

**Darlington Building Society**

**North Yorkshire & South Durham ECB Premier Cricket League**

**Minutes of Management Meeting held at Marton Cricket Club**

**on Wednesday 23rd January 2019**

**PRESENT**

President C W West (CWW), Chief Executive G Cook (GC), 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 T Briddock (TB), S Brenkley (SB), P. Leadbitter, J Crowther (JC), S Gill (SG) and M Jobling (MJ)...(13).

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from M Christon (MC) and S Donlan (SD).

**WELCOME**

The president welcomed Mr Geoff Cook and Mr Paul Leadbitter to the LMC on the occasion of their first NYSD executive meeting.

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

**MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**2018 AGM**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM will be distributed to clubs along with the minutes of this meeting. From the AGM there are rule changes that need drafting for the handbook, these being in respect of the Duckworth Lewis process in the Premier League, the Ray Bell 100 and the Junior League where games can be rearranged within a 5 day period of the scheduled Monday with both teams agreement. If no agreement reached then the original date will be used. (GS), (DSO), and (SS) to provide D/L wording, and (NH) to consider with (GS) the Ray Bell regulations – details to be provided to the president by mid-February for inclusion in the 2019 handbook.

**REPORT FROM GENERAL SECRETARY**

There has been an approach from Steve Ward who is on the Executive Committee of the League Cricket Conference who will be able to provide some training for scorers in respect of Duckworth Lewis. Potential dates and venues to be looked into.

**COMPOSITION OF SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2019**

The committee undertook the annual review of the make-up of the various League sub-committees and official with the following confirmed unanimously:

**Discipline Review Committee** – C W West (Chairman), D S Oliver, S Donlan, M Jobling and S C Storey. **Disciplinary Committee** – C W West (Chairman), T Briddock, D S Oliver, D Stanwix, P Leadbitter and General Secretary S C Storey (minutes). **Disciplinary Appeal Committee** – G Smith (Chairman), M Christon, S Donlan, J Crowther and General Secretary S C Storey (minutes). **Facilities Committee** – C W West, G Cook, D S Oliver, S Brenkley and S C Storey. **League Umpires Sub Committee** – M Kirkbright (Chairman), D S Oliver and E Woolnough. **Hall of Fame Committee** – G Smith (Chairman), T Briddock, S Brenkley

**Website Administrator and League Historian** – S Charlton  
**Press and Media Officer** – C W West  
**Cricket Balls** – N Hutchinson  
**GDPR** – S.C Storey  
**League Welfare Officer** – M. Jobling  
**League Team Manager (Senior)** – G Cook  
**League Team Manager (U17)** – P Leadbitter  
**Yorkshire Premier Leagues Management Board** – C W West, D S Oliver  
**Women and Girls** – M Jobling  
**Junior Development** – G Cook

### **REPORT FROM FIXTURES SECRETARY**

The fixtures are now available on the League website and are on Play Cricket. They may be subject to minor changes but the date set for clubs to request changes has now passed.

It had been difficult to find the requisite number of host clubs for the Division One 'Hundred' group games which had been initially pencilled in for the second Bank Holiday Monday. A decision had therefore been taken by the president and fixtures secretary to move the games to evening matches on the original reserve dates, with new reserve dates set in case the first games are abandoned. The results will still be fed into a composite Division One Hundred league table with the top 8 sides qualifying for the quarter-finals as normal.

### **KERRIDGE CUP FINAL AND HUNDRED FINALS VENUES**

Hartlepool have been confirmed as the venue for the 2019 Kerridge Cup Final on the 4<sup>th</sup> August (unless their side reach the final).

Two clubs had lodged an expression of interest in hosting the 100 finals day and it was unanimously agreed that Saltburn would be the finals day hosts in 2019.

### **REPORT FROM RESULTS SECRETARY**

The Admin Guide is being updated and will be distributed to clubs shortly.

It was reported there is an electronic scoring software update which can be found in the admin section of Play-Cricket sites.

### **PLAY CRICKET DATA CLEANSE**

There had recently been a play-cricket data cleanse release from the ECB linked to player registrations but this had been temporarily withdrawn due to a 'bug' in the system. It will be re-introduced shortly, but clubs are reminded that something similar was offered to them by the League in 2018 and not all clubs took advantage.

It is a requirement of ECBPL accreditation, and of GDPR, that clubs should ensure their player registration system is current. **Now would be the ideal time for clubs to fully update their registrations – if using the information provided by the League in the past it is a fairly quick job to undertake and process.**

### **REPORT FROM THE TREASURER**

Mr Stanwix reported a balance of £34,483.10.

Major bills paid since last meeting – trophies £1200, printers £580, technical services £2,000, £500 deposit for the 2019 dinner.

Presentation evening – projections indicate this will have just about broken even once all ticket payments are collected. There are still outstanding payments required from 5 clubs and they will be contacted.

Chris Allinson donation – a total of £850 was collected from attendees at the presentation evening, and the League have matched that figure with a total sum of £1715 paid to the family for the benefit of Chris' daughter.

### **SPONSORS**

#### **Darlington Building Society (DBS)**

A meeting was held with DBS on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 attended by the president, (GC) and (MC). It was a very positive meeting, with DBS confirming the renewal of the partnership for 2019, the final details of which will be confirmed shortly.

## **Teesside University (TU)**

Details of the new 'Hundred' competition and its origins have been provided to the University as they are our official current coloured clothing partners, and their response to the initiative was very positive. A partnership meeting has been arranged with them for Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> February at the University.

## **Seven Sportswear**

Andy Fothergill has confirmed that support for the Hundred competition will continue in the same format as previous years whereby clothing vouchers of total value £1800 are provided to the finalists.

## **REPORT FROM UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR**

### **Courses**

Stage 1 commenced 7 January which lasts 4 weeks with 12 participants. Stage 2 for a further 4 weeks follows immediately after. 11 of the participants have said they wish to take up some umpiring – not all on a Saturday afternoon but umpires are also required to cover Sunday games as numbers were getting tight in the second half of last season.

Of the 11 – 5 wish to do all games, 1 will do Sundays and midweeks, 4 want to do Sundays only (still playing or involved with Saturday clubs in other leagues) and 1 will do games depending on playing commitments which are yet to be decided. 1 umpire has moved from the DCL as he wished to umpire at a better standard.

There is a Stage 3 course on the weekend of 23 and 24 February at Feethams which is the next stage for already qualified umpires where there are 9 of our umpires registered

### **Course costs and League support**

It was proposed that:

All on Stage 1 and Stage 2 full refund of course fees on completion of a minimum 10 games at any level in the NYSD next season (£40 each participant x potentially 11)

Stage 3 is £30 and accreditation at Stage 3, if they choose to do it, is a further £90 (it is also possible to accredit at Stage 2) – 50% grant of total Stage 3 costs which equates to a payment of £60 per candidate.

**Resolved: Above grant amounts agreed.**

### **Umpire Numbers and Appointments**

Handbook - those who have not umpired or only done a few games last season and are unlikely to umpire in 2019 will be removed.

There has only been one definite retirement and there will be weekends where there will be significant shortages notwithstanding the new umpires mentioned.

Therefore the position with not appointing umpires to Division 4 as outlined in the paper issued to clubs before Christmas is a real possibility as response to that was almost non-existent from clubs. With an average of 45 umpires per fixture list being available in 2018 and losing 1 even with the 6 above that only comes up to average of 50 per week and there is a need for 58 nearly every Saturday with the extra club/teams.

Appointment process will start soon and the U/C proposed that Division 4 games will only get umpires appointed when there are sufficient numbers available.

**Resolved: Agreed appointments on that principle with a Club Umpire system to be considered in the short term for implementation and to cover those games where there are insufficient panel umpires available.**

### **Coloured Cup Tie Wear**

Agreed that new umpires would be provided with cup tie clothing on the same costing basis as previous seasons. DSO to progress this directly with Andy Fothergill.

### **Winter Training Seminar**

Either Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> March. Billingham Synthonia to be approached to see if they can provide the venue.

### **Umpires Match Report Form Amendments**

Various amendments to be considered and applied where appropriate by DSO and CWW

## **UMPIRE FEES AND EXPENSES 2019**

The annual review of expenses was debated within the LMC, with the recognition that given the umpiring numbers issues faced by all leagues it was imperative that rates at least matched those of peer leagues. With that in mind the following amendments were proposed and agreed unanimously:

Premier League £40

Divisions 1 and 2 £35

Divisions 3/4 and Sunday £28

Cup Cricket and Junior Cricket remain unchanged.

For single-manned games

Premier League £60

Divisions 1 and 2 £50

Divisions 3/4 and Sundays £45

Travelling expense mileage rate to be 40p per mile.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **MANAGED MIGRATION**

Amendments to the Home Office regulations were sent to clubs before Christmas and came into force in January 2019.

**The headline changes** are that the 'Professional Sportsperson' definition has been amended in particular with the introduction of time lapse provisions.

In brief, a person can revert to "amateur", if they have not:

- *Been registered to a Professional or Semi Professional team, including an academy and development age groups, within the last 4 years.*
- *Represented a Nation or National team, including all youth and development age groups from U17 upwards, within the last two years.*
- *Engaged an agent or representative with the aim of finding opportunities as a sportsperson, and/or developing a current or future career as a sportsperson, within the last 12 months.*
- *Received payment, including payment in kind for playing or coaching that is covering all, or the majority of their costs for travelling to, and living in the UK, or who has not done so within the last 4 years.*

A new 'visa matrix' was issued to all clubs by the League before Xmas – if any clubs want a fully updated copy of the matrix or the League's Q&A document they should contact the president direct.

### **ENGLISH QUALIFIED**

The ECB have amended the 'qualified to play for England' residential criteria from the beginning of 2019. Previously to qualify there had to have been a residential requirement of either 4 or 7 years depending on age at time of arrival in the UK. This has now been amended to a single time period of 3 years to bring it into line with ICC regulations. The League's regulations will be amended accordingly.

It should also be noted that the ECB have decreed that if a player meets the 3-year residential criteria then he would be classified as a category 1 player (previously category 3). If any club requires details of the residential terms to satisfy the new criteria they should contact the president direct.

### **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS – ENGLAND QUALIFIED**

Jack Newby – Middlesbrough.

Ryan Gibson – Marske.

Christopher Batchelor – Great Ayton.

### **OVERSEAS AMATEUR REGISTRATIONS**

Joshua Brown – Marton

Justin Laughlin – Rockcliffe Park

### **PLAYER TRANSFERS**

Joseph Padmore - Scarborough to Whitby

Simon Padmore - Scarborough to Whitby

Theo Smith - Scarborough to Whitby

Jack Newby - Norwich to Middlesbrough

Aaron Mitchell - Benfleet to Middlesbrough  
Hassan Raza - Stockton to Middlesbrough

Chris Matthews - Great Ayton to Guisborough  
Peter Stanwix - Shildon BR to Barnard Castle  
Owen Peddelty - Evenwood to Barnard Castle  
Dale Marshall - Richmondshire to Darlington RA  
Jamie Dass - Willington to Bishop Auckland  
Ian Grainger - Tudhoe to Bishop Auckland  
Ryan Gibson – Stamford Bridge to Marske

### **PAID EMPLOYEES**

Joshua Brown – Marton – Assistant groundsman

Guisborough had submitted a request relating to the employment of Mohammed Zahid as club coach and had provided details as required under rule 36a.

**Resolved: The application would be approved subject to certain conditions being confirmed and the submission of the appropriate paperwork.**

### **DISCIPLINE**

#### **Great Ayton**

The committee were brought fully up to date with the continuing issues that had arisen following the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Championship Final at Headingley on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Whilst the Club hearing had now been concluded the deadline for lodgement of an appeal had not yet passed further comment could not be made until those processes had been completed.

### **CRICKET BALLS**

It was reported that all club order forms had been sent to clubs with a closing date for orders of the 4<sup>th</sup> February. So far 10 clubs had responded.

**NB – clubs are reminded that pink balls are required in all cup ties, other than 'Hundred' games (which remain as orange). Further, those entered in the Kerridge need to bear in mind that 2 pinks are required in 40 over ties.**

### **PRE-SEASON MEETING OF CLUBS**

The University are to be approached to accommodate this annual meeting on either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> April. GS to progress.

### **PRESENTATION NIGHTS 2018 and 2019**

The 2018 presentation night has received excellent feedback.

The date is now confirmed for 2019 as Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Hardwick Hall Hotel.

A holding deposit of £500 has been paid.

Pete Emmett has been booked to return as MC.

Speakers are being scoped for the event.

### **ECB and COUNTY BOARDS**

CWW, GC and DSO attended an ECBPL meeting at Headingley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. The purpose of the meeting was:

- To agree the purpose of Premier Leagues under the future funding agreement (CPA)
- For Premier Leagues to provide feedback on work to be carried out in 2019 including PRFP
- For Premier Leagues to provide feedback on proposed funding mechanism for CPA

Debate covered a review of 2018, and scrutiny of Fair Play and Pitch Marking.

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PRFP Performance in 2018

PRFP in 2019

## **PRFP 2018 NYSD**

The president reported that the NYSD had once again achieved the maximum performance related payment from the ECB for their work in 2018 – a tremendous achievement set against the backdrop of achieving this feat in every year since accreditation, something that few, if any, other ECBPLs have achieved. He thanked the whole committee for their contributions to this achievement.

### **Whole of Game Presentation**

The president had attended the recent 'whole of game' presentation by the ECB in his role as County Board Chair. He felt the key points were important for the NYSD as an ECBPL who will be subject to the new County Partnership agreements covering 2020 to 2024.

The key points were:

Cricket Unleashed is now called 'Inspiring Generations' 2020 – 2024.

Under the strategy the 6 key priorities will be:

- Grow and nurture the core
- Inspire through elite teams
- Make cricket accessible
- Engage children and young people
- Transform women's and girls' cricket
- Support our communities

A lot of resource will be thrown behind the new Hundred competition.

### **NATIONAL CRICKET CONFERENCE/LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE**

The next meeting of the LCC will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February at Nantwich. The National Asian Cricket Council is now a full partner of the NCC.

### **YORKSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND CHAMPIONSHIP**

The next Yorkshire Premier League Management Board meeting is on 21st March 2019 at Dinnington

### **REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

#### **Senior Team**

The senior side will play Yorkshire Vikings at Middlesbrough on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The senior side will play MCC on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Barnard Castle.

Durham are to be approached to see if they would like another T20 game.

Geoff Cook has agreed to oversee the senior teams in 2019.

#### **Under 17**

Trials take place at Chester le Street on 28<sup>th</sup> January - so far 30 nominations have been received.

Confirmed fixtures:

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April v Durham Academy at Marton. 2 x T20. 1pm and 4pm starts.

Joe Lumb Trophy:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May away v Huddersfield League

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May away v Scarborough League

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June home v Barnsley League venue to be confirmed

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July home v Heavy Woollen League venue to be confirmed.

### **HANDBOOK 2019**

The annual work on updating the handbook will begin shortly. LMC members are requested to confirm any changes to their personal details.

Clubs will shortly be issued with the annual 'club information' form for completion and return.

## **HALL OF FAME**

In considering the annual induction to the Hall of Fame the president proposed that it would be fitting for Chris Allinson to be inducted at the 2019 Presentation Evening, with an invitation to be extended to his family.

**Resolved: Agreed unanimously.**

Clubs to be reminded re nominations for the Kerridge Cup Finals day nominations.

## **COACHING COURSES**

Level 2 coaching courses have been set for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January at Middlesbrough with 13 attendees now confirmed.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **League Welfare Officer**

Following Mike Lindsay's decision to step down from his role as League WO Mark Jobling had volunteered to be considered for this role, and his appointment was ratified by the meeting.

The president asked for thanks to be officially recorded in the minutes for Mr Lindsay's work during his time in the role.

MJ asked if there could be some link up with Teesside University for first aid course availability etc. This will be explored at the forthcoming meeting with the University.

### **Safe Hands Course**

A Safe Hands Course has been arranged by the League for 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (6.30pm). Venue - Marton CC.

Booking a place(s) should be done online. The booking link is live now: <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/66qj35>

**ALL CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THEIR REQUIREMENT FOR THIS COURSE AND BOOK IF NECESSARY – THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EXAMPLES WHERE THIS HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED IN THE PAST.**

## **GDPR**

The leagues draft Privacy Policy has been written and is currently under review prior to posting on the League Website. The League's forms are also currently being updated to include the appropriate privacy statements.

## **LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHER**

It was unanimously agreed that Mark Fletcher should continue as League Photographer. The president suggested that it might be useful for him to be listed in the handbook and this was approved by the meeting.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **North East Club Cricketer of the Year**

The president advised that these awards used to be run by his business in conjunction with the regional Sunday paper, but since his retirement they appeared to have lapsed. Geoff Cook was keen to resurrect these through the Durham CCC Youth Trust and it was agreed that the League would support that. Leagues and clubs in the region would be sent a request for nominations shortly in the categories of senior player of the year and emerging player of the year (under 19).

### **Scoreboards – Duckworth Lewis**

A query was raised relating to what scoreboards should show for those games where a DL revised target had been set. After some discussion it was agreed that the simplest process would be to amend the 'last innings' total on the board should a revised total be agreed – this would make things simpler for players and spectators alike.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 6th March 2019

**The dates of the LMC meetings for 2019 to be as follows:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October