

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

Minutes of Management Meeting held at the Springboard Centre, Stokesley
on Wednesday 19th September 2018

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from S Brenkley (SB) and Treasurer D Stanwix (DS)

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 15th August 2018 were approved following two amendments:

The fine to be levied to Normanby Hall for their concession on 08/07 Sunday Premier Normanby Hall £50 should read £25.

The item in AOB re a fantasy league should be deleted.

The minutes were signed following those two amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Trophy returns
The Division 1 Championship trophy had to be collected from Thornaby and was found to be in a dirty condition.
Resolved: £25 fine levied in accordance with rule 27b.

2. Play Cricket Player Registration Clean-Up
Despite the significant work done by Stephen Charlton in supplying clubs with the necessary data there was still little progress with very few clubs having actioned the clean-up.
Resolved: With the season now ended those clubs who have not actioned this relatively minor task be asked via the minutes to do so as soon as possible.

3. Shildon
A comprehensive reply had been received from Shildon in response to the negative comments from an umpire regarding club and ground conditions.
Resolved: The club thanked for their response. It was decided that a new ground grading assessment would be undertaken prior to the start of the 2019 season to assist the club.

4. NYSO CEO position.
Two enquiries have been received regarding this potential future position within the League structure. Once a job description had been completed this would be passed to the applicants.

5. Promotional Ground Gradings
Had been conducted at Newton Aycliffe by (SB) and (DSO), and at Whitby by (CWW), (ABB) and (SS). Both had been confirmed as meeting the minimum grading assessment for promotion from their respective divisions although in the event neither had finished in a promotion position.

REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY

2019 Season Dates

The dates of the 2019 season were confirmed as:

Saturday divisions - 20th April to 7th September

Sunday divisions - 21st April to 15th September 2019.

Those clubs hopeful of qualifying for the Yorkshire Premier League Championship play-offs should note these would be played on the 14th and 21st September.

REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY

Summary result not on Play-Cricket within 24 hrs (£10 each except where stated)

18/8 D3 Shildon Railway
26/8 Sun ConfSth Marske / Guisborough

This was a fixture that had swapped venue for numerous reasons, but neither side had entered a result by 13th September.

Resolved – Fined £5 each.

27/8 D2 Stokesley
9/9 SunConfSth Saltburn
9/9 SunConfNth Yarm

Full Card not on Play-Cricket with 3 working days (£10 each)

27/8 D3 Yarm
1/9 D3 Seaton Carew
9/9 SunConfSth Saltburn
16/9 SunConfSth Marske

Concessions

18/8	D1	Darlington RA	£100
19/8	SunConfSth	Stokesley	£25
1/9	D2	Stokesley	£50
2/9	SunConfSth	Great Ayton	£25
2/9	SunConfNth	Norton	£25
8/9	D3	Blackhall	£50
8/9	D2	Barnard Castle	£50
9/9	SunConfSth	Guisborough	£25

Umpires report no scorer provided (£20 each)

1/9	D2	Maltby
12/8	SunConfNth	Yarm
30/6	D3	Norton
3/6	SunConfNth	Yarm

Whitby v Darlington RA, Division 1, 18th August

Darlington RA conceded the above fixture, stating that they had too many players missing on a stag weekend to be able to raise a side.

It was noted that West Park RA had fulfilled their fixture in the Darlington & District League that day, using 10 players who were NYSD-registered at the time. Darlington RA were asked for an explanation, and one was provided.

Resolved: Whilst no further action other than the maximum fine and points deduction permissible under current rules was proposed, the committee expressed extreme disappointment and determined that points penalties relating to concessions in future seasons would be the subject of a full review with formal proposals to be made to the next AGM.

Whitby v Normanby Hall, Division 3, 25th August

Whitby fielded Lewis Brearley in this game. The player had previously made 15 Division 1 appearances for Whitby 1st XI, in excess of the allowance of 12. Whitby won the game by 8 wickets. Whitby admitted the error, and provided an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the offence.

The Match Play sub-committee had considered the matter and (in line with rule 37) awarded the game to Normanby Hall (25pts) and deducted Whitby all points earned in the game.

In view of the mitigation supplied by Whitby no fine was levied.

Resolved – The decision of the Match Play Committee be confirmed.

Summary of non-starting League games 2018

	Scheduled games	Games with no play (WEATHER)	Conceded	% cricket played
Premier	132	2	0	98.5%
Division 1	132	2	1	97.7%
Division 2	132	4	4	93.9%
Division 3	110	4	4	92.7%
Division 4	81	2	0	97.5%
Sunday Premier	56	7	1	85.7%
Sunday Conf N	56	4	1	91.1%
Sunday Conf S	56	6	8	75.0%
TOTALS	755	31	19	93.4%

Player Loan system

In total, 19 player loans were approved over the course of the season.

Electronic Scoring

As per the minutes of March and April, records have been kept over the season of clubs who have been responsible for entering full scorecards of adult League Games onto Play-Cricket by 11pm on the day of the game.

Of 705 League games that had play in 2018, a total of 605 (86%) had scorecards entered by 11pm.

The breakdown by league is

	Games with play	Card entered by 11pm	
Premier	130	119	91.5%
Division 1	129	123	95.3%
Division 2	124	115	92.7%
Division 3	102	63	61.8%
Division 4	79	66	83.5%
Sunday Premier	48	46	95.8%
Sunday Conf N	51	44	86.3%
Sunday Conf S	42	29	69.0%
Totals	705	605	85.8%

The breakdown by club is

Club	League Games with Play	Full Cards entered by 11pm	% of games entered
Blackhall	51	42	82.35
Newton Aycliffe	39	28	71.79
Rockcliffe Park	52	36	69.23
Richmondshire	55	38	69.09
Whitby	47	32	68.09
Marske	49	31	63.27
Sedgefield	39	24	61.54
Normanby Hall	53	31	58.49
Barnard Castle	53	30	56.60
Maraton	53	29	54.72
Redcar	33	17	51.52
Maltby	53	27	50.94
Bedale	38	18	47.37
Darlington	57	26	45.61
Wolviston	53	24	45.28
Middlesbrough	56	25	44.64
Norton	53	23	43.40
Hartlepool	55	22	40.00
Billingham	53	19	35.85
Thornaby	52	15	28.85
Seaton Carew	53	14	26.42
Guisborough	31	8	25.81
Darlington RA	32	8	25.00

Stokesley		52		11		21.15
Yarm		33		6		18.18
Bishop Auckland		39		6		15.38
Saltburn		50		7		14.00
Great Ayton		53		7		13.21
Northallerton		36		1		2.78
Shildon Railway		20		0		0.00
Preston		17		0		0.00

Scoring incentive awards as detailed in the March minutes confirmed as follows: Blackhall £500, Newton Aycliffe £250, Rockcliffe Park £150, Richmondshire £100

Kerridge Cup Final

The Kerridge Cup Final was played at Northallerton CC at the third time of asking as a result of the poor weather abandoning the previous two attempts to play the final at Marske and Marton.

Resolved: The president asked for thanks to be recorded to all three clubs for their excellent hospitality.

Teesside University NYSD Fifteens Finals Day

The finals day was affected by the poor weather conditions, although all four finals had been successfully completed. Redcar had organised the day exceptionally well. In view of the weather restricting attendances the club had not enjoyed as profitable a day as might have been hoped for so a decision had been made to make an ex-gratia payment of £250 to the club.

Resolved: Payment ratified and a vote of thanks was recorded to host club Redcar.

National Club Championship

The meeting asked for congratulations to be recorded for Richmondshire on reaching the national club final which would be played at the Brightside County ground in Bristol on Sunday the 23rd September.

Yorkshire Premier Leagues Championship

Great Ayton had defeated Bradford League champions Pudsey St Lawrence in the semi-final at Scarborough and would now meet Wakefield Thornes in the final at Headingley on the 22nd September.

Vitality Blast County U19 Final

Richmondshire's u19 team had lost to Sacriston in the county final held at the Emirates Riverside on Monday the 17th September, losing from the penultimate ball.

REPORT FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

Photography at games

A letter was received from a parent who was at the Stokesley v Thornaby 3rd X1 game who had been asked to stop taking photographs at the ground by the standing umpires. He wrote asking for clarification as he said he always takes photographs for a video diary he completes for his son's cricket season.

The League Welfare Officer had been contacted and provided the following guidance which was conveyed to the parent:

If an individual is attending a cricket match, including ones involving junior age players, for the very purpose of taking photographic images, it is not unreasonable in these circumstances to expect that individual to make themselves and their intentions known to the home club, and likewise for the home club to advise both umpires and the opposition captain. In essence, if the intentions of the would-be photographer are clear, open and transparent then it is unlikely that their intended activities are for purposes that might otherwise compromise or exploit the welfare of children.

Obviously, at both League and Club level there are legitimate purposes for taking and using photographs; but, in the interests of promoting greater transparency, the onus should first be on the photographer to let it be known that they are engaging in such activities, second, on the umpires and captains to challenge any individual who is clearly taking photographs without making themselves and their intentions known, and third, for them to be asked to stop photographing a particular game where the captains and umpires are not satisfied as to the reasons given for doing so.

The League is not in a position to grant individual permissions for non-commercial use as it could not properly monitor or control these, and therefore the responsibilities for obtaining permissions are as outlined.

Paid Employee

An application from Guisborough was received and sanctioned for Colin Murray to be registered as a paid coach although the Club were reminded that such applications have to be made annually.

Online DBS Service

The Yorkshire Cricket Board had forwarded instructions regarding the use of the online system and these will be sent to all clubs

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer was not present but had forwarded his report which indicated a balance of £46,162.83. Contingent liabilities stood at £900 representing the voucher prizes for the NYSD Fifteens finalists.

There were significant payments due to be made from the account, including honoraria, club incentives, photography, and trophies.

The president proposed that the champion club in each division (11 in all) should receive a payment of £100 instead of medals as had been the case for the first time in 2017.

Resolved: Proposal confirmed.

HONORARIA

As required by rule 11 honoraria were reviewed by the committee and it was proposed they remain the same and as follows:

General Secretary: £800, Treasurer: £500, Fixtures Secretary: £500, Results Secretary: £500
Umpires Coordinator: £750

Resolved: Motion agreed

GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were grant applications received from 6 clubs for coaching course fees.

Resolved: £1,000 would be allocated out of League funds with the 6 clubs to receive grants on a proportional basis against gross cost as follows:

Richmondshire £250, Whitby £70, Billingham £70, Sedgefield £140, Newton Aycliffe £70 and Saltburn £356.

Rockcliffe Park submitted a grant claim for a club member serving on the NYSD umpires panel in accordance with the minimum requirements of the club incentive scheme.

Resolved: Grant of £100 made

UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Umpire numbers

Managed to cover all but 1 game (Bedale v Maltby in Division 4) with at least one umpire on Saturday 1st September.

Final figures for the season:

- Average available numbers on Saturday in season = 45 (49 in 2017)
- 157 single manned Saturday games in season (67 in 2017) – an average of 7 per week
- But for resignations/concessions/cancellations single-manned would have been 223
- Starting to see pressure on Sunday numbers with a few single-manned games

Recruitment is vital is we are not to see a worsening of these figures in 2019.

The president proposed a working party be established to consider how the problems of falling umpire numbers might best be addressed over the close-season.

Resolved: Sub-committee to be established served by current LMC members who are umpires and also the LUSC.

Training Courses

TRAINING COURSES FOR NEW UMPIRES ALREADY BOOKED AND AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION ON THE ECB ACO WEBSITE. COURSES WILL BE HELD AT STOCKTON CC

STAGE 1 – MONDAY 7 JANUARY to MONDAY 28 JANUARY – 7PM to 9PM

STAGE 2 – MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY to MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY – 7PM to 9PM

STAGE 3 COURSE FOR EXISTING UMPIRES BEING RUN AT RIVERSIDE ON 17th and 18th NOVEMBER – 9 NYSD UMPIRES REGISTERED

Late Captains Report

All captain's reports now received – but 77 were completed outside of the deadlines and attracted fines of £10 each.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Cautions (level 1) recorded since the previous minutes:

C Stonebank Blackhall Caution confirmed

This was the second caution received by this player and as such an automatic two week suspension would apply, this to be served at the beginning of the 2019 season with the dates being confirmed by the LMC once the fixtures for the season have been issued.

C Drinkel Marske Caution accepted

This was the second caution received by this player and as such an automatic two week suspension would apply, this to be served at the beginning of the 2019 season with the dates to be confirmed by the LMC once the fixtures for the season have been issued.

As Marske had now had two players suspended they would be deducted 20 points in the 2018 league tables, being 10 points from the Premier Division side and 10 points from the Sunday League side, this in accordance with League Disciplinary rule 7.8

Hartlepool

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires Vic Bowmer and Tom Briddock relating to the behaviour of Jake Richardson during the Division 2 game against Bedale on the 18th August.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Hartlepool had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended for 14 days from 21st August to the 4th September inclusive.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Great Ayton

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires Babir Noor and Kevin Moss relating to the behaviour of Stephen Pennock during the Premier League game against Richmondshire on the 25th August.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Great Ayton had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action and had responded by confirming the player had been suspended for 2 weeks, this to be served at the beginning of the 2019 season with the dates being confirmed by the LMC once the fixtures for the season have been issued.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Great Ayton

A formal complaint was lodged with the League by an umpire relating to actions taken by D Pennock following the game against Richmondshire on the 25th August when he contacted one of the umpires in an inappropriate manner. This approach was deemed unacceptable and constituted a clear breach of the Code of Conduct which applies to officials as well as players. As a club official was involved the Club was asked to conduct its own investigations and confirm any actions subsequently taken.

The Club subsequently confirmed the internal sanctions they had applied.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

Seaton Carew

A misconduct report had been submitted by umpires Frank Smith and Shaun McEvoy relating to the behaviour of P Braithwaite, S Lobb and D Braithwaite during the NYSD Fifteens final against Richmondshire on the 26th August. The DRC considered that no action should be taken against D Braithwaite.

In accordance with procedures laid down in League rules, Seaton Carew had been asked to consider taking their own disciplinary action against P Braithwaite and S Lobb and had responded by confirming the players had been suspended for a period of 14 days and 28 days respectively. P Braithwaite 6th September to 12th September + 7 days at beginning of 2019 season, and S Lobb 6th September to 12th September + 21 days at beginning of 2019 season, the dates of the 2019 element of the suspensions to be confirmed by the LMC once the fixtures for the season have been issued.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

As Seaton Carew had now had three player suspensions they would be deducted 30 points from the Premier Division side in the 2018 league tables, this in accordance with League Disciplinary rule 7.8

Seaton Carew

A formal complaint was lodged with the League relating to the behaviour of A Braithwaite following the game against Richmondshire on the 26th August.

This behaviour was deemed unacceptable and constituted a clear breach of the Code of Conduct which applies to officials as well as players. As a club official was involved the Club was asked to conduct its own investigations and confirm any actions subsequently taken.

The Club subsequently confirmed the internal sanctions they had applied.

The DRC confirmed acceptance of these actions.

The committee expressed extreme disappointment that three club officials had now been reported for inappropriate behaviour in the last couple of months. Club officials are supposed to set the best of examples to their players, and all officials and club members are reminded that they are fully bound by the Code of Conduct.

LEAGUE STRUCTURE 2019

At the moment the League structure for 2019 looks like this:

Premier League – 12 teams

Division 1 – 12 teams

Division 2 – 12 teams

Division 3 – 12 teams

Division 4 – 8 teams

Sedgefield were re-applying to enter the Sunday Division and would have LMC support for this.

The number of concessions continues to give concern so clubs would be contacted in early October asking them to give serious consideration to the number of teams they can confidently be sure of turning out each week.

NUNTHORPE

In trying to arrange the scheduled visit to Nunthorpe as previously agreed ahead of the 2018 AGM contact had eventually been made with their secretary who identified a number of problems they had experienced in the last 12 months. The view from the club was that they would wish to defer their entry to the League until 2020.

Resolved: Entry to the League deferred, but further meetings would be arranged to ensure entry criteria would still be met in future years.

STOCKTON

Stockton had made a formal approach to re-join the NYSD in 2020. Appropriate permissions to commence negotiations with the club have been obtained from the NEPL.

Resolved: Meeting with the Club to be arranged (now 1st October) to discuss the application in more detail.

2018 AGM

The date of the AGM was confirmed as Monday 26th November. The venue would be Billingham Synthonia CC – Junior AGM at 7.10pm, Senior AGM at 7.30pm.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE ACCREDITATION

The annual returns are required by the end of October and will be supplied to the ECB. These statistics include: Pitch marks; Umpires Marks; Captains Marks; Plan update.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND CHAMPIONSHIP

CWW and DSO had attended the August meeting of the Board. Minutes had been distributed. The next meeting was on the 15th November at Darrington.

NEYACC

No further progress on the proposed future direction of the NEYACC.

NYACC JUNIOR LEAGUE

The president had been invited and attended an early September meeting of the NYACC committee to advise of the ECB's future plans for junior cricket and the growing pressure regarding ECB Premier League's taking a more direct role in junior cricket in their region.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

The U17's reached the final of the Joe Lumb Trophy losing to Barnsley. The team played well despite missing some key players, and they were awarded the Halifax Shield for finishing in the top two of the top division in u17 cricket in Yorkshire, and contesting the final.

Resolved: Congratulations to be noted in the minutes for Paul Leadbitter and his squad.

PRESENTATION EVENING

The subject of tickets was discussed. These had not been issued at the pre-season meeting as the speakers had not been confirmed at that point. It was questioned whether tickets were strictly necessary as they were never taken on the night itself.

Resolved: There would be no print of tickets this year, but posters would be sent to clubs in early October to enable them to promote the event. The usual detailed instructions would be issued at the same time.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Clubs are reminded that this is a very valued part of the presentation evening. The committee was aware that there had been a number of high profile NYSD people who had passed away between November 2017 and the current date.

Clubs are urged to send details to the president as follows:

Full name of the individual, plus the time span in years of his/her life.

A photograph.

LEAGUE AVERAGES AND AWARDS

The usual instructions for submission of details relating to players of the year nominations, average amendments, and junior averages would be issued to clubs shortly. The criteria were reviewed and confirmed.

Resolved: Deadline for return of information – 30th September

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

There will be a combined August and September Performance of the Month award. The nominations were finalised on the day of the LMC meeting for voting and the results will be publicised on the League website as usual once all the votes are in.

TEA AWARDS

Following the withdrawal of the sponsor it was decided that the tea awards would not be continued this season.

OSCAS

The NYSD has been nominated for a National award at the ceremony to be held at Lords on 9th October. CWW and SS will attend the awards to represent the League.

CRICKET BALLS

Contact had been made by Readers regarding the supplying of cricket balls to the League. The committee decided they would wish to remain with Dukes providing decent terms can be negotiated for 2019. Dukes have not been in touch regarding a review of terms as yet.

RULES REVIEW AND PROCESS

Clubs will be sent out a questionnaire/survey in early October asking for simple yes/no feedback on various rules where issues have been raised with committee members during the 2018 season. The completed forms will then inform the LMC in terms of rule proposals to go to the AGM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

