

ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

Captains' Meeting

Wednesday 4th July 2018 – Toby Inn, Bessacar, Doncaster – 7.00pm

Note of meeting

- 1 **Welcome & apologies.** Present – Aston Hall, Cleethorpes, Doncaster Town, Hallam, Sheffield Collegiate, Treeton, Wickersley Old Village, Ray Knowles (RK), Roger Pugh (RP) and Steve Ward (SW). Apologies were received from Wakefield Thornes, who had passed on feedback to RP.
- 2 **Saturday 8 July.** RP explained why he believed that games should go ahead as normal on Saturday. The majority were in agreement, but there were a couple of concerns that it might be difficult to cover late drop-outs as 2nd and 3rd team players would be wanting to watch the football. *RP to make a statement on the League website.*
- 3 **Playing conditions:**
 - **Second overseas player.** There was agreement that the League should continue to allow a second overseas (amateur) player.
 - **The 'hour's grace.'** Clubs are content that we continue to allow an hour before time is deducted in the event of poor ground, weather or light conditions. This may cause issues at the beginning or end of the season when it gets dark earlier, but overs may be reduced where the start is delayed.
 - **Wides.** At present we apply normal cricket law in judging wides on the off-side, but one-day rules for wides on the leg-side. It was suggested that we should also apply one-day rules to off-side wides, with 17" lines used to help umpires. *Proposed rule change to be discussed at Committee.*
 - **Fielding restrictions.** To encourage attacking play, it was proposed that there should be six fielders in the fielding circle for the first 15 overs. *Proposed rule change to be discussed at Committee.*
- 4 **Cup competitions:**
 - **ECB national competitions.** RP updated the meeting with his proposals to ECB to allow overseas players and a relaxation on county-contracted players in the National KO and t20 competitions, and reported that he had received a very positive reaction.
 - **Knock-Out cup.** RP reported that a precedent had been set, whereby if the ground of a home club was unavailable on the stipulated date and they were unable to provide an alternative date that was suitable to the other team, the home team would either have to find an alternative ground or concede ground advantage.
 - **t20 competition.** It was requested that the start time for the first game is put back to 10.30 to allow more time for travelling. *SW agreed to take forward.*

- 5 **Club of the Year award.** The principle was broadly supported with a request that some of the criteria were reworded to soften slightly, with more emphasis on efforts made to comply, and specifically, hosting junior and prestige games (prestige to be deleted) and number of youth teams run (minimum three). *RP to amend.*
- 6 **Hall of Fame.** RP said that following the success last year, he hoped to induct a further three or four people to the Hall of Fame at this year's dinner. He clarified that the basic criterion was service to clubs in membership of the league, not specifically to the YSPL and its predecessor. RP asked clubs to nominate people to SW or himself.
- 7 **Premier Leagues t20 tournament.** RP said that, following a suggestion by Alex Fletcher, the Premier Leagues Management Board had given a positive response to his proposal for an inter-Premier League t20 event at Scarborough, possibly as a festival curtain raiser. It was hoped that this would be included in the calendar from 2019.
- 8 **Pre-Season Abu Dhabi tournament.** RP said that clubs would shortly be sent a letter giving details of a pre-season t20 tournament in Abu Dhabi in 2019. This would be open to teams from the four Yorkshire Premier Leagues, whether on an individual club basis, clubs joining together, or league teams. The cost is likely to be in the region of £1,275pp to include seven days/six nights and five t20 games. Spectators are welcome. Places will be allocated strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis. RP said that if a club was not going to field a team, or join up with another club, any of their players who wanted to go could let him know, so that we can consider entering a League team.
- 9 **Umpires.** Feedback from club delegates:
- there are now some umpires who appear no longer up to umpiring in a PL, due to a loss of mobility and hearing
 - there is still inconsistency in quality of decision-making, in particular, on caught behind, LBW, and wide decisions
 - a suggestion that there is more 'working in pairs' or in small groups, so that umpires can build up better on-field understanding and communication with each other; there are some very good examples of this, but it is not consistent across the panel
 - the work that Simon Widdup is doing with the feedback is welcomed; captains no longer feel that they are wasting their time doing reports.
- 10 **Representative games.**
- **Selection.** It was suggested that we need to put in place a more formalised selection committee of three people and a system for clubs to nominate three players each (the majority felt that these should be from clubs other than their own). *RP to discuss taking these forward with Mark Beardshall, the YSPL Representative Team Manager.*
 - **Under 23s.** Following the success of last year's MCC game, which is being repeated, RP said that he had obtained agreement from YPLN and the NY&SDL for under 23 representative games later in the season, and had asked for nominations from clubs.
- 11 **Compliance.** RK said that there had been only four disciplinary reports in the first half of the season. He felt that discipline was improving, and that clubs should be congratulated.
- 12 **Other business.** It was suggested that we hold an end-of-season representative game with two teams selected on the basis of recognising the best performers of the season. This would probably be on the weekend after the end of the season and would therefore exclude players from the league champions. RP & SW agreed to take forward.
- 13 **Close.** RP thanked everyone for attending and for their input, and wished them all the best for the rest of the season.