Concessions**

01/07 Sunday Conference Whitby £25  
07/07 D3 Bishop Auckland £50  
08/07 Sunday Premier Normanby Hall £50  
14/07 D3 Bishop Auckland £50  
15/07 Sunday Conference South Great Ayton £25  
18/07 D2 15's Shildon Railway £50  
18/07 D2 15's Marske £50  
20/07 Masters Guisborough No Penalty  
21/07 D2 Marske £50  
27/07 Masters Seaton Carew No Penalty  
03/08 Masters Seaton Carew No Penalty  
04/08 D3 Blackhall £50  
10/08 Masters Guisborough No Penalty  
12/08 Sunday Conference South Whitby £25

### **U17 – Concessions**

29/06 Plate Middlesbrough  
06/07 Jun 15's Stockton, Middlesbrough, Barnard Castle, Norton and Great Ayton  
09/07 North Stockton  
16/07 Central Thornaby  
16/07 South Great Ayton  
23/07 Central Thornaby and Middlesbrough  
27/07 Jun 15's Thornaby  
30/07 North Stockton  
30/07 Central Middlesbrough  
30/07 South Guisborough  
06/08 Pallister Wolviston

### **Marton v Guisborough Junior Div South, 30<sup>th</sup> July**

An incident occurred following a rain intervention prior to the commencement of the game. The umpire declared the ground fit at 6.15pm with a reduced 15 over game to be played. The representative from Guisborough then conceded the game, refusing to play. The Match Play

Committee decided that this game was to be awarded to the away team Marton and recorded as a concession.

Discussion by LMC re new wording in League rules to clarify that once at the ground the umpire decides the state of play.

### **Marton v Levenside, Vitality U19 Blast 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Levenside fielded Daniel Chillingworth, an overseas amateur and therefore not eligible to play under the competition rules. Marton won the game.

**Resolved: that Levenside be deducted the 2 points gained in losing this fixture.**

### **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER (DS)**

A balance of £50,786.80 was reported. This includes £7000 accreditation grant from the ECB which will be distributed to clubs under the published incentive programme. It was pointed out this was the high point of the season in balance terms with significant expenditure due over the next month or so.

DS reported outstanding invoices as follows: - £250 for printing for the Kerridge Final and Hall of Fame Presentation, £192 from Andy Fothergill for the League Caps.

The MacMillan Cup final expenditure and incomes have been finalised. There was £511 taken on the gate and with all expenditure accounted for a surplus of £152 will be split between, Barnard Castle, Thornaby, Middlesbrough and Marton.

There remain 3 outstanding invoices for the 125 Celebration Ticket Money and those people have been contacted.

All club subscriptions had been received since the last minutes apart from those for Guisborough.

**Resolved: Fine of £50 to be levied against Guisborough as confirmed in the last minutes.**

**Guisborough are reminded that the fine is doubled for every 4 weeks it outstands and it is therefore very much in their own interests to resolve this matter immediately.**

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

DSO reported as follows:

#### **Umpire Appointments**

By the end of July there had been 1500 umpire appointments to include all league and cup competitions.

#### **Umpire marks**

The average marks as issued by the Captains in the Premier League were 7.62 from 162 reports. Only in 0.8% did the umpire not meet the expected standard.

The average marks as issued by the Captains in Division 1 was 8.08 from 162 reports. Only in 1.2% did the umpire not meet the expected standard.

#### **Neil Pratt**

Neil Pratt has been selected to umpire the Minor Counties 50 over final on 29<sup>th</sup> August at Wormsley.

**Resolved: Congratulations to be noted in the minutes.**

## Captain Reports

This season there have been 52 late captains reports, the club with most late reports is Guisborough with 10.

### LATE CAPTAINS REPORTS – 23 JUNE 2018 to 4 AUGUST 2018 (All subject to £10 fines)

23.06.18	Great Ayton	Marton	Prem	Great Ayton	3/7
23.06.18	Marske	Hartlepool	Prem	Marske	2/7
23.06.18	Darlington	Guisborough	One	Guisborough	2/7
23.06.18	Norton	Blackhall	One	Norton	1/7
24.06.18	Guisborough	Norton	One	Guisborough	2/7
30.06.18	Hartlepool	Great Ayton	Prem	Hartlepool	9/7
30.06.18	Richmondshire	Thornaby	Prem	Richmondshire	18/7
30.06.18	Great Ayton	Darlington	One	Great Ayton	8/7
30.06.18	Great Ayton	Darlington	One	Darlington	8/7
30.06.18	Guisborough	Darlington RA	One	Guisborough	12/7
30.06.18	Wolviston	Norton	One	Wolviston	8/7
07.07.18	Bishop Auckland	Marske	Prem	Marske	15/7
07.07.18	Seaton Carew	Thornaby	Prem	Thornaby	16/7
07.07.18	Stokesley Billingham	Richmondshire	Prem	Richmondshire	17/7
07.07.18	Synthonia	Norton	One	Norton	16/7
14.07.18	Great Ayton	Bishop Auckland	Prem	Great Ayton	23/7
14.07.18	Thornaby	Stokesley	Prem	Stokesley	23/7
14.07.18	Darlington	Wolviston	One	Darlington	23/7
14.07.18	Saltburn	Guisborough	One	Guisborough	23/7
21.07.18	Seaton Carew	Great Ayton	Prem	Great Ayton	3/8
21.07.18	Wolviston	Darlington RA	One	Wolviston	29/7
28.07.18	Darlington	Richmondshire	One	Darlington	5/8
04.08.18	Bishop Auckland	Richmondshire	Prem	Richmondshire	
04.04.18	Great Ayton	Thornaby	Prem	Great Ayton	14/8
04.04.18	Blackhall	Great Ayton	One	Blackhall	13/8
04.04.18	Norton	Darlington RA	One	Norton	13/8
04.04.18	Wolviston	Guisborough	One	Guisborough	13/8

## Availability of Umpires

Availability of umpires remains a constant issue. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September in Division 4 none of the games will be covered and all clubs will be written to advise they will have to umpire the game themselves.

There is also a shortage on the 26<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> September where there will be many more single manned games than usual.

## REPORT FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

### Transfers

Matthew Adamson	Wolviston to Hartlepool
Drew Charlton	Rockcliffe Park to Darlington
Anthony Lloyd	Dormanstown to Redcar

James Beaumont	Middlesbrough to Stokesley
Andrew Bransby	Ingleby Greenhow to Great Ayton
Vivek Vijayaraghavan	Middleton Tyas to Yarm
Oliver Grayson	Sherriff Hutton Bridge to Bedale
Tony Roberts	Nunthorpe to Wolviston
David Smith	Thornaby to Normanby Hall
Harry Weir	Cockerton to Darlington RA
Shaun McGarry	Redcar to Normanby Hall
Daoud Maroof	Thornaby to Normanby Hall
Matthew Wilkinson	Maltby to Great Ayton
Christopher Tudball	Castle Eden to Blackhall
Ben Thompson	Sedgefield to Bishop Auckland

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Thornaby**

Thornaby had requested consideration be given to the transfer of Dale Metcalfe from Hartlepool albeit this would have been after the transfer deadline. The request was declined.

### **Middlesbrough**

Middlesbrough had written asking if their 2<sup>nd</sup> team could decline to accept promotion from Division 2 if they were to finish in the one of the top two positions at the end of the season, their reasoning being that they felt they would lose several youngsters to the first team in 2019 and as such they felt that the standard would be too high in Division 1.

**Resolved: Request declined for the following reasons:**

**Only 1 would be relegated from Division 1 in this scenario – what happens if the one saved is a second team (or any team) with exactly the same sentiments as Middlesbrough and who wish to play in Division 2?**

**Such an allowance would undermine the whole promotion/relegation system as other clubs could be encouraged to seek similar dispensation and pick and choose when they want to be promoted. By leaving a strong side in lower divisions it could restrict championship winning chances and promotion opportunities for ambitious clubs.**

### **Sedgefield**

Sedgefield have asked to have their 3<sup>rd</sup> team reinstated into the league in 2019. The committee were in favour with Sedgefield to submit a formal application during September.

### **Play-cricket Player Registration Clean-Up**

Following Steve Charlton submitting to all clubs the list of their registered players on Play Cricket there has been a reduction of just under 200 active playing members, which is disappointing. What is abundantly clear is that only some clubs have used the data to clear up their play cricket registrations, yet it is a relatively simple job and takes but a few minutes.

**Clubs are reminded that GDPR states you must not retain personal data that is not current.**

### **Guisborough**

An alleged incident was reported to the League by the Guisborough Captain following the Division 1 game between Guisborough and Great Ayton. The umpires involved in the match had been asked to submit reports. These reports suggested that no further formal action was, in their opinion appropriate.

**Resolved: No further action proposed other than to provide copies of the correspondence to Great Ayton for their information.**

#### **Lords Cricket Balls**

Lords Cricket Balls have contacted the league to try and supply cricket balls to the league. They have sent some balls that can be trialed, but not in official NYSD matches.

#### **Shildon Railway**

A report was received from the umpire regarding the conditions at Shildon Railway CC. This has been sent to Shildon for their consideration.

#### **Middlesbrough**

An email was received from Middlesbrough following the successful T20 game held at Middlesbrough between the NYSD representative team and Yorkshire CCC. This reported the success of the evening with positive comments received from the players and the umpires on the night. The Club thanked the League for their support. The LMC acknowledged the hard work done by the club and in particular the groundsman in preparing a good surface.

#### **Desert Springs Cricket**

A resort in Spain requesting circulation of details of their 'cricketing packages'. This will be circulated to clubs.

#### **Bishop Auckland**

Correspondence received from Bishop Auckland concerning two incidents over the last couple of months where damage has been caused to the away dressing room during games. Whilst the first incident was satisfactorily resolved, and it is hoped the second incident will also be resolved, the Club make the perfectly valid point that this is unacceptable behaviour.

**Clubs are reminded of their responsibility to ensure their teams respect the property of host clubs when they are visiting.**

#### **NYSD CEO**

The League has received one enquiry about this proposed future role and further enquiries will be invited from anybody who wishes to be considered. In preparation of this a role profile will be drafted by the president and published.

#### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

##### **Cautions (level 1) recorded since the previous minutes:**

C Stonebank	Blackhall	Accepted and fine paid.
T Gledhill	Rockliffe Park	Accepted and fine paid.
J Thompson	Great Ayton	Review asked for. Original decision upheld. Fine paid.
A Ihsane	Wolviston	Accepted and fine paid.
M Ripley	DRA	Accepted and fine paid.
G Olney	Rockliffe Park	Accepted and fine paid.
A Fishburn	Northallerton	Accepted and fine paid.
C Drinkhall	Marske	Accepted and fine paid.
R Mains	Marske	Accepted and fine paid.
J Spillane	Marton	Accepted and fine paid.
L Garnett	Bishop Auckland	Accepted and fine paid.

### **Retrospective cautions (level 1) recorded since the last minutes:**

D Shurmer	Hartlepool	Accepted and fine paid.
G Relton	Hartlepool	Accepted and fine paid.
H Smith	Hartlepool	Accepted and fine paid.
J Richardson	Hartlepool	Accepted and fine paid.

### **Marske**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires P Chrisp and G Smith relating to the behaviour of C Veazey during the Premier Division match at home to Barnard Castle on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Marske had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended for a period of 14 days from the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 inclusive.

**The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

### **Wolviston**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires D Owen and S McEvoy relating to the behaviour of N Asif during the Division 2 15s home game against Newton Aycliffe on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Wolviston had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended until the end of the 2018 season. After due consideration the DRC were unable to confirm their acceptance of these actions and asked the Club to reconsider the matter.

The Club subsequently confirmed that they had suspended the player with immediate effect up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. In addition they had imposed a three month 'suspended' suspension which would be triggered by any reported and proven disciplinary offence (at whatever level) occurring during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

### **Bishop Auckland**

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires N Robson and E Blench relating to the behaviour of N Turner during the Division One home game against Richmondshire on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Bishop Auckland had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended for a period of 14 days from the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 inclusive.

**The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

### **Darlington**

A formal complaint was lodged with the League relating to social media comments alleged to have been made by A Peacock after the Premier Division match between Darlington and Middlesbrough.

The Discipline Review Committee were of the view that the comments constituted a severe breach of the Code of Conduct that all players are bound by and asked the Club to conduct its own investigations and confirm any actions subsequently taken.

The Club responded by confirming they had suspended the player from the 28<sup>th</sup> July to the 11<sup>th</sup> August inclusive, apologising for the breach of the Code of Conduct.

**The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

### **Thornaby**

A formal complaint was lodged with the League relating to social media comments alleged to have been made by M Finnegan after the Thornaby v Marton 15s game on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

The Discipline Review Committee were of the view that the comments constituted a breach of the Code of Conduct and as a club official was involved asked the Club to conduct its own investigations and confirm any actions subsequently taken.

The Club subsequently confirmed the internal sanctions they had taken.

**The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.**

**Resolved:- Clubs to be reminded that suspensions involving any 2 of their players during the same season result in points deductions, and those clubs currently 'walking a points deduction tightrope' are encouraged to reinforce the disciplinary standards expected with their players.**

### **PROMOTIONAL GROUND GRADING**

Whitby and Newton Aycliffe are to be visited by the Facilities Committee..... dates will be arranged with the clubs.

### **HALL OF FAME**

The annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place at Marske on the 12<sup>th</sup> August at the luncheon traditionally held before the Kerridge Cup final.

Once again the ceremony had been tremendously well received and appreciated by those receiving awards and their families.

### **PRESENTATION NIGHT 2018**

This year the numbers are likely to be limited to 300 and the price per ticket was set at £35. It was also decided that the number of tickets each club are expected to purchase are 10 for clubs with 3 senior teams, 8 for clubs with 2 senior teams and 5 for clubs with 1 senior team.

### **PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH**

The POM winners for July were adjudicated as follows:

Senior – Sam Gaudie, Middlesbrough

Junior – Abdar Ishaq, Normanby Hall

### **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

#### **Senior Team**

A hugely successful period with Durham Jets defeated at Hartlepool, and Yorkshire Vikings defeated at Middlesbrough. A unique achievement with 2 first-class sides defeated in the same season.

To add gloss to the senior team's performances they also heavily defeated an MCC team at Richmondshire.

## **Under 17s**

The Under 17 representative team have qualified for the Yorkshire Championships final. After finishing second behind Barnsley in Division 1 they beat the Scarborough League easily at Saltburn to reach the final against Barnsley which will be played at Houghton Main on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

## **ECB PREMIER LEAGUES**

PL Chairmen's meeting had been held in London on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The President had attended on the Leagues' behalf.

The meeting covered ECB strategy (cricket unleashed), County Partnership Agreements, Cricket World Cup, the proposed new competition in 2020 (Hundred), Purpose of a PL, Impact of PLs, PRPF, ECB National club competitions review, Impact of the Football World Cup, Player Behaviour, PCS, Umpires and scorers.

## **MANAGED MIGRATION**

Subsequent to the ECBPL meeting the NYSD had been formally advised by Managed Migration that the League had been given a clean bill of health in 2018, with no players reported on the 'in potential breach of visa' report sent to the Home Office. It is understood that a fair number of leagues had players on the breach list.

## **YPLMB**

The next meeting of the YPLMB would be at Darrington on the 16<sup>th</sup> August. The president and DSO would attend.

**Leading Yorkshire clubs in the Premier Division are reminded that this year's Premier League Championship matches will see our leading Yorkshire side play the Bradford League champions at Scarborough on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, the winner of that match advancing to the final on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Headingley.**

## **NEYACC**

An outline of the potential duties involved in the NYSD becoming the lead player in the Area Council in this region had been sent by the YCB. This raised a number of queries from committee members with further clarification to be sought from the YCB.

## **CLUB SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRES**

The meeting debated whether it was possible to send out a brief survey/questionnaire to clubs regarding potential rule changes. It was agreed this would be a useful idea and one would be prepared for distribution in early September.

## **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 19<sup>TH</sup> September 2018 – Rules review**

