



# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 using Zoom.

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of West Coker and Hardington, Mark, Broadway and Horton and North Petherton. These clubs were fined £40 as per rule.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were apologies from Matt Lunn

The minutes of the previous meeting (AGM 30 November 2021), which had been circulated beforehand, were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman, Edward Martin thanked representatives of the member clubs for their attendance to the AGM and welcomed the seven new teams to the MSL family. He said how pleased he was that 'normal cricket' had been able to take place in 2021 and congratulated all division winners. He noted that although cricket had returned to normal, sadly the discipline within the league was sorely lacking and that over the winter, we as a league will be working with other local leagues to look at ways to remedy this and develop a common tariff.

Edward thanked Stuart Shepherd for organising end of season presentation which was well attended and enjoyed by all. He thanked Ray Hancock, Tom Packman and former Chair Malcolm Fox for all the time and hard work they have given to the league over many years. He proposed that Malcolm was made a Life Member of the League – this was seconded and voted unanimously by all those attending the meeting.

Addressing the question of teas, Edward stated that we have nothing in our rules regarding teas, however if clubs wish to offer teas, they will need to contact their opposition and make their own arrangements – there is no compulsion on the opposition to accept the offer. The league will not get involved in any arrangements made.

Finally he expressed his thanks to the Committee for all the hard work and time they have given freely to the league, our sponsor for their continued support and wished all members a Happy Christmas and his best wishes cricket in 2022.

The Honorary Secretary's report had been circulated to the membership, but he shared some of the key points. He confirmed he was in the process of drawing up the fixture list for 2022, which will be released to clubs mid December. He thanked Amanda Counsell for all her hard work in ensuring our clubs are aware of

their safeguarding responsibilities and assisting them with DBSs and getting their Safeguarding Officers qualified. Ray also thanked Stuart Shepherd for organising the Presentation Evening and noted that both the guests, Lord Archer and Jason Kerr were well received and engaging. The raffle raised £595, and this sum will be donated locally to "Love Musgrove".

The Treasurer Tom Packman had produced a written report which had also been previously circulated. He noted that the Balance Sheet shows expenditure, but clubs needed to be aware that normal income did not happen in 2021 as subscriptions and sponsorship had been carried forward from 2020

Election of Officers: -

- a) Committee Members - Tom Packman, David Derrick and Derek Hicks have agreed to stand for re-election and the Management Committee has proposed that they be re-elected.
- b) Honorary Auditor. Andy Stephens Winscombe CC

The membership of the SCL unanimously agreed the election of all the above-named officers to the Management Committee of the Somerset Cricket League.

The Chairman mentioned that the Committee are looking for a Minute Secretary and if anyone was interested, please get in touch with the league.

The results of club voting for the proposed rule changes were reported – see appendix A

There was a query as to whether mobile phones could be banned on the pitch – this can be looked at the Spring Meeting . A query regarding the use of two scorers and 'sanction' if not applied was discussed. Amanda Counsell addressed the meeting saying that it was best practice to have two scorers, as a check and balance and to ensure that details were correct. We are finding more and more that clubs are only completing their batting innings and then are unable to fill in the result fully on play cricket. As a committee, we had not visualised a sanction but will discuss at our next few meetings, however if anyone had any suggestions we would welcome them.

Any Other Business. There was none.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm

### **Rule Changes and Votes**

Rule 7 d (ii)

An 'Overseas Player' \* is defined as an overseas national who is not a holder of a United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Passport or an Eire Passport. Any person who falls into this category and wishes to play cricket in the Somerset Cricket League may ask the Management Committee for permission to play at least 7 days before his first game and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July. (Form OP 2 applies – obtainable from league website). Clubs will only be given permission for this kind of player if he is already resident in the UK on a permanent basis and his reason for being here is not primarily cricket. The player must be able to show that he has resided permanently in the UK for the SIX months prior to the season commencing.

Proposed by North Petherton CC

Seconded Huntspill and District CC  
supported by MSL committee

Rationale is clubs have members joining later in season and have had to be told they could not play in MSL league matches. By bringing this back to 31<sup>st</sup> July from 31<sup>st</sup> May will allow more players to join and play in MSL.

**PASSED**

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Rule 7 c

**Transfers of players.** Players may be transferred via the league website for approval by Registration Secretary. **The player's current club will receive notice of transfer request by email from play cricket system and from have 5 days to respond/object. After this time has elapsed the player will be automatically transferred.** No transfers will be accepted after **31<sup>st</sup> July** each year – unless already within the system. **This also applies to any player transferring from the SCL to any club in the WEPL Pyramid and vice versa.**

**Clubs cannot stop a transfer unless the player owes them money or is under a disciplinary.**

Proposed by MSL Management Committee  
rationale – gives a fixed date rather than 1<sup>st</sup> Sat in August each year

**PASSED**

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Rule 5 c(i)

1pm start for 45 over divisions and 1.30pm start for 40 over divisions. Any match can start earlier if both sides agree.

Proposed by MSL Management Committee

**PASSED**

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Rules 5 c (i)

All starts to be 1.00pm for all divisions

Proposed by Yeovil CC  
Seconded Ilminster CC

The MSL Committee does not support this proposal as it is aware that not all grounds or players are available to start play at 1pm due to work, coaching and ground commitments. It is happy for clubs to start earlier than current start times if both teams agree.

**NOT PASSED**

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Rule 3 j

**Scorebook and Scoreboard.** All teams **MUST** provide a scorebook (home and away) and a scoreboard at the home venue. **Each game must have TWO scorers. If the fielding side cannot provide a scorer, the batting side must provide two. Captains must ensure that the names of all catchers and stumpings are recorded for entry on play cricket scorecard.**

Proposed by MSL Management Committee

PASSED

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Rule 1 (this is a tidy up of wording)

- a) Promotion and relegation shall be on a two up/two down basis, except that promotion within Divisions 6 – (S E and NW) shall be two teams per division and relegation from Division 5 to Division 6 shall be four teams, put into the most appropriate regional division, subject to amendments by the Management Committee; any such amendments to be notified to all member clubs as necessary.
- b) **Two** teams will be promoted from each of the Division 7s and **Three** teams will be relegated each of the Division 6s.
- c) Positions are to be determined by the aggregate number of points obtained during the season.
- d) The Management Committee will decide on the appropriate structure of the league based on the number of entries and the current cricketing landscape.  
A club's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (or lower level team) must be in a lower division than its 1<sup>st</sup> XI (or higher level team), and promotion will be denied to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (or lower level team) or relegation enforced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (or lower level team) to ensure this so that a club shall have no more than one team in any one division unless deemed necessary for regionalisation purposes in the lowest divisions

PASSED

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Rule 5

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**Players/Umpires are not permitted to drink alcohol at all during the match – either on or off the field until match has been completed. No drinks in glasses/glass bottles to be brought onto the field of play. Players/Umpires must not smoke or vape on the field of play**

Proposed by MSL Management Committee

PASSED

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Points system to be returned to aggregate and not average.

Proposed by Yeovil CC

Seconded by Ilminster CC

This is currently covered in Rule 1

PASSED

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Rule 5

If a team has players isolating or with COVID on the lead up to a game, and the game would potentially have to be cancelled, if the Club have teams in lower divisions, players must be pulled through from these teams in the lower divisions to fulfil the fixture and the Clubs lowest placed team's match then cancelled, assuming enough players cannot be found to fulfil the fixture.

Proposed by Yeovil CC

Seconded by Ilminster CC

The MSL Management Committee do not support this proposal, on safety grounds, as players could be placed in matches that far outweigh their ability. Some 2/3 XI are many divisions apart from their higher placed teams.

**NOT PASSED**

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Rule 5

If a team ends up having their game cancelled due to COVID, they will be awarded their average points accrued at that time during the season.

Proposed by Yeovil CC

Seconded by Ilminster CC

**NOT PASSED**