



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Management Board Meeting	
Thursday, January 5th 2023 at Cleckheaton CC	
ATTENDEES	
David Young (President and Acting Chair), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Neil Johnson (Club Rep), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Brian Pearson and Bob Schofield (Club Reps) Nasa Hussain (EDI) Bill Holmes (Marketing & Discipline Officer), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Chris Marsden (Players Rep) and Peter Arundel (Club Rep)	
1. APOLOGIES	
None	
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
Agreed	
3. MATTERS ARISING	
Peter Arundel requested an amendment to the roll call as he was late arriving and present at the last meeting and not absent as recorded. Action: CL to amend	
4. CHAIRMAN	DY
The President and Acting Chair updated the meeting following the resignation of the previous chairman Mark Heald in November. The member clubs were informed at the League AGM when DY invited any individuals interested in the position to contact him. Board members in Philip Radcliffe and Bill Holmes put their names forward. Both individuals gave a five-minute presentation to the board prior to a secret ballot which resulted in BH being elected and taking the chair for the remainder of the meeting.	
5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT	AB
Handbook Compilation is underway and there was a discussion as to who must receive a copy in each club. It was agreed that the 1 st and 2 nd XI Captains, Chair, Secretary and Safeguarding Officer need to receive one from their club's allocation.	
Michael Rhodes The records secretary is to stand down after 20 years. AB has written to thank him for his fine work. Now he requires a meeting to hand over his records. Action: BP to meet with MR and Mick Varley (MV) to pass on all information, data and records as soon as possible.	
EDI Training 7 board members have now completed the training. BH stressed the importance and it was agreed that all members will complete the training by February 9. Two clubs have already recorded positive response to the proposal of NH and AB visiting them to discuss. Action: All board members must have completed EDI training by Feb 9 AB has written to clubs asking them to get their officials to undertake the training. Action: AB will remind clubs of the need to do this when he arranges the EDI sessions NH, AB and CM are to have with clubs before the new season.	
Quaid E Azam League The Quaid E Azam League have sought assistance with ground availability/ground hire. The chair of the league has written to the clubs with Bradford postcodes. The board supports the objective of the QEAL but clubs will have to decide if they are able to assist. Action: AB to inform the QEAL that the board supports this move and encourages them to approach all 47 clubs if they wish as this may help them secure grounds. It is also proposed to hold a T20 game between the BPL and QEA League with the proceeds going to charity. The game is expected to be held at Park Avenue Bradford on Wednesday July 28 Action: NH to confirm	

6. LEAGUE RULES AND POLICY DOCUMENTS**AB**

Rules Review – AB informed the board that due to delays in the area of teas and umpiring, the Rules remain incomplete.

Action: AB to finalise asap

7. SECRETARY REPORT TO INCLUDE RAISING STANDARDS**CL**

This report covers issues not covered elsewhere in the minutes

Advance Notice of General Conduct Regulations

Received by email on December 7 from Paul Bedford ECB. BH aware.

Bob Speight

Notice received on December 29 from Cleckheaton that the 2015 Sir Leonard Hutton Trophy winner Bob Speight had died aged 77.

Morley

The club have been given permission to stage a benefit game for Matt Baxter.

Action: Morley to confirm date of game with PR

Cup Final Venues for 2023

The following clubs have been invited to host finals.

New Farnley Area Final of the ECB National T20 Cup, Sunday August 6

Pudsey Congs Priestley Cup, Sunday August 13 Reserve Date Monday August 28

Morley Jack Hampshire Cup, Sunday August 20 Reserve Date Sunday August 27

Yeadon Priestley Shield Sunday September 3 Reserve Date Sunday Sept 10

Bradford & Bingley T20 A Cup Final Day Sunday July 30

Three Clubs, Gildersome & Farnley Hill, Heckmondwike & Carlinghow and Hunslet Nelson to be invited to consider hosting the T20 B Finals Day on Sunday, July 2

Action: CL to formally invite the clubs to stage the finals.

8. CRICKET OPERATIONS UPDATE**PR****Safe Hands Courses**

The dates have been confirmed by YCB and registration links will be circulated to club Safeguarding Officers once they are available.

Thursday 9th Feb at Morley CC (6.00pm - 9.00pm)

Monday 13th February at Karmand Centre (6.00pm - 9.00pm)

Action: Links to be circulated by PR/AB to club Safeguarding Officers as well as publishing on league website.

Umpires Courses

Stage 1 and Stage 2 umpire courses confirmed at New Farnley on Sunday, February 19 and Sunday, February 26.

Action: Links to be circulated by PR/AB to clubs as well as publishing on league website.

Scoring Courses

Courses to be arranged for beginners as well as for scorers using DLS for the first time as it is applied to all matches.

Action: PR to arrange venues and agree dates with Jack Birkinshaw who will lead the training.

T20 fixtures

These have been published on the website. There will be 19 teams in the Group A Cup and 12 in Group B. Both teams will have Finals Days with both semi-finals and the final played on the same day. The Group B Final will be on Sunday July 2 and the Group A Finals Day on Sunday July 30.

Priestley Cup

Two first round matches have been rearranged due to clash with ECB National Clubs Championship on Sunday, April 30.

Morley v Pudsey St Lawrence Sunday May 7

East Bierley v Townville Monday May 8

Jack Hampshire Cup

The Spen Victoria v Wakefield St Michael's game will now be played at the St Michael's ground.

Rearranged Fixtures

Eight clubs asked for second team fixtures to be changed prior to the release of the fixtures.

Action: PR working with the clubs involved to agree suitable dates.

Teas

In view of the conflicting rule change proposals regarding teas it was agreed to seek further opinions.

Action: PR/BH to discuss and decide how this should be done.

9. EDI**NH**

NH highlighted the need for EDI to be normalised and to be a part of everything the league does. He outlined the importance of the information sessions that NH, AB and CM are to deliver for clubs.

Action: AB to divide the clubs into six groups, set dates, arrange venues and communicate the information to all clubs.

Action: BH to be introduced by NH to Bradford East MP Imran Hussain who is patron of the league's EDI committee.

10 MOA UPDATE**NJ**

MOA circulated a report ahead of the meeting outlining discussions on the Yorkshire Officiating Strategy. After a discussion on the proposals the board gave their support for the initiative.

Action: The MOA Executive will now discuss the Strategy in detail and make arrangements for an EGM so that their membership can vote on its adoption.

11. TREASURER REPORT**MV**

Current Bank Balances total £72K.

Debtors outstanding Nil.

Expenses outstanding Nil.

Phil Allen. Paying as agreed

ECB Funding balance received - £2819.33

Carlton CC Loan given £20K. total repaid in November.

Annual Dinner. Estimated loss of £3750 pending final figures from our secretary.

12. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP**BH**

BH to write to all sponsors informing them that the charges for the 2023 season are to remain the same. Monies are to be paid by March 1.

Action: BH to contact all sponsors

Action: BH and CL to discuss 'additional' sponsorship/charges to include Annual Dinner tickets

13. AOB**YCB's new chief**

DY is meeting with Paul Cummins (Yorkshire CB Director of Recreational Cricket) on January 15.

Action: DY inviting BH to the meeting

Umpire recruitment

BP stressed that the recruitment of umpires needs to be the top priority and is planning to discuss with MOA.

Rues revision

Chairman BH asked CEO and Rules Review Panel to make suitably worded provision to cover an application from a club of current Division One status and the impact, if accepted, this may have on the numbers of teams relegated and/or promoted for that year.

Action: AB to create suitably worded rule to accompany existing rules regarding admission to the league.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of next Meeting Thursday February 9, 2023, 7.30pm at Undercliffe.