



## ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

### Note of committee meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### Held at Phoenix Sports & Social Club, Rotherham

#### 1 Welcome & apologies

- *Present:* M.Beardshall, T.Bentham, M.Dixon, C.Froggett, R.Knowles, P.McFarlane, R.Pugh, R.Tong, S.Ward
- *Apologies:* M.Forrester, A.Harrison, K.Motley, M.Summerhill,
- RP welcomed all to the meeting, saying that a lot of work had been done in preparation for the new season and this would be covered in the agenda.

#### 2 Financial Report

- *Accounts.* The up-to-date accounts were distributed, showing an available balance of £2,340.17. PM explained that ECB monies were received in the last financial year from ECB, but paid to clubs in the current financial year.
- *Balls.* Steve said that he has a surplus of pink balls for the 2 cup competitions. It was agreed that he would ensure that extra spare balls are sent to the smaller grounds for the t20 competition.
- *Sponsorship.* No sponsorship money has so far been forthcoming from All Rounder in 2017. RP will email Chris Taylor to ask if there is a problem. The matter to be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
- *Emergency fund.* The issue of setting up an Emergency Fund was put on hold in view of the item at bullet 3 above.
- *Management Board finances.* RP reported that the Premier Leagues Management Board finances will be managed by this League for the foreseeable future, and an amendment to the League constitution was agreed reflect this.

#### 3 Secretary's Report

- *Scoring.* SW expressed concerns about the lack of suitably trained and motivated scorers at some clubs. Treeton and Wickersley are currently of particular concern.
- *Nat West u19s t20 competition.* There will be eight teams in the competition. The draw will be made when SW has confirmed with Richard Wilkinson the Area Finals dates.
- *Presentation dinner.* Steve confirmed the arrangements for the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at Shaw Lane on 27<sup>th</sup> October. John Barclay (Sussex CCC & MCC) is the guest speaker. SW and PM will liaise with the venue management.

#### **4 Disciplinary issues**

- *Incidents.* There had been only one incident so far, on the opening day of the season involving a Wakefield Thornes player. This was fully dealt with by the club.
- *2018 changes.* RP will convene a small working party to look how YSPL will deal with disciplinary reports from 2018 onwards. This will include umpires and players. Options to consider include use of red & yellow cards, which will be brought into the Laws of the Game, mandatory penalties, and points systems.

#### **5 Ground Issues**

- *Hallam.* Hallam will not receive ECB assistance towards the new pavilion this year, but the club are starting a number of initiatives aimed at raising the money themselves. MD and RK had both been involved in a game at the ground this season and thought that the current interim facilities were adequate. It was agreed that the situation would be kept under review.
- *Tickhill.* Adverse reports were received about the Tickhill pitch after a recent game, and RP forwarded these to their chairman. RP and CF reported that there had been no significant issues in the first game, against Wakefield Thornes. Future reports will be monitored.

#### **6 Rudgate Brewery Cup**

- Clarification of the Rules was sent out to all clubs prior to the first round games. These are as in the Royal London Trophy club KO, except for 12.30 start time, use of DLS and Pink Balls/Coloured Clothing.
- The situation around the Aston Hall v Sheffield & Phoenix United first round tie was discussed, and RP provided the full background to the decision to award Aston Hall a bye to the next round. There was a view that the incident reflects badly on the league but it was agreed that it was not appropriate to impose any sanction on the club, who had agreed to pay for the teas.
- RP agreed to write to clubs reminding them that competing in the YSPL t20 competition was mandatory, and that there may be sanctions taken against clubs who fail to do so.

#### **7 Other Business**

- *YSCL closer working.* SW spoke about the need for the YSPL and South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League to work more closely together. He will produce an agenda to put to YSCL and invite them to meet with YSPL representatives.
- *Teas.* It was agreed to remind clubs to cater adequately for non-meat eaters when providing teas.
- *Umpires' fees.* MB raised the issue of possibly paying umpires on a different basis, for example, monthly. RP agreed to raise with the Umpires Association.
- *2018 playing season.* Proposals from MS for dates for the 2018 playing season were agreed by subsequent correspondence
- *Play Cricket database.* SW agreed to have a look at the Play Cricket registration database, to assess whether there is any need for any cleaning activity
- *ECB National KO.* RP agreed to raise the issue of the late publication of dates for the ECB National KO at the Premier League Chairmen's meeting in July. This has caused clashes with our KO and t20 competitions.

#### **8 Next meeting.** The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.