



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Management Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Hanging Heaton
ATTENDEES David Young (President), Mark Heald (Chairman), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Neil Johnson (SO and MOA), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Brian Pearson and Bob Schofield (Club Reps) and Nasa Hussain (EDI and Disciplinary Officer)
1. APOLOGIES Bill Holmes (Marketing & Sponsorship,), Mick Varley (Treasurer) Chris Marsden (Players Rep), Peter Arundel
2. MINUTE SILENCE A minute's silence was held in memory of Management Board member Mr David Clegg who passed away recently.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Agreed
4. MATTERS ARISING Keighley CC: CL gave an update of apologetic response from Keighley for unacceptable behaviour from their members at the Gordon Rigg BPL Annual Dinner. Action: CL to write to Keighley CC thanking them for their investigation, inform them the Management Board in accepting their apology and have decided that no further action is required at this time although Keighley will be put on notice that further action could be taken in the event of any other reports received for the rest of the season. MH has looked at Disciplinary code and will speak to BH re taking on the Role of Disciplinary officer Action: MH to talk with BH and formalise the league's regulations. Unintentional bias Training to be continued Action: NH to ask Sohail Ali fro further training
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Compliance Meeting held on Teams – BH/CL to continue with compliance DY Still awaiting guidance from Paul Bedford re matching criteria for Premier and Division One clubs – the board support the proposal that Premier and Division One criteria is the same. 2ndXI/Club Umpire Rule: The £100 fine will not come into force until May 7 for home clubs not providing a club umpire. NJ reported projected figures could result in the MOA being unable to provide two umpires to all first team Division Three games at the end of June. AB proposed that further discussion is needed re club umpires. It was agreed that club umpires should be encouraged to travel to away games wherever possible. Actions: Management Board to have a single subject meeting on umpiring on May 12. PR to look at mechanism for a Club Umpires to report. Development Plans: CL reported that 4 clubs have submitted their Development Plans to date. Action: BH/CL to continue to collect by April 30 Covid Rule: Further explanation given by AB that in the event of a club being affected with Covid cases, the 1stXI game is to be fulfilled and 2ndXI game if any is cancelled. It will not be rearranged, and points and positions are to be worked out using Average Points per game in any affected division. Crossbank update: Two teams went out last weekend but only 10 players in 2nds. Three clubs fielded only 10 players in their 2ndXI fixtures. East Bierley v Jer Lane Umpires marks NJ drew the board's attention to the wide variance in the marks given by the two captains. Jer Lane had supported their marks with comments, Eats Bierley gave top marks in all categories. Action: BP to speak to both clubs as it is important that umpire assessment is done fairly. MH suggested monitoring umpires marks over the next two or three weeks to see if there are issues in the way captains are approaching assessment. Action: NJ/NT to monitor Umpires Marks over the next 2/3 weeks and report

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Post- Match Meetings: AB reported these had taken place at all six Premier Division matches and were well received. However, despite an email being sent to clubs, no forms were submitted for Methley v Cleckheaton and New Farnley v Hanging Heaton as neither the captains nor umpires knew where to find the post-match report form. The form has now got a link on the front page of the website. It is the duty of the home captain to ensure the form is submitted but any of the four can fill it in while in the presence of the others. Every club and the umpires have been sent the new link.

Action: CM to check with 1stXI Premier Captains

AB asked if it was worth extending the procedure to the Priestley Cup but it was the view of the board that this should wait until next season when the current procedure is embedded.

DY asked for clarification re marks on the system and it was agreed that the form should be amended to give a value out of 10 rather than 5 for decision making.

– out of 5 – Decision making to go to 10.

Scoring: This was generally good despite 'teething problems' eg two clubs didn't have any laptop trained scorers available so Baildon and Carlton game scored in the book. Two other games – the scoring system was tampered with due to 'testing things out' in advance. In one this resulted in a delayed start and then having to score in book

Action: Clubs to be advised of the issues and informed that where laptop scoring is unable to take place at a first team game, Comparison of Scores will have to be used in weather affected contests.

Results Service: This was excellent. Only one scorecard was not available on the website on Saturday night, Northowram Fields v Bowling Old Lane. This was input by PR on Sunday morning.

Action: Northowram Fields to receive a warning.

DLS: AB reported on the need to advise scorers of making sure they select over by over rather than ball by ball when they print out the DLS sheets. The scorers at New Farnley and Pudsey St Lawrence both ended up with 25 sheets as a result of using the wrong setting.

Action: AB to notify clubs in a newsletter.

Printers: A number of clubs left it too late to set up their printer and had trouble linking it to their laptop.

Unless clubs have very good wifi they need a computer to printer cable. These can be bought cheaply from any computer shop. These can be sourced via Greg Colehan's firm ASK, one of our league supporters.

Action: AB to notify clubs in a newsletter.

Website statistics: On Saturday there were 4,729 visitors looking at results tables and live scores while that number grew to 5549 on Sunday, of which 75% directed from Facebook and Twitter.

Prem League Accreditation: Two of the league's ECB Performance Related targets are drafting a Development Plan for recruiting umpires and holding a Players' survey. AB suggested thought needed to be given to these two items.

Action: Survey questions to be drafted at the next meeting then DY will create the on-line survey. The Development Plan for Umpires to be discussed as part of the wider discussion of umpiring on May 12.

Planning ahead: There is a need to purchase more pink balls for the T20 finals.

Action: BP to acquire once PR and AB have determined how many should be purchased.

7. CRICKET OPERATIONS UPDATE

Priestley Shield: Northowram Fields forfeited their Preliminary round tie with Spen Victoria. Priestley

Action: PR to notify by email to Northowram Fields that as a result they are excluded from the 2023 Priestley Shield competition. PR has had an Email from Peter Jackson at Spen Victoria confirming their awareness that PSL are their next opponents.

Rodley: PR reported that Steve Bradbury has informed him that there is an impasse between the developers and Leeds City Council. Work has been done but the connecting bridge will not be operational until end of May. Rodley will play their 2ndXI games until end of May.

Action: PR to continue to monitor

Club transfer: DY to check when Rodley's application to join the Aire-Wharfe League will be resolved.

8 COMPLIANCE

CL gave an update regarding Compliance.

Clubmark: No club is yet reaccredited as the opportunity to reaccredit doesn't 'kick in' until the end of the month. 23 of our clubs in the Premier and Division One are registered for Clubmark though. The exception is Jer Lane. Most of our clubs are well on with things but there are a few who haven't yet added any documentation.

Action: CL/BH to monitor with the clubs.

Safe Hands Management System Registration: 41 clubs have now registered for SHMS. The following 7 clubs haven't: Baildon, Brighouse, Crossbank Methodists, East Leeds, Hopton Mills, Wakefield St Michaels and Windhill & Daisy Hill.

Action: CL in close communications with Steve Archer the clubs still required to register on Safe Hands while all Clubmark Clubs will have the opportunity to reaccredit from the end of April. Advice sessions for Clubmark and Safe Hands Management System have been arranged for May 10 and 11.

8. AOB

Marketing: BH submitted his report prior to the meeting and asked how can we push the Gordon Rigg discount cards.

Action: BH to Email reminder to clubs AB to promote through newsletter and social media.

Damaged Trophy: BP reported that the Premier Division League Championship Trophy is bent. It is in the process of being repaired. NJ also stated that the 2nd Division 1st XI Championship Trophy is also damaged – needs investigating.

Action: NJ/CL to follow up.

Pitch Markings: A club groundsman has asked how often are the markings going to be made available? James Nixon has all last year's figures but agreed to make them available each half season.

Junior Teams: CL asked what action should be taken if a club's development plan didn't reflect compliance with the ECB's requirement of three junior sides playing hard ball cricket up to under-15 imminently.

Action: CL/BH to visit clubs

NJ reported that information on WTU is out of date and that Umpires are getting on WTU without information

Action: NJ/NT to remove out of date information as a matter of importance in mind of GDPR

Live Steaming: BP asked what regulations were in place for live streaming. DY pointed out that ECB have strict guidelines and procedures for clubs streaming matches.

Action: BP to speak with East Bierley for guidance.

Eid: NH informed the meeting that Eid might fall on May 1 which is the date of the Priestley Cup first round.

Action: PR to monitor and deal with any requests for teams with Muslim players to switch games to the reserve date.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm venue TBC