

# The Shrubbery Hotel - Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday  
October 18 2012 at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.

Those present Malcolm Fox (Chairman), Amanda Counsell, Ian Latchem, Derek Hicks, Tom Packman, Toby Strang, Miles Knight, David Derrick, Martin King and Ray Hancock.

1. Apologies were received from Committee members Matthew Lunn and Ian Stolworthy and the President Stuart Shepherd..
2. The Minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting (September 20) 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 was received from:- a) Andy Fairbairn, Cricket Development Manager regarding an advert for Head Coach for Women & Girls Cricket through the Somerset Cricket Board b) A letter from Fitzhead CC seeking clarification and advice regarding the Don Crouch scores. c) A copied letter to the Chairman of the SCB from Bron Perkiss of Cheddar CC expressing concern over the loss of young players from the game and other allied issues. The Committee discussed the issues raised and noted its contents.
5. The Hon. Treasurer provided a written report that will be audited, circulated and presented to the AGM in November. He highlighted a number of salient points and gave a detailed explanation of the items of income, expenditure, administrative summary including the office equipment and the Balance Sheet at 30/09/2012. The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £1,059.14.
6. The Hon. Secretary reported that fewer persons than anticipated had attended the Presentation Night at the Shrubbery Hotel. Peter Trego, the Somerset County Cricket Club's leading all rounder was the principal guest. Richard Walsh of the Somerset County Gazette and Sunday Independent interviewed Peter and he entertained everyone with various accounts of life as a professional cricketer. Peter then presented the trophies to the various winning recipients. The Hon. Secretary expressed thanks of those attending to Peter and Richard for contributing to a very successful evening.
7. The Committee determined the winners of the two outstanding trophies. The AVCO Trust Young Player of the Year was awarded to Luke Williams of Ashbrittle CC and the Glastonbury Mowers All Rounders Trophy was awarded to Nathan Barnard of Middlezoy CC. Both trophies will be presented to the winning recipients at the AGM. The Committee re-affirmed the previous decision not to present divisional trophies at the AGM to teams that failed to attend the Presentation Night.
8. The Hon. Secretary distributed copies of the composition of the divisions for 2013 that had been slightly amended since the original distribution. The Committee accepted the revised composition. (See Appendix A).
9. The Hon. Secretary said that the fixtures for 2013 were almost complete and he would circulate them following this meeting.
10. The Committee discussed some possible rule changes and agreed to formulate the following. The detailed rule changes/additions appear in Appendix B to these minutes. a) Strengthen the wording of Rule 3 (h) whereby every club **must** appoint a Welfare Officer (or Child

Protection Officer) to conform to ECB mandatory rules. The officer will need to have been CRB checked and hold a certificate issued by Sports Coach UK that shows that he/she has attended the appropriate course during the last 3 years. Any club without a properly qualified Club Welfare Officer will not be permitted to start the 2013 season until such time as the officer is in place. Amanda Counsell agreed to act as the League's Liaison Welfare Officer and take responsibility for obtaining details of the club welfare officers, chase up clubs without a qualified person and assist those needing training/certification to find a suitable course. She will maintain a list of the club welfare officers and submit it to the SCB from time to time. The Somerset Cricket Board, in conjunction with the league, will be arranging courses during the close season and details of these courses will be circulated by the SCL on behalf of the Somerset Cricket Board. b) The Management Committee supported the sentiments expressed by some clubs to limit the length of the match to 40 overs per side. However, this would be for divisions 8 & 9 only and it will be only these teams that are entitled to vote on the proposal. c) The Committee will introduce a rule to levy an additional fine on clubs that cancel a match for reasons other than weather/pitch conditions after a 10.00 pm deadline on the day preceding the game. This fine for £30, which is in addition to that imposed in Rule 5 (b) (v), will be passed to the home team to help defray expenses incurred for the abortive match. d) The Committee will re-write Rule 3 of the League Disciplinary Procedure to make the offence of the misuse of social websites a technical one whereby persons/clubs will be fined without a personal hearing in the first place, but will be able to appeal under the regulations set out for appeals in Rule 8. e) Proposals for changes to the rules were received from Castle Cary, Purnell, Horrington, Mark CCs.

11. The Management Committee set up a Grounds Sub-Committee to look at setting standards for grounds and facilities. This Committee comprising Toby Strang, Martin King and Derek Hicks will draw up a document setting out Ground/Facilities Standards for clubs in the SCL together with a timescale for its implementation. The Committee will make visits to grounds where concerns have already been raised in the first instance. These visits will not necessarily be pre-warned.
12. The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.
13. The date of the next meeting, which will be the AGM, was confirmed for Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. at the Bridgwater Sports and Social Club.

## Appendix A

# The Best Western Shrubbery Hotel SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE COMPOSITION OF LEAGUES - 2013

Total membership is 65 clubs with 109 teams

### DIVISION 1

ASHBRITTLE 1  
BELVEDERE 1  
CASTLE CARY 1  
KILMINGTON & STOURTON 1  
MIDDLEZOY 1  
NORTH CURRY 1  
NORTH PERROTT 1  
NORTH PETHERTON 1  
PURNELL 1  
TEMPLE CLOUD 1

### DIVISION 4

CHEDDAR 2  
CURRY RIVEL 1  
CRANMORE 1  
EAST COKER 1  
FITZHEAD 1  
FROME 2  
HUNTSPILL & DISTRICT 1  
MARK 1  
STAPLEGROVE 2  
WESTON-SUPER-MARE 3

### DIVISION 7

CHILTON POLDEN 1  
KILMINGTON & STOURTON 2  
MIDDLEZOY 2  
NORTH PETHERTON 2  
PEASEDOWN ST. JOHN 1  
SPAXTON 1  
TEMPLE CLOUD 2  
WATCHET 2  
WELLS 2  
WINSCOMBE 2

### DIVISION 9 NW

BANWELL & CHURCHILL 2  
BRIDGWATER SPORTS 1  
EAST HUNTSPILL 2  
HUNTSPILL & DISTRICT 2  
MARK 2  
TRULL 2  
UPHILL CASTLE CRUSADERS 4  
WEDMORE 'A' 3  
WESTON-SUPER-MARE 4  
A.N.OTHER 'A'

### DIVISION 2

BAGBOROUGH 1  
BARRINGTON 1  
BRIDGWATER 'A' 3  
CHEDDAR 1  
HUISH & LANGPORT 1  
NORTH NEWTON 1  
WATCHET 1  
WELLS 1  
WESTLANDS 2  
WINCANTON 1

### DIVISION 5

BALTONSBOROUGH 1  
BISHOPS LYDEARD 2  
BROADWAY & HORTON 1  
HARDINGTON & W. COKER 1  
HUISH & LANGPORT 2  
LEIGH ON MENDIP 1  
LYDFORD 1  
SPARKFORD 1  
TAUNTON 'A' 3  
TRULL 1

### DIVISION 8 N

BELVEDERE 2  
BURNHAM 2  
CHILTON POLDEN 2  
CRANMORE 2  
EVERCREECH 1  
HORRINGTON 2  
HUISH & LANGPORT 3  
UPHILL CASTLE CAVALIERS 3  
WEDMORE 2  
WEMBDON ACADEMY 4

### DIVISION 9 SE

BROADWAY & HORTON 2  
CHARD 750 4  
CRANMORE 3  
ILMINSTER 'B' 4  
LEIGH ON MENDIP 2  
LONG SUTTON 2  
NORTH PERROTT 3  
SOUTH PETHERTON 2  
SPARKFORD 2  
GLASTONBURY 4

### DIVISION 3

BURNHAM 1  
HORRINGTON 1  
KILVE 1  
LONG SUTTON 1  
NORTH PERROTT 2  
SOUTH PETHERTON 1  
UPHILL CASTLE 2  
WEDMORE 1  
WELLINGTON 2  
WEMBDON 2

### DIVISION 6

BANWELL & CHURCHILL 1  
BUTLEIGH 2  
CASTLE CARY 2  
CHARD 'A' 3  
EAST HUNTSPILL 1  
GLASTONBURY LAMBS 3  
ILMINSTER 'A' 3  
PURNELL 2  
TAUNTON DEANE CAVS 3  
TAUNTON ST ANDREWS 'A' 3

### DIVISION 8 S

ALL SAINTS 1  
BARRINGTON 2  
BARTON ST. DAVID 1  
ILTON 2  
LYDFORD 2  
TAUNTON DEANE CRUS. 4  
TAUNTON ST. ANDREWS B 4  
WEMBDON WYVERNS 3  
WESTLANDS 3  
WINCANTON 2

## Appendix B.

### Rule changes proposed by the Management Committee for Decision at AGM Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Note** All proposed changes to rule are shown in bold within the proposal.

#### Management Committee Proposition 1

##### 3. Administration

**(h) All clubs must appoint a Welfare Officer (or Child Protection Officer)** to conform to ECB mandatory rules. The officer will need to have a current CRB and hold a certificate that shows that he/she has attended a Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course during the last 3 years. Evidence of both the CRB and S&PC certification must be made available to the Hon. Secretary before the season commences. **Clubs that fail to appoint a qualified person and/or fail provide evidence to the Hon. Secretary shall not be permitted to play a league match until the documentation has been provided. These forfeited games will be treated under Rule 5 (b) Championship Points (iv) & (v).**

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#### Management Committee Proposition 2

##### Additional Rule

##### 3. Administration

**(i) Any match cancelled after 10.00 pm by the visiting team on the day preceding the match for reasons other than the weather/pitch conditions shall be fined £30 in addition to the fines levied in Rule 5 (b) (iv), (v). This sum will be passed to the home team to help defray expenses.**

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#### Management Committee Proposition 3

##### League Disciplinary Procedure

**3.** The procedure set out above in 1. (a) and (b) and 2. in the League Disciplinary Procedure shall also apply to written material on Social Websites and the SCL's own website. **A sub-committee will deal with this technical offence without reference to the individual/club. Any penalties will be notified by email. Appeals may be made following the procedure set out in No. 8 below.**

**8.** An appeal against penalties for technical offences can be made only in writing and will be determined by a sub-committee based upon the written evidence. These appeals would relate to factual issues including **written material on social websites and the SCL's own website;** inputting/verifying issues; strengthening of teams and other points' deductions. The Appeals Sub-Committee may confirm, vary or reverse the original decision and shall have the power to increase the penalty.

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#### Management Committee Proposition 4

##### Rule 5 Matches.

##### (c) Rules for Match Play

v) A game will consist of a maximum of 45 overs per side, except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter. **However, for matches played in Division 8 & 9 the maximum number of overs per side will be 40.**

**Reasoning.** This proposal is put forward by MC as some clubs have indicated their preference for both lengths of match and a debate is therefore important to gauge consensus of opinion.

**Voting on this proposal will be restricted to teams in Divisions 8 & 9 only.**

## **Rule Changes Proposed by a Club for Decision at AGM Nov. 19 2012.**

### **Proposal 5 Mark Cricket Club.**

#### **Reduced overs for Division 9NW & 9SE**

#### **5. Matches.**

##### **(c) Rules for Match Play**

v) A game will consist of a maximum of 45 overs per side, except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter. **However, for matches played in Division 9 the maximum number of overs per side will be 40. (Start times, the same as the other divisions)**

vi) No bowler shall bowl more than twelve overs in any one innings. **In Divisions 9 no bowler shall bowl more than eleven overs in any one innings.** Should a match be restricted in overs prior to the start, the maximum overs to be bowled by any one bowler shall be one quarter of the permitted overs rounded up to a complete over.

**Reason being.** Players ability - extra balls being bowled because of wides and no balls; longer time getting fielders in place; getting people to play when games take so long.

**Voting on this proposal will be restricted to teams in Divisions 9 only.**

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### **Proposal 6 Horrington Cricket Club.**

#### **Rule 5 (c) i)**

All Matches **start at 1.00 pm.**

***but for the final THREE matches of the Season they must start at 1.30 pm.. Delete this sentence.***

**and** all matches in the Senior Division (ie Division 1.) shall **start at 1.00pm.**

***but for the final THREE matches of the Season they must start at 1.15pm. Delete this sentence***

**Reasoning.** Not really the overs that are an issue but more the time that the games start – 1.00 pm would be a more suitable start time as that would give time for a drink with the opposition and/or to get back home at a reasonable time for ever demanding wives!!

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### **Proposal 7 Castle Cary Cricket Club.**

#### **Rule 5 (b) (iv)**

iv) If a game is cancelled for reasons other than the weather, the non-offending side shall be awarded **thirty five points** and the offending side no points.

**Reasoning.** This seems much fairer than awarding 30 points as this is below the maximum the winning side could have gained if the fixture had been played.

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## Proposal 8 Castle Cary Cricket Club

### Additional Details in Rule 8

#### Rule 8 Ground Committee.

All clubs as a minimum should provide at their ground:

- (a) Appropriate place to change
- (b) First Aid kit
- (c) Water
- (d) Toilet facilities, and
- (e) A grass pitch to play on

**Reasoning.** There seems to be no particular rules in this section, only a complaints procedure and I am aware the committee has undertaken a survey of ground facilities so the suggestion above would seem to follow appropriately. We believe that these five points will enable all clubs to compete on a "level playing field" and not create an unfair advantage for certain clubs that do not meet the minimum facilities.

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## Proposal 9 Purnell Cricket Club.

#### Rule 5 (b) (iv)

iv) If a game is cancelled for reasons other than the weather, the non-offending side shall be awarded **thirty five points and the match will count as a win for the non-offending team.** The offending side will receive no points.

**Note.** We would happy for this to read 34 points if the MC or the clubs felt that more appropriate.

**Reasoning.** It will probably only ever affect the lower league team as most 1st XI's never cancel matches. Our thinking is, lets accept our 2nd XI league victory in these circumstances but another year we may miss out on promotion or get relegated in these circumstances and we'd wouldn't be happy, as other

clubs wouldn't be either. At the moment the points /draw allocation system seems not to be quite fair. If some club can't get a team then the likely event is they have 7 or less players and would have no chance of winning that game even if they scrapped the odd player together, therefore this should not count as a drawn game as it does at the moment but as a victory for the non offending team and they would almost certainly get 35 or 34pts against such a team so to only be awarded 30 points is unfair and affects league positions. We are certain these results affect at least one relegation or promotion position each year and therefore think it is worth the change.

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