

## Note of committee meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Held at the Toby Inn, Bessacar, Doncaster

### 1 Welcome & apologies

*Present:* M.Beardshall, C.Cobb, G.Davis, C.Froggett, A.Harrison, P.McFarlane, R.Pugh, M.Summerhill, S.Ward

*Apologies:* M.Dixon, M.Forrester, R.Knowles

### 2 Secretary's report

- SW said that the new PlayCricket Pro scoring system has been thoroughly tested and he felt that they had done a very good job. The system is to be used throughout clubs in YSPL this season; RP to advise David Ward. SW is meeting with all our scorers for familiarisation purposes, and there will be a scorers' day on 8 April in Doncaster.
- Eight teams have so far entered the u19s tournament and Andrew Tipple is canvassing for more. RP clarified that clubs may join forces to enter a team, or play players who are not registered with the club for Saturday cricket.

### 3 Treasurers report

- There is £6,794.52 in the bank, which includes an additional £1,000 Premier Leagues payment from ECB.
- RP said that he would be ordering polo shirts and cricket shirts for players selected to play in the YSPL u21/u23 teams.
- PM said that the balls are on order and will be available for distribution at the Pre-Season meeting
- There has been no adverse feedback about the standard of the balls; MB said that the red ones and the pink ones for the KO cup are good, and whilst those used in the t20 are not as good, they are adequate for purpose given the number that are lost.
- RP said that he had raised with All Rounder the issue of sponsorship from 2019; he has put a proposal to Chris Taylor and awaits to hear back. It was agreed that RP should seek a response in time to discuss the way forward at the May meeting.

### 4 ECB/YCB issues

- New data protection regulations – RP outlined the main points and said that he would emphasise the importance of the issue in his forthcoming letter to clubs, including a link for further information
- 2018 priority areas – RP provided some feedback from the recent ECB Premier Leagues meeting and outlined ECB's priority areas for the forthcoming season:
  - All Stars – YCB are leading this campaign, in which all Premier League clubs are expected to participate
  - 8-11-year olds – GD outlined the new guidelines

- Women's softball – RP said that there is a push from ECB for clubs to host tournaments, outlining the benefits for clubs in terms of increased participation and income; GD said that Amelia Beherns at YCB is the co-ordinator, all clubs need to do is to contact her and she will make the necessary arrangements
- Under 19s t20 – see above
- GD updated the committee about Clubmark; the Asian City Project, of which Sheffield will be a part in 2019; and the ECB Small Grants Scheme, from which £89k has been distributed, including to some of our clubs
- rewarding best-run clubs – RP said that ECB are looking at a formula that will take into account all the different aspects of good clubs (number of teams, administration, All Stars, juniors, womens' softball, u19s team, etc) and can be used to reward the best; GD agreed to take this away and come back with a proposal at the next meeting
- new laws – RP has arranged for Simon Widdup to present a short session at the pre-season meeting, highlighting the most important changes
- overseas players – new guidance is expected from ECB imminently, and RP will include a link in the letter to clubs; he will also emphasise the need for clubs to complete the League's form for all overseas players

## **5 Captains' & umpires' reports**

- RP reported that the PlayCricket reporting system is not as yet suitable for our purposes and that we will continue to use Who's the umpire; RP will ask clubs to nominate a person to complete the reports and receive notifications of umpire changes, along with a reserve contact.

## **6 Representative games**

- RP reported that he is talking to the other three Premier Leagues in the county in order to arrange u21/u23 games with them.

## **7 Handbook**

- The draft handbook was available for inspection at the meeting, and will go to print in w/c 2 April in order to be available at the pre-season meeting.

## **8 Pre-Season meeting**

- The meeting will take place at Whitley Hall on 18 April – 7.00pm start; the agenda will include All Rounder, best-run clubs, Clubmark, ECB matters, new laws, and reporting.

## **9 Other Business**

- Due to the recent inclement weather, work on grounds is significantly behind where it should be. It was agreed that on 6 April RP will contact the six clubs who would be at home on the first week of the season, to ascertain whether their grounds have a realistic chance of being fit in time. He will report back to the committee with a recommendation on whether all of the first round of games should be postponed; if this is done the games will be played on Sunday 19 August.
- Umpire recruitment – the League will support the ECB ACO recruitment campaign with a double-page spread in the handbook; website publicity; publicity materials for clubs; financial support for new umpires; and will advise clubs about the actions they should take to recruit umpires.

## **10 Next meeting**

- The meeting closed at 8.50. The next meeting will be the pre-season meeting for all clubs at Whitley Hall CC on 18 April (7.00pm) and the next committee meeting will be at the Toby Inn on Wednesday 16 May.