

Members' Representative Group, Meeting Minutes, 16th June 2025 5PM

In attendance: Graeme Greenfield (Chair), Chris Woodthorpe, Pauline Beesley, Charlotte Evers, Howard Ray, Ben Sanders, Ian Townsend (Member-nominated Non-Executive Director)

Apologies: Josh Wilmer (YCCC Customer and Member Liaison Officer), Sam Gascoyne (YCCC Head of Marketing)

As a result of the MRG meeting being held in a test match week, executives of the club could not attend. This resulted in more of a general chat than an official meeting with an agenda.

Before the first discussion topic, chair Graeme Greenfield extended his thanks to Charlotte Evers, whose term on the MRG is coming to an end at the AGM after many years of dedicated service. The rest of the MRG echoed Graeme's remarks, and a round of applause was held.

The first point of discussion was around the AGM. The date of it is not ideal, but no date would suit every member, and in the unique circumstances around the delay to the AGM it is understandable. The accounts were signed off without the sale of our 51% stake in the Northern Superchargers reflected in them- this is still an ongoing process but a deal will hopefully be signed imminently, once other counties, investors and the ECB are ready. Yorkshire and Sunrisers Group are ready to sign. As a result, the accounts have been signed off with material uncertainty.

A couple of emails to our MRG email address were considered. These themed around a lack of communication from the club, most notably around the Lancashire 2nd XI T20 game which should have been open to the public but stewards turned people away at the gates due to miscommunication. It was noted amongst the group that, after improvements in this area in 2024, there's been a few hiccups this year. Other examples of poor communication in recent months were raised, most notably the change in gates now opening an hour before the commencement of play for County Championship games, as a queue had formed before the usual 9:30 opening time but people had to wait until 10:00 to get in, with the information only being given out the day before in the usual pre-match guide and not a separate notice. On the other side of the spectrum, it was mooted that the club is possibly sending too many emails out to members, so much so that information can easily be missed/ignored by members presuming it's another marketing email.

Another issue raised was the perceived inequality between the women's and men's teams in terms of the in ground experience, as at standalone women's matches, no turnstiles were open at the Kirkstall Lane end of the ground, and there was a general lack of food in comparison to standalone men's matches. A couple of other questions about the future of the women's team were raised as they move into tier 1 next year. Clarifications around these points and questions will be sought.

A range of other points were raised, but given the lack of club employees present, MRG members were encouraged to email their points in an email thread that club officials and employees can look at and respond to in due course, once the test match and other important events have passed.

These minutes were taken by Ben Sanders. The meeting closed around 6:20 PM, with the next one scheduled for 13th August. In the meantime, there is a Members' Q&A coming up on the 13th July, and a forum at Scarborough on the 30th July.