

## **Members' Representative Group, Meeting Minutes, 6th October 2025 4PM, Headingley Stadium**

In attendance: Graeme Greenfield (Chair), Howard Ray, Ben Sanders, Mark Dexter, Ian Townsend (Member-nominated Non-Executive Director), Sanjay Patel (YCCC Chief Executive Officer), Jon Barnett (YCCC Director of Operations)

Apologies: Chris Woodthorpe, Mark Bailey, Pauline Beesley, Josh Wilmer (YCCC Communications Lead), Sam Gascoyne (YCCC Head of Marketing)

### **Club Update**

- Memberships will be released soon.
- Sanjay Patel gave the group a summary of the club's current financial position and future outlook.

### **Durham game feedback**

- Catering- once again not ideal, acknowledged steps have been taken in the right direction (for example with the publication of the menu for each day), but the quality of food is not where it should be. MRG were encouraged to write a letter to the club which they can then use in discussions with Sodexo.
- Members' forum- concerns were noted around a lack of notice about the forum, the layout of the room not being ideal, and the catering provision not opening until 9:30 despite the Long Room being open from 9:00. Next year the dates are to be pencilled in once the fixtures come out, as usual, and ensure that they are on all appropriate literature and emails.
- Removal of donating members' wall- it has been temporarily taken down so it can be given TLC, will be put back up somewhere in the ground. This decision will be taken in consultation with the MRG.

### **International tickets**

- Technical difficulties around accessing the international ticket priority window, raised by multiple members and supporters, were acknowledged by the club and systems will be improved.

### **End of season dinner feedback**

- Late notice of it and not ideal timing during the middle of a game led to a lower than hoped for turnout.
- Next year the hope is to pencil in the opening and end of season dinners once the fixtures are released.
- The procedure and timing of the Player of the Year vote was also questioned- online only prohibits those members without access to the internet from having their say. It was suggested to re-introduce the paper voting slips in the Long Room during the final game of the season.

#### **Howard Ray's email**

- Howard raised our position with the Sunrisers in terms of their stake in the Headingley based Hundred team and our staging agreement with them, and also opting in for membership voting rights. Sanjay Patel gave an explanation about both to the group.

#### **Mark Dexter's email**

- Mark talked about how to go around improving communications and the image of the club using his professional experience in the field and he volunteered to meet individually with club executives at a beneficial time.

#### **Festival of Red Ball cricket/red ball cricket initiatives**

- The group raised the red ball cricket festivals Surrey and Somerset have run with the range of fan engagements they offered during the game, and also the school's day Surrey held earlier in the year during a County Championship game where 7,000 school kids attended. Something to explore in the future.

#### **Future of the Yearbook**

- After some concern earlier in the year about its future, it should be produced next season. The yearbook has historical significance.

#### **AOB**

- Dickie Bird- funeral notice will be published shortly (and it has now been published on the club's website).

#### **Meeting Closed at 5:30PM**

Minutes taken by Ben Sanders, next meeting TBC