



HUNTERS YPLN

2021 Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th November 7.30pm



Chairman's Report

All of you will be aware what an eventful year this has been in the wake of the Covid lock-down and being able to resume cricket gradually at the start of the season. It's been a very busy year for everyone trying to navigate the restraints we have been under and get teams out to play every week. In the end it's been pretty successful in achieving an almost complete programme of cricket. That's a testament to all the hard work of the clubs, umpires, and league officials. A huge vote of thanks goes to all concerned – it's been a great effort.

Phil has been through performances and recognised various officials in his report and so I don't intend to repeat that. I am very grateful for all the hard work of my fellow league officials which at times has been all consuming for some individuals. As you know Rob Richtering is no longer in the Chairman's role and has been quite ill. I am pleased to say he is on the mend and remains involved with the league. I certainly didn't expect to be writing the Chairman's report this year!

We have again received excellent support from the YCB and in particular Andrew Watson who sits on our board. We are very grateful for this.

Since the last AGM we have been able to recruit new members to the board and improve the diversity of its members in the process. Take a look on the league website to see the makeup of the board
<<https://www.yplncricket.co.uk/about-ypln/management-board/>>

The website itself was developed in the close season and we hope you have found it a welcome addition to the Play-Cricket site. Many thanks to Rob Smith for all the hard work to get this in place.

What has been disappointing this year is the number of disciplinary issues which has added to the considerable extra workload brought about by Covid. I would ask everyone to redouble their efforts as clubs and players to refocus on this over the winter. Let's breathe more life into the Spirit of Cricket. We all love the game and want it to flourish in a healthy and sporting environment.

Returning to the positive, I have met lots of new people this year in the course of spectating and carrying out official duties. I have seen first-hand the long-term friendships that have evolved over many years between players, ex-players, and umpires. I have witnessed the continuing enthusiasm and support for the game. It has served to remind me how much we all love the game at all levels and throughout our lives. Long may it continue!

Graham Hursthouse
5/10/21