**MINUTES OF YCB COUNCIL HELD AT YORK C.C. ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7PM.**

1. **PRESENT: B.Lymbery (Chairman), S.Pickles (Secretary), M.Kingston, C.Parkin (YCGA) , Mrs A Coe (N.Yorks W), P.Robshaw (Y,S & E.Yorks), R.McKenzie, D.Normanton, I.Livesey (W.Yorks), T.Coe, E.Duguid, (CDGs), S.Wood (YCBACO), D.Kerruish, Mrs J Hildreth (YCB).**
2. **APOLOGIES: S.Donlan (NE Yorks), R.Shackleton (W.Yorks), Dawn Nicklin (CDGs), R.Jones (YCB Women), C.West, M.Arthur, A.Watson (YCB).**
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 6th JUNE 2016:** **Approved as a correct record. Proposed MK Seconded IL. Approved.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

* **None related to the minutes.**
* **Re attendees, BL welcomed Philip Robshaw to his first meeting representing the newly formed York, Scarborough & East Yorkshire ACC**
* **Carl Parkin (YGA) requested that he be added to the mailing list for these meetings**
* **It was noted that Dawn Nicklin (CDGs) had not attended a Council Meeting. Q: Should someone else attend from CDGs? What is the mechanism for electing people to represent CDGs now that the CDG Forum no longer meets? Question for AW.**
* **SW requested that members receive Minutes of the meeting twice – once shortly after the meeting, and subsequently shortly before the next meeting.**
* **BL noted that as AW was unable to attend because of family illness, it would be difficult to deal with some of the items on the agenda which required AW’s specialist knowledge and input. However the intention was to complete as much as the agenda as possible, in the light of the effort made to attend by so many, and to list urgent items/questions to be put to AW so that answers could be found for members.**

1. **AREA COUNCIL REPORTS:**
   1. **Area Council re-structure:**

* **The new York, Scarborough & East Yorks ACC was now operating, and PR was the new secretary.**
* **Nothing further could be added on this matter in the absence of AW or a substitute.**
  1. **Area Council funding & CDG funding :**
* **Payment will go out in October to ACs that comply with YCB expectations.**
* **Payment of £200 will go out to CDGs that comply with YCB expectations. Clubs currently pay £45 each. On the new formula, £45 - £20 (T20 tickets) = £25 of which 20% (£5) will go towards AC funding, 20% (£5) will go to CDG funding, and 20% (£5) will go to Grants and Development.**
* **Q re financial accountability of ACs & CDGs. SP replied that he had been asked by YCB to gather information about how much money ACs held and how much they spent. One AC has avoided disclosing the amount that it holds, another AC didn’t really know how much money it held, three ACs knew how much they had. SP was told that CDMs would now track CDGs to see what money they held and if they were using the money as part of their brief. Also CDMs would identify dormant/defunct CDGs and use local knowledge to recover any funds. Members present felt that ACs should have a higher profile in managing the CDGs in their AC.**
* **Q re CDGs receiving further grants if already holding a substantial balance**
* **Nothing further could be added on this matter in the absence of AW or a substitute.**.
  1. **Issues/feedback surrounding Club Affiliation Fees 2016**
* **Q (AC): There are issues around the use of postcodes to allocate money to ACs as, for example, many clubs in the Craven League have BD postcodes but come under North Yorkshire. Would appreciate club lists being sent to AC Secretaries so that issues/anomalies around this matter could be resolved.**
* **Q (TC): Is it correct that funding for sport is being directed away from recreational sport to National level sport/performance?**
* **Nothing further could be added on this matter in the absence of AW or a substitute**
  1. **South Yorkshire :**
* **No report**
  1. **North Yorkshire West (AC) :**
* **Problems with juniors – AW to contact Terry Thompson concerning U-9 cricket out of season re YSCA District cricket**
  1. **NE Yorks:**
* **SD sent his apologies but provided a brief report.**
* **NEYACC has not met since your last meeting but I would expect them to meet in the coming months. The NYSD has established a group to look at what can be done in terms of rule amendments and league reorganisation to help clubs get teams out thereby minimising concessions. A players’ questionnaire has been drawn up to get their views to feed into this exercise.**
* **It will be my intention to share the output from this exercise with the Area Council so other leagues in our area will be aware of developments.**
  1. **York/Scarborough/East Yorkshire (PR)):**
* **Now merged. Meeting at Pocklington next week (12/9)**
* **Child Welfare and other courses to be run. Would appreciate guidance from AW.**
  1. **West Yorkshire (RM/DN):**
* **WYACC KO Cup Final yesterday. York Senior League (208-9) beat Airedale & Wharfedale League (173-10) at Drighlington CC**
* **Helpful notice at Drighlington CC’s ground to be forwarded to members**
* **Next meeting on 19/9 at Blackley CC**
* (**RM**)**Fifth Joint meeting  held at Cleckheaton CC on 20th June 2016**
* **Attendance 18 plus Alan Farnell ( S Yorks ) as Observer; 12 regulars sent apologies.**
* **Financial position was still healthy.  No grants made in last period but 1 potential application was highlighted.**
* **Queries  from the floor  on fairness of calculation of YCB grant -per Club -as a lower proportion of increased affiliation fees -per team.  Noted survey of Clubs may change base area for YCB grant  calculation.**
* **Encouragement to attendees to  make Clubs aware of availability of grants to sustain and develop the game at grassroots level**
* **Steve Archer noted support for 38 Clubs applying for ECB small grants; YCB piloting new ECB approach to age groups from 5+; Coaches encouraged to use icoach.**
* **Carl Parkin advertised forthcoming courses, and availability of tailored courses for Leagues and CDGs.**
* **Reminder of regular ACO winter meetings and revision courses. Poor response for scorers courses.**
* **Knock Out Cup Final on 4th Sept at Drighlington, with Aire/Wharfe aiming for a hat trick of wins.**
* **Indoor 6s at Woodlands on 6th November.**
* **Key items on reports from Leagues were:-**
* **i)efforts to recruit older players as Umpires,**
* **ii) need to perform Risk Assessments at all grounds and all Clubs to have adequate Liability Insurance; prompted by a recent accident in Kirklees area.**
* **Perceived problems with Pyramid—- promising young players poached to go up BUT no mature players coming down to replace them or pass on experience.**
  1. **Other issues/points to be raised:**
* **Qs re funding for Premier Leagues. No one able to answer.**
* **Paper copy of YCB handbook – views both for and against the re-instatement of a paper copy of the YCB handbook were made. A mixed view.**
  1. **CDGs:**
* **Craven (TC): Craven League clubs were required to attend 2 CDG meetings. RW spoke about Development Plans at the recent meeting. Another meeting in October.**
* **Bradford West (ED): 2 meetings, next meeting in 2 weeks. Still developing the website and adding information. Organised a Coach Support Worker course (via DK) at the Zara Centre in November. Also doing a First Aid course and doing coaching for girls.**
* **Coach Support Worker course held**

1. **Area Councils and the clarification of expectations:**

**6.1 Roles and Powers confirmation:**

* **Nothing further could be added on this matter in the absence of AW or a substitute**

**6.2 Indoor 6 a Side Competition 2017 (SP):**

* **County Final of the 2017 Competition would take place at Headingley in January 2017**
* **All ACs were asked, in line with previously stated expectations, to provide an entry to go forward to this event. This could be achieved by running their own competition/finals day (as in West Yorkshire), or by nominating the winner of an existing Indoor 6 a Side League in their area (as in South Yorkshire), or by direct nomination.**
* **It was to be noted that NO club may enter this competition in 2 different counties in the same year**
* **It was expected that SYAC, WYAC, NYWAC and NYEAC would be the 4 entry routes to the Yorkshire Final. However should NEYAC wish to enter a team, their team will play off against the NYEAC nominee for a place in the Yorkshire Final**
* **The names and contact details for clubs participating in the County Final should be with SP by 31st December 2016.**
* **Any further Qs on this competition should be directed to SP**

1. **COACH EDUCATION (DK) :**

* **Website also has links to YCB website**
* **8 courses booked – 6 in West, 1 in East, 1 in South**
* **More Coach Support Worker courses to come**
* **Aim to payment online, where applicable**
* **Able to offer bespoke courses (free for ECBCA members)**
* **N,E,S,W workshops leading to a Coaching Diploma (an ECB qualification)**
* **A discussion developed around accessing pots of money previously held by Coaches Associations Branches. ACs should seek to identify if these Coaches Branches within their areas and, where the branch is inactive, encourage the funds to be transferred to the AC to be ring fenced for Coaching. Examples of where this had happened amicably were given.**

1. **ECB UPDATES (AW):**

* **The Area Council funding will be sorted at the end of the season. I understand that there were a few anomalies with payment, but we felt that payment should be made asap with possible adjustments later. The ACCs will be paid £5 per club based on each of the club’s postcodes. Payment should be made during October, but we will work with Rob Richtering to ensure the framework is correct. We have not received payments for clubs in Bradford Sunday School Mutual League nor the CYCL for this year, so affiliation is down until payment is made.**
* **The CDGs will receive £200.00. This will go to those CDGs in the CDMs opinion have performed.**
* **There are big changes at ECB and this will be reported on next time. The whole structure has been revamped and ECB has not seen changes like this since their inception in 1996. Role and responsibilities have changed 40 roles have been at risk, but more regional roles have been developed to aid delivery at grassroots. “Cricket Unleashed”, the new ECB strategy, is now launched and we are ready to deliver with the CDMs keeping their geographical areas, but a slight change in portfolios.  This will be presented at the next meeting.**
* **The next 4 year County MoU with ECB (contract) is to be signed next April and we are in a really great position with our collaboration with YCCC and YCF. Details later.**
* **Sorry I can’t be with you, Best wishes, Andrew**

**8.1 Re Structure (JH):**

* **JH reported that the 4 CDMs would be keeping their Areas, but there had been some changes in portfolio responsibilities.**

**8.2 Cricket Unleashed (JH):**

* **JH reported that there was information available via Dropbox**
* **Nothing further could be added on this matter in the absence of AW or a substitute**
* **JH asked who else was aware of what was going on**
* **Q: Who is AW’s deputy? A: Gareth Davies**
* **Request made that GD is kept fully up to speed so that there is more than one source of information available to members**

1. **DISCIPLINE & TRANSFERS (IL):**

* **Increasing use of suspended bans (especially for repeat offenders**
* **Where indefinite bans are given, IL is rarely informed if the ban is lifted**
* **Still issues re Leagues/clubs communicating disciplinary issues to IL in a timely manner**
* **Transfers – similar issues re lack of communication to IL in a timely manner**
* **It appears that poaching players from lower leagues has increased**
* **There is still a need to stick to the agreed protocols surrounding transfers**

1. **REPORTS FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS**
   1. **YCGA (CP):**

* **In its first year, membership has grown. To further increase membership YCGA need to form better links with leagues (not just Premier leagues) by contacting them direct. Cheaper membership is available if membership is taken out en bloc.**

**(MK) The YCGA continues to build on its initial membership push although this has been a struggle at times.   The GA exists because of the desire to see good quality cricket played on good quality grounds.  This can only be achieved through education.  For 2016 the GA had proposed to run the usual Level 1 Spring and Autumn courses and a mid-season Level 2 course for those that wanted a bit more information on turf culture.**

**The L1 Spring course was run at Kirkstall Educational CC in April and this resulted in a loss to the association.  This is due to the lack of support from the cricket fraternity in Yorkshire.  Consequently the L1 Autumn course had to be cancelled and the mid-season L2 course has been postponed until October to try and increase numbers attending.  The GA cannot run these courses at the low cost it does without the support of the clubs and groundsmen that want the courses and the goodwill and commitment of groundsmen and clubs like Dave Hodgson and Kirkstall Educational CC.**

**We are already starting to review what we can put on for 2017.  This review will be looking at all aspects of the training the GA provides including how it is funded.  You might say this is the GA’s own Autumn renovation!**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Saturday 1st October at Headingley.  We have a full day planned including workshops on various aspects of groundsmanship, suppliers and manufacturers will be in attendance with time allocated for networking.  Look out for the calling notices.**

**The Ga’s Partner organisation the IoG will be running their autumn series of talks commencing the 12th of October at Cleckheaton Sports Club, all are welcome.**

**Martin Kingston YCGA Secretary**

* 1. **YCBACO (SW):**
* **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS  - Although membership has increased, (now passed 1,000), the increase seems to be down to existing umpires joining ACO, and better retention levels, rather than an influx of new umpires. The traditional methods of recruiting umpires are not producing umpires in the quantity required. We need to promote the brand generally, including to members of the public. A stall at a T20 match at Headingley, gave us this opportunity. We should like to have a similar stall whenever and wherever groups of people with an interest in cricket come together. This might include Cup Finals, representative games, cricket festivals, Junior cup finals, Ladies Kia Super League games, CAG Festivals etc even local shows and galas**
* **RECRUITING NEW OFFICIALS - We need to target young officials, women officials, and officials from other backgrounds. We are proposing posters be put up in Sports Centres and Learning Establishments (Sixth Form Colleges, and Universities) These posters should show women, and/or young officials, if we are going to attract women or young officials. The Women’s World Cup in 2017 gives us the opportunity to promote cricket officiating to women.**
* **The stall at a T20 game at Headingley was in a good position, (on the corner opposite the shop), which meant virtually everyone coming in Gate B had to pass close by. We had from 5.00 pm, when the gates opened, until 6.30 pm when the game started. There was little movement in the interval, and we decided to pack up and vacate before the end, to avoid having to wait until the crowd had cleared, to get back onto site to remove the equipment. In the 90 minutes we spoke to several hundred people. Most were not interested, although none were aggressive or unpleasant about it. Many agreed to “think about it”, but a substantial number showed real interest. 21 forms were completed by people wanting more information, particularly about training.**
* **T20 interests a different crowd. There were a large number of young men, many of whom said they did not play cricket. Perhaps the ECB might consider a stand to get these young men interested in playing. Perhaps local clubs could organise open days for these people to turn up and have a go, either in the nets, or in an impromptu game situation. We have to make it easy for people to get started.**
* **There were a number of parents there with their children. Some fathers admitted to umpiring junior cricket involving their children, yet it had not occurred to them they should have some training. We should work more with junior leagues, and encourage them to expect umpires of junior fixtures to have some basic knowledge, and to provide elementary training for parents. Similarly some we spoke to, who were playing, admitted to having to stand as umpire in their games, but it had not occurred to them they should or could be trained.**
* **Training for parents and players might have to be offered in a different way, and at different times, possibly after the normal cricket season has started. Furthermore it may not, immediately, increase membership of ACO, but it would certainly benefit cricket, and perhaps, in the medium term we might find an increase in those who want to progress as an umpire.** 
  1. **LADIES (JH):**
* **Women’s Super League – Yorkshire won 1 of 5 fixtures, but the competition is set to expand. 1000 attended the Headingley game**
* **County 1st team = 3rd, U-13s = County Champions, U-15s = 3rd, U-17s = County Champions**
* **U-11s & U-13s played in Development leagues**
* **Some good District competitions took place**

1. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (SP):**

* **Monday 5th December @ Cleckheaton CC**
* **All meetings will commence at 7pm**
* **The proposed dates are subject to final confirmation.**

1. **AOB.**

* **(PR) Requested that CDM should attend the next SYEYACC meeting**
* **(JH) To take back the concerns expressed re the lack of accurate information available for the volunteers attending this YCB Council meeting**
* **(PR) Requested that it should be investigated whether the December YCB Council Meeting could be moved forward to sometime in October/November so that ACCs could have the information that they required to move forwards**

**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**