



THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Management Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 14th ,2022 at Hanging Heaton
ATTENDEE David Young (President) Mark Heald (Chairman), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Chris Marsden (Players Rep), Brian Pearson (Clubs Rep), Neil Johnson (MOA). Nasa Hussain (EDI and Disciplinary Chairman), Lee Birkinshaw (Safeguarding)
1. APOLOGIES Peter Arundel, Bill Holmes, Bob Schofield, Mark Heald (late, see below)
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Agreed and approved
3. MATTERS ARISING None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT The Chairman arrived late due to his train being delayed. As the meeting had started (DY in the Chair) MH covered the content of his report as the meeting continued and under AOB (see below)
5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heat and Weather – Guidance to go out to all clubs• ECB have secured a 4yr deal with Sky – cost cutting at ECB• T20 Finals Day arrangements all complete• New Sound System has arrived. Bought for £429• Trophies need collecting on Fri 22nd – Jer Lane has B final – PR to collect• Adverts for Finals Day gone out• Gordon Rigg – No knowledge from them attending – MV to liaise and inform – 6/7 for PC upto 2 for T20 Finals Day. DY/LB/AB and MV – Money for the Umpires x 4 @ £25 each• PC All board – Medals need to be ordered – Action NJ to oversee• Man of Match Trophy back from Mark Lawson Action NJ to check• Guest list from Gordon Rigg re Priestley Cup – Action MV to inform Action: PR to get JH Cup and MOM.• Priestley Shield Final – Invitation to Keighley withdrawn and offered to Hartshead Moor CC who have accepted• MOM Kieron Collins – Action: BP Woodlands to return to NJ.• Management Board attending Priestley Shield on Sept 4 to notify CL Action: Board members to CL• Programmes – The League will produce an Online programme plus a Printed Team sheet instead of traditional match day programme - discussed and agreed. Action: AB to produce the programmes and NH to print off at Karmand Centre• Gate to be taken at all Finals – Teamsheet/scorecard given – QR code to be produced on the team sheet linking to the online programme. Action :DY to generate QR code.• Large GR banner being created for Priestley Cup Final – positioned near to scoreboard Action: AB to measure.• Interview Board for post match interviews and presentations ? Action :AB to ask JB at New Farnley CC• ECB PRP Objectives. The League need to get clubs to use the Injury Surveillance tool on Play Cricket. Action: PR to upload if info present to him and PR to send link to clubs.• Two more documents required for ECB - How are we as a league to increase diversity in next 2 yrs? and Umpiring Recruitment and Training. Action: DY to complete with BP and CM help with a deadline date of September.• Player Survey. CM circulated the draft questions to board members. Action completed. DY has created the survey. Action: AB to promote. Open for 2 weeks from Monday 18July for 2 weeks.

- AB had issues with website – no access to images and loss of material – We are now on a safer server – problem with the link with ECB – Tables now done manually. **Action:** DY/AB dealing with this
- Scorers – corner launched last week on the website and it is hoped a communication group will be created for scorers shortly..
- Huddersfield League: They have made a presentation to their clubs outlining their hopes to become an ECB Premier League. No formal application has been submitted to the ECB and YCB approval will be needed before the application can go to the ECB.

6. CRICKET OPERATIONS UPDATE PR

- 3 conceded fixtures in the Priestley Shield – Northowram Fields, Spen Victoria and Gomersal
- 2 conceded in Priestley Cup - Wrenthorpe and Carlton
- 2 conceded in Jack Hampshire Cup - Liversedge and Altofts
- 4 conceded in T20 Cup - Methley x 2, WSM and Birstall.
- It was agreed to review our Rule re not participating in Cup next year. No change to competitions required – sanctions to be looked at and it was agreed that it is totally unacceptable that Cup fixtures are conceded. **Action:** Board members involved in Rule Changes
- Rearranged games due to 11 games cancelled due to Eid.
- 3 games have new dates confirmed.
- Player eligibility: Only PR can answer queries regarding eligibility in rearranged matches.
- NH commended the league in the management of the Eid celebrations and stated this had been well received.
- Confirmed games to be sent to CL
- PR has sent a Spreadsheet to CL showing the number of Junior Teams playing at our clubs and that the result is generally good.

7. SECRETARY REPORT

Compliance

The latest information relating to our clubs and the compliance process as of June 30 (deadline dated for uploading documentation onto the ECB Portal) is as follows:

Premier Division

New Farnley -forwarded for accreditation

Woodlands – forwarded for accreditation

Townville – ECB Accredited

Pudsey St Lawrence – ECB Accredited

Ossett – ECB Accredited

Farsley - – forwarded for accreditation – **outstanding DBS to address in the coming weeks.**

Bradford & Bingley – ECB Accredited

Methley - – forwarded for accreditation

Hanging Heaton - – forwarded for accreditation

Bankfoot – ECB Accredited

Cleckheaton – forwarded for accreditation

Batley - – forwarded for accreditation

Division 1

Jer Lane – forwarded for accreditation – **CSO issue to resolve but working with ECB on this.**

Birstall – ECB Accredited

Carlton – forwarded for accreditation

Pudsey Congs – forwarded for accreditation

Undercliffe – forwarded for accreditation

Gomersal – ECB Accredited

Keighley – forwarded for accreditation – **CSO issue to resolve, awaiting CSO to attend SYC and auto update on system.**

Baildon – forwarded for accreditation – **2 DBS pending**

East Bierley – ECB accredited

Morley - forwarded for accreditation

East Ardsley – forwarded for accreditation

Wrenthorpe - – forwarded for accreditation

Division 2

Lightcliffe - - forwarded for accreditation

Northowram Fields – forwarded for accreditation

Sandal – forwarded for accreditation

Yeadon – ECB accredited

Great Preston - – no files uploaded

Bowling Old Lane – 1-2 docs uploaded – **email reminder sent**

Buttershaw St Pauls – uploaded, **constitution needs updating, emailed club to inform if they can hold an EGM in the coming month they can still accredit, also some work to do on SHMS**

Hopton Mills – Not registered

Wakefield St Michaels – Not registered

Hunslet Nelson – forwarded for accreditation

Crossflatts – forwarded for accreditation

Hartshead Moor – forwarded for accreditation

Safeguarding Officer Details

Action : CL to email all details received from clubs to Lee Birkinshaw for monitoring going forward from this point in time.

Safe Hands Management System

- Steve Archer is in direct contact with a very few BPL clubs who still have minor, but outstanding issues (highlighted above)

Constitutions:

While it remains the responsibility of our clubs, Steve Archer and CL are in the process of checking that the Anti Discrimination Policy is embedded into each clubs' Constitution OR until the clubs' AGM they have at least 'minuted' their adoption of the policy as required. **Action**: CL with SA

Action completed: AB/CL have again reminded clubs and instructed again to ensure all contact details and info on Play Cricket is up to date and coincides with the data uploaded onto the ECB Portal

Club Resignation from the League

- CL has received a letter of resignation from Rodley CC as they intend to join the Aire-Wharfe League for season 2023
- They are awaiting confirmation as to whether their application to join the Aire- Wharfe League has been successful as there are 5 clubs who are applying for only 2 places available.
- With prior knowledge that this is/was a possibility and the deadline for notifying their current league of leaving being June 30, a representation from the Management Board has visited and/or contacted 3 clubs who have previously indicated their interest in joining the BPL.
- CL, BH and MV visited Drighlington CC and Hepworth & Idle CC and CL spoke to the Chairman of Moorlands CC Mr Ian Rounding.
- Following these visits, a report was submitted to the League Chairman and CEO for their consideration prior to submitting to the Management Board for further consideration.
- Management Board decision is to not accept any new club into the BPL at this point in time

Crossbank Methodists CC

- Crossbank Methodists CC have confirmed in writing/email they are remaining with us for the 2023 season.

Meeting with Keighley CC officials

- As a result of ongoing issues relating to conduct both on and off the field, CL, CM and MV have met with Keighley CC Chairman Mr Max Davidson(MD) and committee member Mr Martyn Nicholson. MD to meet with 1stXI Capt as a matter of importance and also provide an action plan to the League Sec by no later than July 14. Board Member Chris Marsden contacting MD with a follow up call.
- The following actions are to be taken against Keighley CC
- The invitation to host the 2022 Priestley Shield at Keighley CC on September 4th 2022 is withdrawn.
- As per the league process and consistent with similar action taken against clubs previously, as Keighley have now incurred several disciplinary issues, Keighley CC are deducted 30 points suspended until the end of season 2023 subject to good behaviour. This suspension applies to both teams and all members of Keighley CC.

- Any single act of misconduct requiring any further disciplinary action is likely to cause the activation of this suspended points deduction in addition to any further sanction or penalty.
- Chairman MD urged to warn all players and club members of this suspended points deduction and the likely consequences of any further poor behaviour.

The Annual Dinner

- CL has spoken to Fiona Bishop at Headingley and obtained an update regarding their events. They are unable to accommodate us on Friday Nov 18, but can on Sat 26 at a cost of £28.50per head.
- The Queens Hotel have us provisionally booked on Friday Nov 18 at a cost of £30.50.
- Mr David Gower has confirmed his availability on Friday Nov 18 (subject to any TV contract being offered, which has always been the case)
- With the rising cost of foods and general costs CL proposed we stay at the Queens Hotel while perhaps making enquiries for a suitable 'stand by'/alternative guest speaker of similar magnitude to David Gower should he become unavailable ! Agreed

Action: CL to confirm with The Queens and continue preparations along with MV

8 TREASURER REPORT

- 70k in bank. Mini Travel have paid £500. AB gave an account of the situation. NT requested minutes of the dissolution meeting.
- Following discussion re monies relating to the MOA it was clear that the membership have not been provided with clarity over the management of th
- by PR and it was agreed that a meeting is to be arranged a s a p between the MOA officials and members of the League Management Board. **Action:** DY, AB, BP, MH and PR to meet with Nigel Thornton, Neil Johnson and Glyn Pearson. **Action:** NJ to make the arrangements. Agreed
- A new PA system and Trophies have been bought.
- MV reported that he is still pursuing payment for Adverts.
- Phil Allen available for a meeting next week regarding his outstanding debt. **Action:** BP and MV to meet with PA next wed or Thurs at Excel Solutions in Cleckheaton.

9. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

- No report due to BH absent

10. EDI REPORT

- EDI – Sohail wishes to be involved with more training – An EDI Board has been constructed with NH joined by – Haqueq Siddique(Bowling Old Lane) and Saqib Ali(Batley), Gulfraz Riaz(National Asian Cricket Council) and Gulfraz and Kirsty (BPA Ladies team). Bradford MP Imran Hussain to be a 'sounding board' and will join in zoom meetings where necessary. **Action:** NH to pursue

11. AOB

- Discipline Report submitted by BH with updated list of sanctions issued since his takeover as Disciplinary Recorder. List sent to Board
- BH praised for a number of occasions.
- MH raised the issue of club umpires and the need to get them to achieve a Level One qualification. **Action:** MH to resubmit his original plan for circulation.
- The post-match meetings between umpires and captains were launched in Division One last week with no problems. AB has emailed Captains thanking them.
- Carlton funding support request – board willing to support in principle
Action: CL to arrange for DY and MV to meet with Terry Busby at Carlton.
- MV asked for Central Yorkshire league details/handbook for 2015.
- NJ asked for rearranged fixtures to go to appointments email address.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no other business the meeting ended at 10.00pm

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.30pm at Hanging Heaton CC