

Darlington Building Society
North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League
Minutes of Management Meeting held at Marton CC
on Wednesday 7th November 2018

PRESENT

President C W West (CWW), General Secretary S Storey (SS), Treasurer D Stanwix (DS), Fixtures Secretary N Hutchinson, Results Secretary G Smith (GS), Umpires Co-Ordinator D S Oliver (DSO), Committee Members AB Bainbridge (ABB), J Crowther (JC), S Gill (SG), S Donlan (SD), M Christon (MC), M Jobling (MJ), and T Briddock (TB).

APOLOGIES

Received from 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 19th September 2018 were approved to be signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

OSCA's

The president received a ECB National Award for services to Leagues and Boards in the OSCA ceremony held at Lord's on 9th October. CWW and SS had attended on behalf of the League.

Rules Review and Process

This had been completed with proposals to the AGM formulated and distributed based on the responses received. All clubs had been provided with details of the outcomes of the review along with their AGM papers.

Performance of the Month

The results of the August/September POM deliberations were – Senior: Matthew Connolly, Marton. Junior: Siraj Khan, Middlesbrough.

PRESIDENT

Stockton

Meeting held with club on the 1st October and it was agreed that a consultation document would be sent to all clubs regarding the likely support of their application and the level of their possible entry to the League in 2020.

The results of that survey were positive in that there was unanimous support for their return to the NYSD, with the majority indicating they would wish to see the first team's entry at Division 2 level. This had been conveyed to the club who had subsequently confirmed their agreement to proceed with a proposal to the AGM on that basis.

Subsequent to that an approach had been received from Stockton enquiring as to whether a return in 2019 was possible rather than 2020. In accordance with the code of conduct between leagues the Club had been advised this could only be considered subject to NEPL approval. The NEPL had been in contact with the president and a mutual understanding had been reached that both leagues would work together with the interests of the Club in mind.

Resolved: All member clubs to be contacted to ascertain their support or otherwise to a return in 2019 rather than 2020. The NEPL to be advised of the outcome and, if they support, and our member clubs support, the proposal to the AGM would be amended accordingly.

Nunthorpe

The president advised the meeting that Nunthorpe had not responded to recent correspondence regarding meeting with them again to ascertain their current position.

Resolved: In view of the lack of response their application to be lapsed under advice to them. If they wish to proceed with a further application then the process must start again.

Richmondshire

Richmondshire had defeated Stanmore (Middlesex) in the National Club Championship final played at the County Ground, Bristol on the 23rd September. The president had attended the game on the League's behalf.

The LMC had agreed to purchase a special award to present to the Club commemorating their outstanding achievement, and this took the form of some special mounted glassware which was presented to the Club by the president at their recent presentation dinner at the Club.

Correspondence had been received from the Club thanking the committee for the much appreciated gesture.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The position of CEO had been created at the last AGM but had not yet been filled. Following the announcement of Geoff Cook's retirement from Durham the LMC had unanimously agreed the president's suggestion that he be approached about the position.

Following a meeting with CWW on the 17th October Geoff had subsequently accepted the offer to become the Chief Executive Officer of the League.

Resolved: Appointment ratified and confirmed as allowed and agreed by the Clubs at the last AGM. Position to become fully operative from the date of the next AGM.

REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY

Fixture Request Returns

All returns in except from Stokesley. The Club to be contacted immediately.

A decision is awaited from Saltburn regarding their possible entry to the Macmillan and Kerridge competitions.

League Structure

Division 2 would have 13 teams (24 fixtures) and Division 4 10 teams if Stockton's application was accepted. This would require some flexibility in respect of fixture planning . This would be discussed with clubs at the AGM.

REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY

Nothing to report.

REPORT FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

Transfers

Nazam Mushtaque - Maltby to Billingham Synthonia

Gian-Piero Meade - Horden to Billingham Synthonia

Overseas Amateur Registration

Gian-Piero Meade – Billingham Synthonia

REPORT FROM TREASURER

Draft Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 31st October 2018 had been finalised with copies supplied to the meeting.

The accounts showed a balance of £35,430 with a surplus for the year of £6,622. It was pointed out this was not a true indication because of the change of sponsor payment procedures during 2018 which had the effect of inflating the surplus by around £3,000.

The final accounts would be completed once the Auditor had completed his work. Copies of the draft accounts will be forwarded to all clubs prior to the AGM.

VAT

MC raised the issue of possible VAT registration given the turnover levels the organisation had now reached, this would enable any VAT charged to the League to be reclaimed.

DS pointed out this would also mean having to charge VAT on such things as subscriptions, and increase the workload considerably, thereby cancelling out any benefits from registration.

As the statutory registration threshold had not been reached the meeting decided that it would not be appropriate to register at this point in time.

Membership Subscriptions

MC drew the meeting's attention to the fact that NYSD membership subscriptions appeared to be considerably less than other ECB Premier Leagues, and they had not changed for over 20 years. He also pointed out that it was now costing a lot of clubs more to register with their County Board than to be a member of the League which seemed to be disproportionate given the huge workload done on behalf of the clubs by the League.

The president pointed out that he was proud of the fact that subscriptions had not increased under his tenure, but did agree it was probably the time to revisit this topic. The meeting agreed that this was an area that required further consideration, possibly incorporating such things as handbook purchase into one overall subscription rate.

Resolved: To review this over the next 12 months with possible proposals to go to the 2019 AGM.

REPORT FROM UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR

Training Courses

The following are also detailed on the League website:

Stage 1 course starts at Stockton CC on 7th January and will run for 4 weeks.

Stage 2 course starts at Stockton CC on the 14th February and will run for 4 weeks.

A Stage 3 course has been set for the 23rd and 24th February.

Umpire Recruitment

Discussions have taken place with Teesside University to try and generate interest for new umpires and DSO and SS have offered to run an introduction to Umpiring course at the University if there is any interest.

Umpire numbers remain a serious issue and there may be a requirement for clubs to provide club umpires going forward. There is a heavy demand on single manning games in the lower divisions. Strategies to counter this are currently being discussed by the sub-committee established for this purpose.

NYSD FIFTEENS

2019 Finals Day

Applications from clubs to host the 2019 Fifteens Finals day are now invited. Please write to the president and copy the general secretary in.

Super Sundays/Mondays

Those clubs identified as possible hosts for these days in 2019 will be contacted directly by the League to ascertain their willingness to host such days.

100-ball cricket

Most will be aware of the debate currently surrounding the ECB's proposed new 'Hundred' competition. The president had recently been present at a meeting which ECB CEO Tom Harrison also attended and it seems certain the competition will go ahead in some form from 2020.

With this in mind there had been encouragement for the NYSD to run a similar style of competition in 2019 if they wished to do so.

The committee were of the view that this represented an outstanding opportunity for the NYSD to once again be at the forefront of initiatives and it was felt that the Fifteens competitions would represent an ideal vehicle to trial this – it would take little adjustment to amend from the current 90-ball format to 100-ball format and this could have the potential to re-energise the Fifteens and appeal to participants.

Resolved: More details of potential format to be obtained, and after final sign-off by the LMC clubs to be contacted with details and asked to prepare to debate at the AGM.

DISCIPLINE

Great Ayton

The issues that had arisen following the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Championship Final at Headingley on the 22nd September were discussed in detail with the committee brought fully up to date.

It was recognised that an early conclusion would be beneficial to all but that due process must be observed and therefore, in accordance with standard practice on all League disciplinary matters which carry confidentiality requirements under the Code of Conduct, it would be inappropriate to comment further until those processes have been completed.

2018 AGM

All clubs should have now received the necessary paperwork for the AGM to be held at Billingham on the 26th November. **Clubs are reminded that the Junior AGM is at 7pm, and the senior AGM is at 7.30pm.**

2018 PRESENTATION EVENING

The president confirmed that plans for the evening were now well advanced with clubs in possession of all the necessary information.

ECB PREMIER LEAGUE ACCREDITATION

Returns and PRPF

The end of season returns had been completed and submitted to the ECB well within the required deadline. The ECB had confirmed receipt and had advised that the returns would be reviewed on the 14th November with leagues advised shortly afterwards of their award. PRFP should be paid by the end of November at the latest.

Clubmark

The ECB had issued the following request: Please can you remind your Premier Division clubs that they need to have uploaded all their documentation onto the Clubmark portal by **midnight on 31 October** to ensure that they will be entitled to play in your Premier Division in 2019 season.

Both the Durham CB and Yorkshire CB had confirmed that all NYSD Premier clubs were now current with their status, however a couple had sailed very close to the wind in terms of completing their re-accreditation on time.

Resolved: Clubs to be reminded via the minutes that they cannot compete in the Premier Division if they do not have a current Clubmark accreditation. Any club finishing in a Division 1 promotion position will not be promoted if they do not have Clubmark.

CPA/MOU

All four Yorkshire Premier leagues would meet with the ECB at Headingley on the 23rd November to discuss this year's outcomes, next year's plans and the CPA to be effective from 2020. CWW, DSO and Geoff Cook to attend on the NYSD's behalf.

YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The next meeting is on the 15th November. CWW and DSO to attend.

SPONSORS

The DBS have welcomed the appointment of Geoff Cook as Chief Executive of the League and are in discussions to agree a date in December for the usual end of season review.

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

The MCC have advised of a date in June when they wish the annual fixture with the NYSD to be played. This is not a suitable date as it clashes with a Premier programme. Correspondence will be opened with them to amend.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Bill Athey has confirmed his attendance at the presentation evening.

COACHING COURSES

Level 2 Coaching courses are available in January 2019. MJ confirmed all clubs had been advised of the availability of the courses which are also detailed on the YCB website.

SAFEGUARDING

Safe Hands/Safeguarding

There seems to be confusion amongst some clubs in respect of the fact that Safe Hands and Safeguarding are separate courses – not one and the same as some seem to think.

Clubs are to be contacted soon for the annual information on their CWO status and they should check now to ensure that they are compliant. The last return indicated 10 clubs whose CWO had Safe Hands and Safeguarding courses listed as taken on the same date.

Clubs should contact the League immediately if a Safe Hands course is required for their CWO as the League are trying to arrange one early in the New Year in this region.

DBS

It has been brought to the League's attention by County Boards that some clubs appear not to know who within their club requires DBS clearance. The roles in cricket that require ECB vetting are:

- Welfare Officer (Club, League, County)
- Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Coach (volunteer or paid, assistant or lead)
- Umpire
- Scorer
- Colt/Junior Manager
- Age Group Manager
- Open-Age Team Captain
- Junior Supervisor
- First Aider/Physiotherapist/Medical Support

As clubs will know there is now a DBS online update service available, check your County Board websites for further details.

GDPR

The president pointed out that the League needed to progress their Privacy Policy statements under the new GDPR regulations. SS is the GDPR officer and he was provided with a comprehensive PP statement which would be suitable for the League's use subject to certain changes being made to reflect the League's requirements.

AOB

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGM – 26th November 2018

