



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



<b>Management Board Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 8th ,2022 at Hanging Heaton</b>
<b>ATTENDEE</b> Mark Heald (Chairman), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Bill Holmes (Marketing & Sponsorship), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Chris Marsden (Players Rep) Bob Schofield (Club Rep), Brian Pearson (Clubs Rep), Neil Johnson (MOA).
<b>1. APOLOGIES</b> David Young (President), Peter Arundel, Nasa Hussain (EDI and Disciplinary Chairman), Lee Birkinshaw (Safeguarding),
<b>2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Agreed and approved
<b>3. MATTERS ARISING</b> <b>Solicitor:</b> NH has confirmed that Sohail Ali is keen to conduct more Unconscious bias training and it was suggested he be approached to act as League Solicitor - ongoing <b>Action:</b> NH to report to board on progress. <b>Survey:</b> Questions need to be submitted to DY who will compile the players' survey <b>Action:</b> Board members to put forward questions asap <b>League Trophy:</b> This has been repaired at a cost of £500 and is ready for collection <b>Action:</b> NJ to arrange collection and safe storage.
<b>4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> <b>Discipline:</b> BH was thanked for his work since taking on the role. BH then gave a disciplinary update reporting that there have been 14 cases in the past three weeks. <b>Action:</b> 1. Only Disciplinary Officer BH and Disciplinary Chairman NH should give guidance on disciplinary matters to avoid compromising the neutrality of board members in ongoing cases. 2 All parties, player, club and board must trust in the process and always follow it. 3 Following reports that club umpires are being subjected to poor behaviour it is going to be made clear to them they have the power to report. <b>Action:</b> BH to write to clubs regarding process and the need for club umpires to report bad behaviour. <b>Keighley:</b> The club has had several disciplinary issues involving off and on-field offences. <b>Action:</b> The club chairman and secretary to be asked to meet a league panel formed of MV, CL and CM to discuss their poor disciplinary record in 2022 who will consider if their actions have brought the league into disrepute. <b>CYCL Records:</b> MV has met with David Morris who has provided a substantial amount of data. <b>Action:</b> MV to work with the material and AB to upload to league website when time allows. <b>Umpires:</b> Two meetings have been held with the Match Officials Association to discuss the current shortage, future recruitment and formulate the development plan the league is required to make to the ECB. <b>Action:</b> AB and NT (MOA Administrator) to compile the report. <b>Post-Match meetings:</b> The proposal from MOA to extend the Post-Match Captain and Umpires meeting to Division One for the second half of the season was approved by the Management Board. <b>Action:</b> MH to inform NT, AB to secure additional umpires names so that DY can create the necessary form. NT to inform umpires, CM to speak to Division One captains. Start date July 2 <b>Soft reporting:</b> The MOA have indicated that there is an additional tool used by other leagues to improve reporting and root out bad behaviour. <b>Action:</b> MH to get NT to provide greater detail <b>Recruitment of umpires:</b> BP remains in discussions with High School academies and CM is talking to Leeds Beckett University, The MOA are actively looking to get umpires back who have not been active in recent times. <b>Action:</b> AB/NT to include all these initiatives in the development plan <b>Club umpires:</b> There is a need for these to be available for all second team matches in 2023 and they require additional support and formal training. <b>Action:</b> All club umpires need to be trained to ECB ACO Stage one level and become members of the ECBACO which provides them with full insurance cover and legal back up. The league will reimburse the

course fees for everybody undertaking the training once they have umpired five matches. The first Stage One course is being planned for Sunday, July 24 and Sunday August 7 at New Farnley.

**MOA Chair:** Alan Carter has been put forward to replace Neil Johnson.

**Action:** Once formally elected he will be co-opted to the Management Board.

#### 5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

**ECB Return:** This was made on May 22 regarding the number of junior teams each of the teams in the top two divisions ran in 2021 and the number of overseas players registered for 2022.

**Board Diversity:** One of the Performance Related Pay objectives for the league in 2022 is to produce a plan on how it plans to increase its diversity over the next three years.

**Action:** AB to seek guidance on the form the report will take and if there is a defined target such as the one expected of First Class Counties and County Boards.

**Injury Surveillance:** This is another PRP objective and there is a reporting mechanism clubs can use on Play Cricket.

**Action:** AB to inform clubs on the reporting mechanism

#### 7. CRICKET OPERATIONS UPDATE

**Priestley Shield:** PR reported Methley had played an ineligible player in their second-round tie with Yeadon.

**Action:** Tie awarded to Yeadon

Gomersal forfeited their tie with Bankfoot

**Action:** Gomersal will be excluded from the 2023 competition

**Jack Hampshire Cup:** Altofts have forfeited their tie with Wakefield St Michael's

**Action:** Altofts will be excluded from the 2023 competition

#### 8 COMPLIANCE

**Clubmark:** CL reported that five clubs in the Premier Division have not uploaded any material on the portal.

**Action:** CL to ring Ossett, Farsley, Hanging Heaton, Batley and Ossett and warn them that if they do not submit all the required material by June 30, they will not be able to get reaccreditation and that will result in relegation. All clubs have received an email from Steve Archer (YCB Head of West region) expressing the need for urgent action.

CL will continue to monitor progress, but it is down to the clubs to make sure they do not miss the deadline.

**League compliance:** This was circulated to clubs and has been posted on the league website.

#### 9. TREASURER REPORT

**Bank balance:** MV reported there is £67k in the league's current account.

**Payments:** The Yorkshire Cricket Board subscriptions have been paid

**Advertising:** Invoices of £3,200 sent out but none have yet been paid

**Action:** MV to monitor and BH to contact advertisers if required.

**Phil Allen:** There has been phone and email communication with him.

**Action:** Agreed for BP and MV to set up a meeting with PA regarding future repayments.

#### 10. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP

**Discount cards:** BH said there needed to be a push with clubs regarding the use of the Gordon Rigg Discount Card. To date clubs have spent around £900 with our sponsors.

**Bradford City of Culture 2025:** BH said he felt it would be good for the league to become involved in promoting this.

**Action:** BH to secure details

#### 11. AOB

League Dinner: This is due to be held on Friday, November 14

**Action:** CL to secure quotes from The Queens and Headingley

#### 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**There being no other business the meeting ended at 9.05pm**

**Date of next Meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm at Hanging Heaton CC**