



The All Rounder Cricket Bradford Premier League

President: Mr Keith H Moss MBE



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Management Board Meeting Monday 8th October 2018

Held at Cleckheaton CC

Attendees:

David Young, Bob Shackleton, David Clegg, Chris Leathley, Bob Schofield, Neil Johnson, Peter Arundel.

1 Apologies:

Mark Heald, Alan Birkinshaw, Brian Pearson, Philip Radcliffe,

2 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

None not covered by the agenda

7 Secretary's Report

Compliance Update: Wrenthorpe CC virtually there with Clubmark. Work ongoing with Steve Archer still to arrange site visit with Undercliffe CC whose 1st XI's promotion is still "on hold" pending their attainment of Clubmark.

For the benefit of all concerned a clear statement is required as soon as possible for all clubs to work and aspire to. This to be established with the YCB's Steve Archer and receive acceptance from the ECB prior to publication to clubs.

Priestley Cup Final / Farsley CC update: Mark Harrison now dealing with matters while Raymond Sutcliffe is away. Emails exchanged between CEO and Mr. Harrison as Farsley now in the process of seeking an EGM by applying Rule 4. CEO's email to Mr. Harrison informed him that Farsley had a period of three weeks from September 22 to establish sufficient support from clubs in order to proceed. The deadline date for this is Saturday, October 13.

Farsley: The club have sent a letter to all clubs which contains factually incorrect information and the league have received a response from one Club regarding this. The CEO will continue to communicate with Mr. Harrison and Mr. Sutcliffe regarding the sanctions which have been imposed and the board will review the issue at their November meeting.

Discipline: All disciplinary matters have been dealt with and are up to date, with details on the Website as necessary. Luke Holroyd of Undercliffe has transferred to Thackley CC but his suspension "travels with him".

Player behavior: It is a matter of real concern that incidents involving poor and unacceptable behaviour have been witnessed at the following big matches

Heavy Woollen Cup final – Player behavior

Priestley Cup final – club behavior

Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy – player behaviour

Yorkshire Championship Play-off semi-final Spectator behaviour

Yorkshire Championship Final – Player behaviour

Scholes: A letter to be sent to Scholes regarding the outcome of last month's meeting/decision re no further action other than existing points deduction, relegation and to inform the club they are to be monitored by meeting with a member of the Management Board prior to and after Christmas to provide evidence that their Club Structure is functioning appropriately and they are progressing in a manner suitable to provide Cricket to a standard which befits the BPL.

Umpires Course: A course was held at Pudsey Congs CC on Saturday, September 29 and October 6. Only five applicants attended.

Annual Dinner: Jeremy Coney and Malcolm Lord now confirmed for the Dinner which is to take place on Friday 16th November. Chairman and Secretary to meet with Catering Manager at Headingley in the next week or so to finalise details, at which point an email will go to all clubs and Board giving details.

Rule Amendments: Discussion to take place in next two weeks. Emails received from Glen Roberts and Ralph Middlebrook with good suggestions. A rules sub-committee has been formed and will comprise of DY, MH, AB, NJ and CL.

Premier Championship Trophy: Pudsey St. Lawrence secretary Richard Brown has informed the League the Trophy is broken at the stem. They claim this was not due to any poor behavior. They have taken it to a Silversmith, who states that it could have gone 'at any time' due to previously poor repair/workmanship. The cost to repair correctly is £250. Pudsey are seeking 'some sharing' of the cost. The Silversmith is surprised a Trophy of this value (Circa £20 -25k) is allowed to be kept in a clubhouse. A suggestion that replicas could be made and presented was mentioned.

Trophies: All individual trophies returned except two from Farsley, one from Morley and one from Batley. Four league championship trophies have been returned by the winners and consideration is being given as to how they can be displayed in a safe environment,

Grievance: Azaad are aggrieved and regarding the alleged 'inconsistency' of officiating at recent games involving 'promotion chasing clubs', who it appears could 'contrive' a result, while others around them were not allowed to play 'in the rain'. Azaad have been informed that 'the Umpires are sole arbiters' of the game, which they accept, but wish it to be 'at least discussed' in the appropriate meetings in order to avoid such a repeat.

4 Chairman's Report:

Honoraria: These have been paid to officials has been paid.

5 CEO's Report

There was no report available in the absence of the CEO.

6 Treasurer's Report

All bills are paid, and the end of year accounts are being worked on. A more detailed report will be given prior to the AGM in November.

8 BPL Website

Working well...ongoing improvements will continue.

9 Umpires Association

It is well documented on the shortage of umpires on the League Panel. As said before we need more and are running training courses during the winter, targeting those who have acted as Club umpire in 2018 as well as anyone wishing to try umpiring for the first time. Before the season started it was agreed that we would appoint 2 umpires to all first eleven games and at least one umpire to all Premier and champ 1 2nd eleven games. For most of the season we managed to keep to this on the majority of weeks. However, 2 weeks in August did cause a problem for us due to holidays. We thank all clubs for providing club umpires in Champ Two and Conference 2nd elevens.

Appointment secretaries Neil Johnson and Nigel Thornton thanked for their hard work. An Umpires "social evening"...still to be arranged by the Umpire's Association.

10 All Clubs – Juniors

The Junior League is looking to increase participation at all age group levels, (Under 9 through to Under 15) following a number of clubs withdrawing teams early in the season. Initial discussions have taken place with clubs on the following lines

- 1vRestructure leagues so teams only play each other once but play more teams
- 2 Have play-offs towards end of season for successful clubs
- 3 Allow teams to play less than eleven players
- 4vLook at number of overs per match at each age group level
- 5 Look at number of overs a bowler can bowl
- 6 Look at number of runs when a batsman should retire
- 7 Consider the merits of pairs cricket at certain age groups to encourage more participation of players

In 2018 representative team success were as follows -

Joe Lumb played 2 lost 2

Under 15 lost in final

Under 13 lost in semi final

Under 11 did not qualify following group stages

Congratulation to all teams and individuals who won league trophies. Presentation evening was held two weeks ago when David Wainwright (Ex Yorkshire and Derbyshire) presented the prizes

11 Any Other Business

Fixtures: Bob Shackleton circulated his proposed dates for league and cup fixtures for 2019. He suggested removing reserve dates would help ease fixture congestion.

West Yorkshire Leagues Council: There was nothing of note to report from the October meeting

Indoor 6-a-side: The annual Indoor Cricket 6-a-side competition is upcoming and Brian Pearson is to be asked to enter a team.

New award: Consideration is to be given to the awarding of a trophy for the highest combined points total of 1st & 2nd XI's.

The meeting closed at 9-20pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, November 12, 2018 at Cleckheaton. 7.45pm.