

The Shrubbery Hotel - Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday July 6, 2018 at Huntspill & District Cricket Club.

Those present Malcolm Fox (Chairman), Tom Packman, Amanda Counsell, Derek Hicks, Toby Strang, Matt Counsell, Edward Martin, and Ray Hancock.

- 1. Apologies** were received from Ian Latchem, David Derrick, Andy Fairbairn, Martin King and Matt Lunn.
- 2. The Minutes** of the previous Management Committee Meeting (April 9 2018) were approved.
- 3. There were no matters arising.**
- 4. Correspondence.** a) It was noted that the recent distribution of a letter from the Chairman regarding the attitude of a few club representatives, who had harassed and abused members of the Management Committee while they have been carrying out their administrative roles, had been well received by the membership. Clubs that responded to the letter recognised the huge amount of voluntary work carried out by Committee members, without whom there would be no Somerset Cricket League! b) A recent problem with a double booking of a 'home ground' had caused a problem. This issue had been advised to clubs at the time when the fixtures were prepared. Due to the complexities of the Division 8 fixtures, clubs were asked to resolve the double-booking issues back in November '17. However, Sparkford 2nd XI had failed to do so and now needed to find a suitable date up until September 2 to host the match against Castle Cary 2nd XI. c) The Committee had received a detailed letter from North Petherton CC regarding the time scale for the submission of results and verification. The Committee felt that the current limits were quite satisfactory, but if NPCC wished to change them and add more days to the time scale, the club should propose a change for discussion at the AGM. The Hon. Secretary will respond accordingly to the letter. d) Other items which had been received would be dealt with during the appropriate place in the agenda.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer reported a healthy state of the accounts and that the year ending 30th September 2018 would show a surplus significantly higher than had been budgeted at the last AGM. This was because of a reduction of expenditure resulting from the decision to cease production of a League Handbook. All other items of Income and Expenditure were in line with previous years and the League also held a small stock of cricket balls.
- 6. Disciplinary Issues.** Ray Hancock, the Honorary Secretary reported that there had been a disciplinary hearing involving a player from Wembdon CC. The minutes/decision of this hearing had been previously reported in the "End of June" update. A further issue relating to an instance of inappropriate language of a racist nature was being dealt with by the League Chairman and a club chairman, which has now been resolved. A concern had been expressed about the ongoing problem at Bridgwater 3^{rds} ground. The Grounds Committee will investigate the issues involved and report back to the Committee.
- 7. Play-cricket.com** The Committee noted that the use of the national cricket website had been most successful. The deadlines for results input would be analysed further and any modifications would be put to future Rules/AGM committee meetings.
- 8. Umpiring in the SCL.** Derek Hicks reported that umpires were standing at all Premier League (Div. 1) games and there were a few games in Division 2 that had also been covered. The issue of club umpires standing in games in divisions 1 & 2 was also discussed.

- 9. Withdrawals.** The Committee expressed its concern over the withdrawals of two teams from Divisions 6N & 8N. (Glastonbury & Bridgwater Sports). Ultimately, this could affect the number of SCL divisions and result in Division 5 being regionalised!
- 10. Don Crouch scores.** Edward Martin reported that all teams had scored above the 80% mark, although some were perilously close to this lower limit. He had spoken to a number of clubs that were close to this low figure and was pleased to report that most of these clubs had improved their statistics.
- 11. Team of the Month** – The Chairman and Hon. Secretary will be talking about the future of these awards, together with the details of the Presentation Night, during their forthcoming visit to the Shrubbery Hotel to discuss the sponsorship.
- 12. Possible rule changes.** The Committee decided to leave discussion of this item to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 13. Presentation Night. October 2018.** The details of the Presentation Night will be published later.
- 14. Items of any other business.** a) It was noted that there were approximately 2,800 players registered on the SCL website. b) Concern was expressed about the transfer process and the need for it to embrace all clubs in the WEPL area. Any player wishing to play for a club in the WEPL Pyramid (this comprises WEPL; B&D; GCL; WCL; SCL) must be properly transferred as per rule 7 Players (b) Transfers. This process is a two-way one.
- 15.** The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.