



ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

Note of committee meeting – 19th July 2017

Held at Phoenix Sports & Social Club, Rotherham

1 Welcome & apologies

- *Present:* M.Beardshall, M.Dixon, M.Forrester, C.Froggett, A.Harrison, R.Knowles, P.McFarlane, R.Pugh, R.Tong, S.Ward
- *Apologies:* K.Motley, M.Summerhill
- RP welcomed all to the meeting, in particular MF who was attending his first meeting.

2 Sheffield & Phoenix United

- RP welcomed Michael Heseltine who attended to explain the circumstances around the club's late withdrawal from the t20 competition.
- MH said that the root causes were the late withdrawals of a number of players due to entirely understandable reasons, coupled with the unwillingness of second team players to fill in. Even on the previous evening, he had been confident that the game would go ahead. MH was embarrassed by what had happened, and in retrospect agreed that the game in the Barnsley & District League that day should also have been cancelled. He said that the merger had not worked as hoped for, and that there were issues that were currently being addressed in meetings between key parties in the club.
- In considering what action should be taken, the committee took into account that following the withdrawal from the Rudgate Brewery Cup, the club had given assurances that there would be no repeat in the t20 competition. It was agreed that action had to be taken, and after discussion a club ban of two years from all cup competitions, plus a £200 fine, was appropriate. It was also agreed that £100 of the fine should be paid to Tickhill as compensation.
- There were significant concerns expressed also about the shortcomings of administration within the club, which is not of the standard required at a Premier League club; it appears that if MH does not do something, it does not get done. RP to bring the specific concerns to MH's attention.

3 Captains' meeting

- A proposal from the Captains' meeting that four SYSCL clubs should be asked to join the Rudgate Brewery competition and alleviate the need for first round byes was discussed, along with observations from MS from the SYSCL and fixtures perspective. The majority view of the committee was that they were not in favour of the proposal as there are documented problems in raising teams on Bank Holiday Mondays, and there are a number of competing cup competitions. RP to discuss the Rudgate Cup with YPLN.
- After discussion, RP agreed to draft a rule to go to the AGM to provide for an exclusive viewing area for players and officials.
- The issue of the difficulties encountered by clubs and umpires in cases of potential cancellations was debated. RP & SW to look at the current rule and make proposals for improvement – ideas welcome!

4 Secretary's Report

- *Scoring.* SW reported that there had been further TCS glitches and but there was improvement last week. He said that he was on hand to assist clubs and that the best time to contact him was in the hour before start of play on a Saturday. RP said that whilst he was not entirely convinced that all clubs were doing everything in their power to ensure that they were on 'live scores', he had not taken any formal action due to the fact that genuine difficulties were still being experienced.
- *Nat West u19s t20 competition.* SW confirmed that there will be seven teams in the competition, and the teams were to be divided into two groups, to be played on Sunday 13th August, one at Abbeydale and the other at Thornes (CF to confirm). AH will confirm whether the finals day can be at Wickersley in late August.
- *Presentation dinner.* PM, RK & SW will form a sub-group to organise the dinner, as last year.

5 Ground issues

- Hallam – it was agreed to set up an end-of-season meeting with the club to discuss short and long term ground issues.
- Tickhill – the mid-season markings have averaged below the acceptable level of 13; RP to talk informally to the club.
- SYSCL grounds – the reports on Conisbrough, Wath and Whiston were discussed. It was agreed that Wath and Whiston met Premier League standards, but Conisbrough do not, mainly due to the lack of male toilet provision in the dressing room areas. RP to write to the clubs concerned.

6 Committee vacancy

- It was agreed that, following the resignation of Terry Bentham, the committee would continue to run one member short until the AGM. We will continue to try to recruit at least one more player representative for the committee.
- At the forthcoming liaison meeting with SYSCL, RP and SW will propose that each league nominates a representative to sit on an ex officio basis on the management committee of the other league.

7 Rudgate Brewery Final

- RP is liaising with Keith Haynes at Treeton about arrangements for the day. He will include programme, players area and marquee in discussions and will liaise with SYSCL colleagues about support they give to hosting teams. PM to arrange the trophies.

8 Under age overseas players

- This issue was discussed following a request from a member club who would like to bring across a second overseas player next season, an under-age amateur. This is not currently allowed in our playing conditions and the committee felt that it would not be right to make exceptions on an individual basis. However, CF spoke about the wider principle of 'overseas amateurs', which gained support, and he agreed to draft a proposal for the AGM.

9 Financial report

- *Accounts.* The up-to-date accounts were distributed, showing an available balance of £9,842.56. PM said that £7,000 ECB monies have been received, of which £6,000 is payable to the clubs, leaving a balance of £2,842 available.
- *Sponsorship.* Following contact made by RP, the 2017 sponsorship has now been paid by All Rounder in full.

10 Disciplinary issues

- *Incidents.* There have been three incidents since the last meeting:
 - An incident of equipment abuse by a Tickhill player was not dealt with by the club to the disciplinary committee's satisfaction; accordingly a hearing was arranged at which the player was banned for three weeks (two of these suspended).
 - An incident of dissent involving foul and abusive language by a Wakefield Thornes player was dealt with by the club and the player suspended for five matches (three of these suspended)
 - An incident of 'team dissent' by Wickersley players was reported by the umpires but insufficient detail was provided in respect of specific dissent by two players to enable the matter to be proceeded with. The Wickersley club issued a strong warning to all its players about dissent.
- *Working party.* The working party to make recommendations on our disciplinary processes from 2018 will meet on 9th August.

11 Hall of Fame

- Proposals were discussed and agreed for the introduction of a YSPL Hall of Fame, to recognise people who have made significant contributions to the league or its clubs. Six nominations for the first inductions have been made, and RP asked that if anyone felt that there was anyone else who was equally deserving to be included in the first tranche they should let him know. It is proposed that the first inductions will be made at the 2017 dinner. RP will draw up a document with proposals for clear criteria and procedure for approval by committee.

12 Other Business

- *U21game v MCC.* Nominations have been made by four clubs; SW to write out to the remainder asking for any nominations by the end of the week.

13 Next meeting. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th September.