



THE GORDON RIGG
BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Management Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Hanging Heaton
ATTENDEES David Young (Chairman), Mark Heald (Chief Executive), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (Communications & Data Officer), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Peter Arundel, Neil Johnson, Chris Marsden, Brian Pearson
1. APOLOGIES Bob Schofield, David Clegg, Nasa Hussain and Bill Holmes.
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Agreed
3. MATTERS ARISING None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT League Dinner: DY thanked AB and CL for their work and said he had received many favourable comments about the event. New Board structure: Following KM's retirement a new board structure was discussed and unanimously agreed. Action: CL to write to clubs informing them of the proposed structure and re-opening nominations for election if clubs want to put individuals up for any of the positions on the Management Board.
5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT Based on previous jobs/actions document from previous meeting the actions were reviewed. League rules: These have been circulated to clubs and are currently being posted on the league website and prepared for inclusion in the league handbook. Action: AB to complete the task by March 18 Cup Rules: These have been reviewed and will be sent out to clubs once the production of the handbook is complete. Action: AB to release to clubs and upload to the league website by March 25 AGM Preparations: CL has sent out the notice and agenda. Team cards have been sorted into batches by MV and will be distributed to clubs. DY has ordered 48 new printers which will be distributed to clubs. AB is submitting the league handbook to the printers on March 18 so that they can be printed in time for distribution at the agm. Actions: DY to make the arrangements for the delivery of the printers. AB to liaise with printers over handbook production. CL to collect the handbooks when complete and sort into batches of 10 for collection by clubs. Annual Dinner: It was agreed that the dinner on March 11 had been a success. CL has been asked to explore the possibility of staying at The Queens for this November's dinner subject to price. There needs to be a comparison of the comparative cost of staging the event at Headingley. It was pointed out that there was a £1400 charge for audio visual equipment at The Queens while this is offered free at Headingley. Action: CL to conduct a review with The Queens and obtain a cost comparison for a dinner at Headingley. This should be done as soon as possible. Dinner incident: There were reports of unacceptable behaviour by members of the Keighley party who showed disrespect to our sponsor and were involved in an alleged confrontation, Action: CL to write to Keighley and ask them to explain the actions of their members Sponsorship: Gordon Rigg have confirmed their sponsorship for 2022 at £11,00 and BH has brought in around £3,500 in advertising.

Action: AB to ensure all adverts are included in the handbook and the web straps uploaded to the website by March 25. BH to liaise with MV over invoicing advertisers.

Umpires: NJ said the position was better than when he previously reported to the board. He says there will be 60 umpires on the panel which means there may be some availability for umpires to be appointed to second team Premier Division games.

It was agreed that the home club must have a club umpire for every home game. If they fail to provide one they will lose a player from the game who will have to umpire and will be fined £100. Players from the respective side will umpire at square leg. If a club has an umpire who is prepared to travel to an away game this will be a considerable help.

Action: This will be notified to clubs at the agm

Umpires Funds: Following the death of David Ratcliffe there are now only trustees of the Derek Shuttleworth Fund where the money he bequeathed to the MOA and the funds of the old BPLUA are held. It was agreed that MV should become a trustee.

Action: The required bank forms need to be completed so that MV can become one of the administrators of the funds.

Umpires Pre-Season Meeting: Nigel Thornton has requested direction on the new league rules so that he can inform the members of the MOA at their March 31 meeting.

Action: AB to provide a copy of the rules with the changes highlighted.

Post-Match Umpires and Captains meeting: This is to be introduced in the Premier Division and Division One. NJ and CM have drafted the procedure for the meetings.

Actions: DY to produce the form which the umpires and captains must complete. The procedure will be outlined to captains and umpires at their respective pre-season meetings.

ECB Disciplinary Regulations: These are due to be released on March 16 and must be adopted by all Premier Leagues.

Action: MH and AB to review the regulations and will draft them into the league rules. These will also be notified to clubs as they involve punishments for on and off field offences.

Premier League Accreditation: The ECB have indicated that all clubs in the top two divisions of a Premier League must have Clubmark. They also require the league to declare by May 17 the number of junior sides each of the clubs in the top two divisions are running. The ECB want all these clubs to have three sides playing had ball cricket under the age of 15. Where this is not the case the club must provide an action plan detailing how they will address any shortfall. Clubmark is non negotiable for clubs wanting to play in the top two divisions in 2023.

Action: DY clarifying with Paul Bedford at ECB regarding the impact on promotion and relegation.

Compliance: A draft compliance list for clubs wishing to play in the top two divisions has been produced which includes ECB and league requirements. This will be circulated to clubs in the premier Division, Division One and Division Two once DY has spoken to the ECB.

Action: DY to produce a survey form for clubs to self-evaluate while CL and BH will manage the process and work with clubs to ensure they get assistance to complete Clubmark accreditation.

Crossbank Methodists: The club has still to confirm that they can run two sides this season.

Action: CL to write to the club and they will have seven days from receipt of the email to confirm whether they can meet the league requirement to field two teams.

6. CRICKET OPERATIONS UPDATE

Fixture changes: PR updated members on the requests he has received for fixture switches due to fund-raising events at their grounds.

Morley - beer festival, Birstall - community gala, Yeadon – carnival, Cleckheaton - bowls tournament, Bradford and Bingley - music festival, Hunslet Nelson - Community event.

Action: Dates for the games are being arranged by PR and will be notified once agreed/

Rodley: Access to their ground is unavailable due to construction work in the area and it is unlikely they can play at home until the end of May.

Action: PR in dialogue with the club and looking at ways to accommodate the affected games.

Registrations: One registration is still pending, awaiting confirmation from ECB.

Scorers' courses: There is an introduction to scoring course at Morley on Thursday, March 17 and one on DLS at Morley on March 24. The tutor will be Ryan Dowse.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Dinner: Was attended by 360 guests was a success. Debrief meeting with The Queens Hotel to be arranged. Retiring President Keith Moss MBE wished it to be known that he was delighted with the whole evening and thanked the staff at The Queens for the care and assistance they gave him.

Safeguarding Officer details: So far 41 clubs now responded with details.
Insurance Certificates: Clubs are now submitting these as required.

8 TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial position: The league has £25,000 in its current account and £80,000 of assets despite the dinner making a small loss.

2021 Accounts: DY is to produce printed copies of the accounts for circulation at the agm.

9. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

AGM: Members were reminded that Marshall Woolridge would be speaking to the AGM before the meeting begins.

Banners: BH had secured a quote for 48 Gordon Rigg banners but was awaiting contact with NH for an alternative quote.

10. AOB

Meetings: BP asked if the board could have one subject meetings, when big topics such as compliance and umpiring can be discussed in more detail.

Action: Big issues will be identified for greater discussion.

Unconscious bias: AB reported that the training with Sohail Ali had been enlightening and he hoped that the board members who were unable to attend could receive the training along with the umpires and captains.

Action: NH to be asked if Sohail Ali will be able to provide further training sessions.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.30pm

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