

Members' Representative Group, Meeting Minutes, 7th September 2026 4PM, Headingley Stadium

In attendance: Graeme Greenfield (Chair), Ben Sanders, Chris Woodthorpe, Mark Bailey, Cathy Rennison, Andrew Lewington, Ian Townsend (Member-nominated Non-Executive Director), Dan Matson (YCCC Commercial Director), Jon Barnett (YCCC Director of Operations), Sanjay Patel (YCCC Group Chief Executive Officer), Colin Graves (YCCC Club Chair)

Apologies: Mark Dexter

Demutualisation

- Sanjay Patel talked the group through where the Club are at with demutualisation, the slides from the first DCG meeting, the Scarborough forum and upcoming Headingley forum.
- A general discussion was then held amongst the group, with members' concerns/questions/opinions amongst an array of discussion points raised by the group that the Club has taken away.
- In addition, the MRG were asked to come up with a list of protections members' would want with demutualisation, which we have done comprehensively.

Test Match

- Strong crowds across the first 3 days with 90% plus occupancy.
- The Club improved again on operational delivery which was recognised by the ECB.
- We were disappointed not to get a day 4 which will impact our profitability.
- The Club used the test match as a platform to get the message out around the lack of international cricket hosted at Headingley for the next 3 years.

Operations

- Opening the Howard Stand Upper at Headingley during hot weather at T20 games was raised after multiple complaints from members' not being able to sit in the shade during the extreme heat with the Lower already being full; this has been noted and taken away.
- Outgrounds- a little discussion was had about York, Scarborough and Ampleforth and how matches at these locations had gone. Ben Sanders to write an email to the Ops team with minutiae he wanted to raise.

Communications

- Live blog issues- there's been a tech issue about the automatic updating of the live blogs, a fix had been attempted after Scarborough. A web developer is to be on standby during the Essex game.
- Weekly update email- recently the weekly update email advertising members of upcoming fixtures that week has not been sent out, for example there was little publication of the disability showcase fixture at Headingley until a social media post was made the day before. This will be picked up; the Club are transferring to a new system.
- MRG visibility to members- badges will be issued shortly to help members identify who we are.

The meeting closed at 5:15PM. Minutes taken by Ben Sanders, next meeting scheduled for 26th October.