



THE GORDON RIGG
BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



Management Board Meeting
Tuesday 6th September 2022 at Morley CC
ATTENDEE David Young (President) Mark Heald (Chairman), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Brian Pearson (Clubs Rep), Bob Schofield (Clubs Rep) Neil Johnson (MOA), Chris Marsden (Players Rep) Nasa Hussain (EDI) and Peter Arundel.
1. APOLOGIES , Bill Holmes
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Agreed and approved MV/DY approved
3. MATTERS ARISING AND IDENTIFIED ACTIONS None
4. Correspondence – Secretary – to include details relating to the Annual Dinner Premier Leagues Chairmans correspondence All emails received forwarded on to CEO. Paul Bedford emails including General Conduct Regulations forwarded to Bill Holmes for his consideration and providing information as required. A complaint with reference to an article and photograph which has appeared in the T&A and Keighley news. An initial response has been sent informing the complainant it will be investigated and a response will be made in the next 14 days. The complainant has also emailed the Keighley Chairman with a similar complaint but content of the email is unknown. Action: CL to email the complainant confirming receipt of his email and that a response will be sent in 14 days. Teas Brighouse, Hanging Heaton and Methley have failed to provide teas at times this season. Also East Leeds CC are charged with non payment for two teas and leaving their changing room in a poor condition after their game at Scholes CC. Each case has been dealt with individually considering any prevailing circumstances. In all cases, the clubs were reminded of their obligation as the home club to provide teas for all players and Match Officials in line with League Rule 55 Tea Interval and warned that if there is any repeat, they may be subject to the Disrepute Rule. Action: Re wording of Rule 55 to be considered by the Rules Review Panel. Hanging Heaton Hanging Heaton CC Chairman required to meet with Management Board members regarding their recent disciplinary record as provided by Disciplinary Officer Bill Holmes. The Hanging Heaton Chairman has spoken to Bill Holmes re another disciplinary meeting involving another Hanging Heaton player. Action : Hanging Heaton Chairman has arranged to meet with CL/MV and NH on Mon 12 Sept. Thanks to Cup Final hosts Emails have been sent to New Farnley CC, Bradford and Bingley CC, Pudsey Congs CC and Hartshead Moor CC thanking them all for providing wonderful venues and hosting the various Cup Finals this season. The work of their volunteers has been outstanding. Trophy returns to Pennine Trophy from Divisional Champions All returned and updated in time for presentation on Sat 3 rd Sept to 1stXI Prem Woodlands, 1stXI Div 3 Liversedge and 2ndXI Div 2 Brighouse Sat 10 th Sept the remaining 5 divisions will be presented. Trophy returns An email has gone to all clubs on Mon 5 Sept requesting the collection of individual trophies by Sunday 11 th Sept, after which Neil Johnson and CL will inform clubs how, when and where trophies are to be returned to.

Action: NJ/CL to follow/chase up and complete the return of trophies as a p

Annual Dinner documents from Agnieszka Wojtkowska at The Queens Hotel, Leeds

Received and being signed and dealt with by Mick Varley and CL.

Action: Need to confirm ticket price and marketing/advertising strategy, followed by email to all clubs detailing as required. Prices to remain as for 2021 Dinner.

Emails to Drighlington CC and Hepworth & Idle CC re their applications to join the BPL

Sent to both clubs informing them that the BPL are not accepting any new clubs into the BPL for season 2023.

Permission given to Pudsey Congs CC to stage a Yorks Over 50's Quarter Final at short notice on the day of the Priestley Cup Final. Robin Kettlewell from Pudsey Congs CC thanked the League for their understanding.

Rule Queries and for consideration at Rules Review meeting

Action required: Response to all emails as decided and needed along with confirmation that their comments are noted and will be put forward for consideration at Rules Review meeting.

- Email received from Yeadon CC re DLS Query to go to Rules Review Panel
- Email received from East Ardsley Chairman Mick Pearson re the points deduction decision made against Keighley CC – forwarded on to CEO for consideration (did not forward to Chairman due to a potential 'conflict of interest')

Action : BH to be informed as soon as possible and more urgent consideration needed for a reply to EACC Chairman.

5. Cricket issues including trophy presentation

- AB provided a 'to do' list of important points which need urgent attention ie within the next 3 weeks
- Nominations for League Awards and Awards list and trophies to Pennine **Action:** CL to inform Danielle at Pennine of trophies to be returned directly to Pennine
- WSM cried off for second time. Usual penalty applies – log it **Action :** PR to 'log' this for referral if necessary
- EBBC v BOL came off for sun BOL refused to go back on. BOL thought about appealing but didn't. EB got 10 pts plus bonus. **Action:** NH has spoken to BOL
- Sat 10th September Prem 2nds fixtures is the corresponding fixture for May 22nd . Rules apply. PR reiterated the rules. 3 different rulings. Email ready to go affecting 5/6 clubs only. Clubs were informed of date being moved forward. **Action:** Email to go to clubs from PR.- any issues speak to PR.
- Pitch marks and fair play marks finished tomorrow and out by end of next week.
- AB – workload with DLS – questions raised as to why necessary to print out DLS sheets at tea interval.
- Play Cricket has been problematic for some time – **Action:** DY investigating and explained what he has been told – **Action:** AB/DY looking into it.- ongoing
- AB stated that all our Cup Finals have been excellent
- Woodlands playing Driffield Sat 10th Sept at 11.00am – Final at Headingley on Sun 18th Sept at 10.30am

6. Player Survey

- CM sent an email out to Management board on Tues 6th September with analysis of Player Survey. The main points were as follows:
- Fair response of 423 with a good spread from all divisions.
- Start times big vote for 12 noon start – ground view 12 noon is difficult.
- Players happy with number of overs
- Red ball white clothing is generally accepted
- Overs regarding bowlers – stay as is.
- Sunday cup cricket – in favour of coloured clothing and pink ball

- 55% think Cup competitions should be compulsory – Discussion and question asked as to where are the answers coming from ? ie anyone can answer and not just players ! The next survey will need refinement.
- T20 timings not representative of players who play. MH suggested we send survey to clubs.
- Inaccurate response to Cup reserve dates – DY ask Sec to reply after consultation.
- T20 competitions - scrap the 10yd run up.
Midweek or Sundays ? Further analysis and consideration needed to understand fully the consequences of any changes to days or structure
- All BPL Prem and Cup comps to override any other external Cup comps. Discussion ensued with comments from some who support T20's to be played on Sundays. To be resolved
- Umpires – More free training and education for umpires, improving player discipline and NH stating that players appear at times to be against the umpires. Praise for consistency from BH.
- Increasing match fees to umpires.
- Comments made around accountability – what is the accountability of the match official ?
- Improved communication with players is important.
- Full report from CM available to all but too detailed to include whole report here.

7.Compliance

- CL awaiting final list from SA who has not yet received from ECB

8 Discipline

- BH sent a schedule to Management Board Members, detailing all the disciplinary penalties imposed in his capacity as the League's Disciplinary Officer, since his appointment.
- All umpires subsequently notified of disciplinary outcomes. There are two other cases where Investigations are ongoing.
- BH emphasised that there are two areas to note, namely the Level 4 penalty applied and the cautions issued to 4 clubs over spectator behaviour
- The 30 point deduction arising from the triggering of the Keighley Team Warning has brought home to clubs the impact of a poor cumulative disciplinary record.
- BH is giving some thought for introduction in 2023 to a structure for Team Warnings that is more nuanced reflecting the nature of the offence e.g. one is far more damaging to the League and our reputation than a Level 1 one week suspended ban and should 'spectator behaviour' be included into the criteria for issuing a Team Warning?
- NH thanked for visiting a Hall Park player (Aire Wharf League) – Club sent him off on the day of the game and asked NH to go and speak with the player.
- PA asked if EBBC issue is a repeat offence. NH commented that EBBC have been put on notice.
- NH stated that some clubs have dealt with issues really well and others haven't.

9.Finance

- Current Bank Balances amount to £78K plus £4k in the benevolent fund account or a total of £82k
- Debtors outstanding £2000. Still nobody has paid yet for Website Advertising. Mv has sent reminders twice. Bill Holmes is now chasing them.
All Rounder, ASK, Cricket School and Marshall Wooldridge (all £500 each)
- MV suggested all unpaid adverts be taken off website until paid and going forward the League should not show any advertising until agreed amounts paid. Agreed.

- No Expenses outstanding.
- MV asked for Honoraria for 2022 to be discussed so that they can be paid by end of September, being the Financial Year End. Nothing Further. **Action** :MH/DY to discuss and let MV know
- £22 paid for teas and coffees at Priestley Shield Final.

10. Umpires/MOA

Match Officials Development Plan (document sent only to those named below)

Received from Nigel Thornton for the boards consideration.

Going back to the meetings at Hanging Heaton in July, it was tasked to Nigel Thornton(NT) and AB to put forward a Development Plan for the League, which potentially could be used to send to the Premier League Committee as well. As the season is ending, NT will have more time to dedicate to this, but feels it needs doing as a matter of urgency, as umpire levels are possibly the greatest threat to the League and the MOA.

NT has started a document, done along the lines of a business plan. Its unfinished as yet, but after some feedback, it will cover all the points needed to put a strategic route in place to follow over the next 5 years, to ultimately get all games covered.

Several points are not addressed yet and NT has put titles in but no text yet. It will obviously develop as he completes it further.

NT wished it to be noted that this is NOT hard and fast, but purely a starter.

Its quite hard and fast for first year, but more fluid for each year after, as things change, we can adapt and update accordingly.

NT asked for comments and feedback before he spends much more time on it.

NT stated he would like to do a small piece on this at the MOA AGM.

Email from Nigel Thornton requesting the league informs clubs that non panel umpires are to cover square leg only on Sat 10th Sept and the one panel umpire to 'do both ends' – Proposal rejected

PR to join the Umpires executive along with Martin Kellaway.

Umpire training

Action :PR organising two level 1 courses, one at Batley CC and another New Farnley. More details later - ongoing

- NT has updated constitution and sent to MH.

Action: DY/AB to look at Dev't Plan.

- Deadline for submission to ECB is end of October.
- Umpires AGM set for Thursday 17 Nov at Cleckheaton
- AB suggests we acknowledge the club umpires – invite them to the AGM free pie and peas – email via play cricket – response by a certain date **Action**: CL/AB to liaise with NT/NJ to arrange a date.
- **Action**: DY preparing a paper to increase umpire numbers

Request for an MOA email which diverts to NT to improve communication

11. AOB

- AB proposed we use Play Cricket as the main method of communication. Agreed
- Jer Lane – NH updated situation re Jer Lane playing at Bradford Park Avenue. Jer Lane to update us. **Action**: NH to follow up
- NH says there are changing rooms at Pk Avenue plus 2 gazebo and pods.
- Showers in changing rooms – Teas provided – Space for Umpires
- Trophies – Farsley and Sandal to be presented prior to the games at 11.30am on Sat 10th September.

- Ask Jer Lane to return to Jer Lane in the event that both their 1st and 2ndXI's win their divisions
- Rules revision: **Action:** CL to receive all proposals and forward onto MH/AB to then hold a Rules Review Panel meeting at a date to be decided.
- Scheduling and clubs
- Board agreed that it is to be reconfirmed that 1stXI fixes will not be rearranged.
- Safeguarding and keeping children safe in education. NJ safeguarding – updating of our documentation in light of the new document recently released. **Action:** NJ to provide any necessary updating once document has been digested.
- PA informed the board that he attended a meeting with the Yorkshire Cricket Council, which was 'wound up' after 127 yrs – Trophies are to go to Yorks Cricket Museum and Headingley.
- PR asked about Ramadan 2nd weekend of the season. **Action:** NH to confirm
- **Management Board decision** : AGM Tuesday 22nd November.

Sponsorship update

At the Priestley Cup Final BH had a convivial conversation with Pauline Rigg where the subject of continuing Gordon Rigg's sponsorship was discussed.

Pauline Rigg and BH to meet after the season to discuss more formally Gordon Rigg extending their support for the League into the 2023 season.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.15pm
- Date of next Meeting Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 7.30pm at Morley CC