



## Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday  
October 11 2018 at the Centre of Excellence, County Ground, Taunton.

Those present Malcolm Fox (Chairman), David Derrick, Matt Counsell, Tom Packman, , Matthew Lunn, Edward Martin, Martin King, Ray Hancock and visitor Andy Barrett.

1. Apologies were received from committee members Amanda Counsell, Toby Strang, Andy Fairbairn, Derek Hicks and Ian Latchem.
2. The Minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting (September 6 2018) were approved.
3. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes, other than those that related to items to be discussed later in the agenda.
4. Correspondence. a) The Committee noted the recent problems involving fraudulent requests made to some clubs. A note was circulated by the Hon. Secretary to warn clubs of a fraudster seeking BACS payments to an unknown source. The Committee believed that no club had fallen for the fake email.
5. Treasurer's Report. The Hon. Treasurer provided a written report that outlined the Income and Expenditure Account for the Year. The report showed a surplus for the year of £3,170.58 on the year's activities. The report will be published with the AGM notice and agenda and will show that the SCL has a healthy general account balance at the end of the financial year. He went on to describe the various facets of the income and expenditure account and answered members' questions. He noted that the non-production of the handbook, a particularly well supported presentation dinner and a stock of cricket balls from the previous season accounted for the surplus.
6. Umpires and SACO. In the absence of Derek Hicks, it was noted that a meeting will be held shortly, and a report will be submitted to a future SCL meeting. A reminder to clubs that the SCL is prepared to offer any umpire from a SCL club a 50% grant when attending an umpires' course. Furthermore, this offer will also include scorers, coaches and groundsmen's courses. The Hon. Secretary agreed to advertise this offer in a future league circular.

7. The Committee noted that the use of [play-cricket.com](http://play-cricket.com) had been a very successful move. It recognised the fact that the SCL had led the way with its previous website, but the additional cricket-related options had been welcomed. Ed Martin, the Disciplinary Secretary said that he was pleased to note that no club finished with a 'Don Crouch' score below 80%. There was still scope for improvement, but the committee decided not to raise the bar above 80% for next season. The Committee wished to record its thanks to Amanda Counsell who had checked and recorded all results, had helped with any concerns and dealt with any complaints in a most efficient manner throughout the season.
8. The Hon. Secretary reported that the Presentation Night at the Shrubbery Hotel on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> will be attended by approximately 130 players and guests. Craig and Jamie Overton of Somerset County Cricket Club will be the principal guests and they will be joined in a question and answer session by Richard Walsh, the Somerset County Gazette, the Sunday Independent and Wellington Weekly News. The twins will then present the trophies to the divisional winners. A draw for cricket equipment, which has been given by Mr Najmi, Lords Cricket Balls, and other prizes will take place during the evening. The proceeds of the draw will be given to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. Ed Martin agreed to take a photographic record of the evening.
9. The Committee noted that the clubs that won the 'Team of the Month' prizes had received a letter from Best Western with details of the prize and venues that had been allocated. The teams were:- May, Ilton 1<sup>st</sup> XI; June, Taunton St. Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> XI; July Cheddar 1<sup>st</sup> XI; August, Taunton Deane 4<sup>th</sup> XI.
10. The Committee determined the winner of the 'AVCO Trust Young Player of the Year' Trophy. This year the Committee decided that the award should be shared by two players. They were Oliver Beale of Wellington CC and Dan Parsons of Taunton Deane CC. The Glastonbury Mowers All Rounder's Trophy was awarded to Damian Price of Ilton CC.
11. It was noted that three teams (Taunton Deane 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Street 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Wellington 1<sup>st</sup> XI) had been promoted to WEPL. However, only two teams (Uphill Castle 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Staplegrove 1<sup>st</sup> XI) had been relegated to the SCL Premier Division. This will cause an adjustment beyond the usual 'two up, two down movement in drawing up the 2019 SCL composition.
12. The Committee discussed the cricket balls used in 2018 and agreed to continue to purchase them in 2019 from Lords International. and retail them to clubs at £9 per ball.
13. The Committee discussed the disciplinary issues that had been investigated and actioned during the season. Members expressed their concern about some of the bad and abusive language that had been reported. In particular, the word "cheat" had been regularly reported and had frequently been directed at umpires (club and players in role). The Committee will encourage clubs to report abusive language and it will take action on all reported incidents.
14. Final Tables 2018. The Committee confirmed the final divisional tables for season 2018 and these are shown in Appendix A.
15. Composition of Divisions for 2019. The agreed composition is displayed in Appendix B. Unfortunately, the number of teams that have now registered to play in the SCL in 2019 has dropped to 104, but the divisional structure will remain the same with five county wide divisions (1 -5) and 6 regionalised divisions (6N & 6S; 7N

& 7S; 8N & 8S). However, there will only be 6/8 teams in each of Divisions 8 N & S respectively. The Hon. Secretary said that he would endeavour to make fixtures within Division 8N & 8S to give a full set of 18 games in the season.

16. The Hon. Secretary said that he had started preparing the fixtures for 2019 and they would be published later in October.

17. The Committee discussed some possible rule changes that had been proposed by clubs and the Management Committee. The Hon. Secretary said that he would list the original club submissions for the rules meeting (Street CC on Monday 12th November) and they will be published with these minutes as Appendix C and circulated to all clubs. This will give clubs sufficient time to hold club discussions before the Rules Meeting on Monday November 12. The AGM will then be held on Monday December 10 at the Shrubbery Hotel. The publication of the official AGM notice and reports will be carried out by November 19 as per Rule 3 Administration 9 (c) General Meetings.

18. The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

19. The dates of future meetings were confirmed as:-  
The Rules Meeting on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Street C C (the Victoria Club) at 7.30 pm.  
The AGM on Monday December 10 at 7.30 pm. at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.