



# THE GORDON RIGG BRADFORD PREMIER LEAGUE



<b>Management Board Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at Morley CC</b>
<b>ATTENDEE</b> David Young (President) Mark Heald (Chairman), Chris Leathley (Secretary), Alan Birkinshaw (CEO), Mick Varley (Treasurer), Philip Radcliffe (Cricket Operations), Bill Holmes (Marketing Officer), Brian Pearson (Clubs Rep), Bob Schofield (Clubs Rep) Neil Johnson (MOA), Chris Marsden (Players Rep), Nasa Hussain (EDI) .
<b>1. APOLOGIES</b> Pete Arundel
<b>2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Agreed and approved CL/DY approved
<b>3. MATTERS ARISING AND IDENTIFIED ACTIONS</b> None
<b>4. CRICKET OPERATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>League programme:</b> PR reported that season 2023 will start on April 15 and finish on September 2 for the Premier Division and September 9 for all other divisions.</li><li>• <b>Cup competition:</b> Cup ties have been planned to avoid ECB National dates and reserve dates have been built in for each round of all the competitions</li><li>• After discussions it was agreed to amend the date of the second round of the Jack Hampshire Cup to avoid a clash with the Priestley Cup as playing them on the same day would stretch umpiring resources.</li><li>• The following clubs have been excluded from cup competitions for forfeiting ties in 2021. Priestley Cup: Carlton. Jack Hampshire Cup: Altofts, Liversedge and Wrenthorpe. Priestley Shield: Gomersal, Spen Victoria and Northowram Fields.</li><li>• Invitations to compete in the Priestley Shield have gone out with a limit set on 32 teams.19 replies.</li><li>• <b>Pitch Marks:</b> PR has compiled the pitch marks ready for submission to the ECB. East Ardsley, who had a newly re-laid pitch were the only club in the top two divisions fell below the 14-point average set by the ECB and a report will be submitted.</li><li>• There was discussion about the categories for rating a pitch. <b>Action:</b> The category for spin should be amended to consistency of spin. This should be done as part of planning for next season PR/MOA</li><li>• <b>Fair Play Marks:</b> These were also circulated. AB said they were misleading as the scores were high and conflicted with what the league's disciplinary record shows. The 21 clubs who have had players disciplined will be excluded for consideration for the Albert Smith Spirit of Cricket Trophy. <b>Actions:</b> AB to submit the pitch and fair play marks to ECB as part of the league's submission for its PRP payments by October 31. It was agreed the reporting. There is a need to tweak the reporting mechanism as one of the categories focuses on the captain rather than</li><li>• <b>Ground availability:</b> Bradford &amp; Bingley, Birstall, Cleckheaton, Gildersome &amp; Farnley Hill, Hanging Heaton, Undercliffe and Yeadon were granted permission to hold community events. <b>Action:</b> Clubs to be informed by PR who will organise the rearrangement of the affected fixtures.</li></ul>

## 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- **Clubmark:** The league has been informed by ECB that 34 clubs have received Clubmark accreditation  
**Actions:** CL to write to all 34 clubs to congratulate them and AB to publish a story on the league website.
- **Annual Dinner:** 289 tickets sold 12 clubs still to respond. Guest speaker David Gower has re-confirmed. Trophies only a few to be returned  
**Actions:** CL/NJ to ensure remaining trophies are returned and AB to provide a full list of winners once the league officials have chosen the winners of the panel awards.
- **Hanging Heaton:** The Management Board has determined that the club should be issued with a suspended 30-point deduction for the 2023 season after having four players suspended in 2022.  
**Action:** CL to write to Hanging Heaton confirming the punishment
- **Crossflatts:** They incurred four suspension in 2022 and will also receive a 30-point suspended ban for 2023.  
**Action:** BH to inform the club
- **Rules Revision:** A sub group consisting of AB CL, MH, CM, BP, PR to consider the submissions from clubs.  
**Actions:** CL to incorporate all the proposal from clubs in one document and arrange a meeting.  
**Letters from umpires:** Emails from two umpires Richard Battye and Steve Dobson  
**Action:** CL to refer to Nigel Thornton at MOA
- **Scorers Courses:** East Bierley have asked if there will courses for scorers.  
**Action:** PR to arrange and notify clubs
- **Rodley:** The club have been elected to the Aire-Wharfe League for 2023. Their chairman Steve Bradbury has written thanking the league for its support.  
**Action:** AB has replied and wished Rodley good luck in their new league
- **Application for membership:** St Chads Broomfield submitted an application after being voted out of the Aire-Wharfe League.  
**Action:** BH to send them the league's criteria and arrange for himself and CL to carry out a ground inspection.

## 6. DISCIPLINE

- **Review:** BH reported he has had to deal with 54 cases this season which is a significant rise. He pointed out that the process is better and umpires are clamping down more and reporting behaviour. Two outstanding cases are still to be resolved.
- **East Leeds 2nds v Crossflatts 2nds:** This is to require a disciplinary hearing on November 2 at Undercliffe. The proposed panel is NH, BP and BS.
- **Keighley:** The investigation into an off-field incident is still on-going.
- **Club Misconduct Code:** BH put forward his alternative to the meetings with clubs when they reach the threshold of three disciplinary offences. The CMC builds on the General Conduct Regulation. It is transparent and demerit points will be handed out for disciplinary offences. When a club reaches the agreed threshold, they will receive a 20 point deduction. The tariff of demerit points for offences and the thresholds will be communicated to clubs. The scheme will be based on a rolling 12-month period for all clubs and will fully transparent, putting the onus on clubs to correct the behaviour of their players.  
**Action:** Incorporate in the rules and BH should be complimented on it
- **Transitional arrangements:** Those clubs with active suspended point penalties will be offered a transitional allocation of points which will place them one offence from a 20-point ban.  
**Action:** The proposal from BH to be incorporated in the Disciplinary Regulations as part of Rules Revision.
- **Bowling Old Lane:** The club are to be warned over their behaviour.  
**Action:** BH to inform the club.

## 7.SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING

- **Sponsorship:** BH to arrange a meeting with Gordon Rigg regarding an extension

## 9.FINANCE

- Current Bank Balances amount to £84K plus £4k in the benevolent fund account
- Phil Allan has resumed repayments of his debt to the league.
- The end of year accounts show a profit of £4,313
- Carlton are to be given a mini loan agreement for two months of £20,000

## 10. UMPIRES/MOA

- **Courses:** Level One and Two courses have been arranged at New Farnley and Dewsbury for next month
- **Match Officials Development Plan:** The plan put forward by the MOA is to form the basis of the league's plan to retain and recruit umpires.  
**Action:** AB, DY, and BP to join the MOA's NT, MJ and MK on a joint group steering the project.
- **Club umpires:** The board is going to require all clubs to provide a club umpire for all second team games. It is to be advised that club umpires take the Level One on-line course. This is to be communicated to clubs.
- **Life members:** Seven umpires, Tony Hamer, Les Wood, Kenny Wharton, Glen Sewell, David Holland, Bernard Richardson, David Sutcliffe have qualified for Life Membership.  
**Action:** NJ should secure suitable memento for them which should be presented at the MOA agm

## 11. PREMIER LEAGUE ISSUES

- **Annual Return:** The league has to provide Pitch Marks, Fair Play Marks, an umpires development plan and diversity plan.  
**Action:** AB to ensure the material is complete and submitted before October 31.
- **Diversity Plan:** It is proposed that eight members of the board, Chairman, CEO, Secretary, Treasurer, Discipline Recorder, EDI Officer, Cricket Operations Officer and Safeguarding Officer should be elected by the clubs. The board should then recruit four members who improve diversity and provide the skills to enact the league's business. The league should also establish a structure of sub committee which will help spread the league's workload and bring in new blood.  
**Action:** AB to develop the proposal so that it can be submitted to the ECB and refined at Rules Revision.
- **Premier League Play-Offs:** Congratulation to Woodlands on their nine-wicket win over Appleby Frodingham at Headingley.

## 12. AGM PREPARATION

- The notice of the meeting, agenda and last year's minutes are to be circulated to clubs.  
**Action:** CL to circulate the documentation on Friday, October 21.
- The annual accounts have been compiled by the treasurer  
**Action:** Accounts to be submitted to the auditor by MV

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Facility upgrades:** Pudsey St Lawrence, Woodlands, Morley, Carlton and Lightcliffe all have major facility upgrades under way this winter.  
**Action:** CL to write to all clubs to see if there are further projects being carried out. AB to feature them in a website story.  
**Meeting closed:** 9.25pm