



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday December 10, 2018 at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of Butleigh CC and Burnham on Sea CC
These clubs were fined £40 as per rule

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. There were apologies from Ian Latchem, Derek Hicks and Andy Birkett.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (AGM 11 December 2017), which had been circulated beforehand, were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. The Chairman invited Stuart Shepherd, President of the SCL to present the remaining trophies for 2018. Stuart presented the AVCO Trust Trophy for the Young Player of the Year to Oliver Beale of Wellington CC. Oliver shared this trophy with Dan Parsons of Taunton Deane CC who had his presentation on the League's Presentation Night on November 26th. Stuart then presented the Glastonbury Mowers Trophy for the best All Rounder to Damian Price of Ilton. The presentations concluded with a presentation of the divisional shield for the winners of Division 8 North to Cranmore 2nd XI who were unable to attend the Presentation Night.
5. The Chairman, Malcolm Fox said that the members had enjoyed a superb season as the weather had been excellent and most Saturdays had witnessed sunshine throughout the day. He emphasised the need to play matches in a friendly but competitive manner and he trusted that clubs would extend good will to all opponents throughout the coming season. He noted the loss of players in the game and the knock-on effect in the SCL was that three teams had folded during the season. He felt that it was imperative that captains bring all players into the game, otherwise disillusionment would set in and players would leave the game. He said that winning was not necessarily the sole objective but taking part was more important. He then quoted Richard Hadlee, the great New Zealander, in this regard. "Winning is being pleased with your own performance even though on the day someone else does it better," The Chairman stressed that captains should strive to give as many of his team the opportunity to achieve this. He then turned his attention to words of thanks. He expressed his thanks to Gwyn Phillips who had finally retired from umpiring having also spent considerable time as a player at Castle Cary CC. He wished Glyn a happy retirement. He noted that Henry Thomas of Midsomer Norton, a founder member of the SCL back in 1973, had died recently. He finished his report by thanking all members of the Committee and reminded everyone that these people are volunteers and should be accorded respect at all times.

6. The Honorary Secretary outlined the key aspects of his report, which had been previously circulated to all members. He noted that the Somerset Cricket League lost 3 teams at the start and during the 2018 season, including the long-established clubs from Glastonbury and Bridgwater Sports. He noted that at the time of writing his report it looked as though the SCL will comprise 104 teams in 2019. On the positive side, Taunton Deane CC had entered a fifth team and Ilminster CC a fourth XI. Taunton Deane's 2nd XI became one of only six 2nd XIs that will play in Tier 3 of WEPL in 2019 when the team also won the J C Bail Trophy for the winners of the Premier Division of the SCL. Street 1st XI & Wellington 1st XI came second and third respectively and all three will play in Tier 3 of WEPL in 2019. The Brian Stockhill Trophy was won by Wells 1st XI in Division 2, the Bryan Lobb trophy was won by Trull 1st XI with a massive points total of 610 while the Terry Mockridge and Shrubbery Hotel trophies were secured by North Perrott 2nd XI and Castle Cary 1st XI respectively. Two new teams in 2018 Fitzhead Crusaders and Frome 3rd XI acquitted themselves very well in Divisions 7 South & North with promotions at the first attempt. The Sunday Independent Cup, which is awarded for the highest points' aggregate of all 11 divisions was won by Trull 1st XI with a massive total of 610 points. The Ladbrokes Trophy for the 'Club of the Year' was also won by Trull CC as the 2nd XI finished second in Division 6 South. The Don Crouch Trophy, which is awarded for sportsmanship based on the scores recorded by their opponents, was won by Middlezoy 2nd XI. The Committee determined the Young Player of the Year and the best All Rounder. In 2018, Oliver Beale (Wellington) and Dan Parsons (Taunton Deane) shared the AVCO Trust Young Player Trophy, while the Glastonbury Mowers All Rounders Award was won by Damian Price of Ilton CC. The Team of the Month prizes were won by four different clubs and were distributed at the start of September to Ilton (May); Taunton St. Andrews 2nd XI (June); Cheddar 1st XI (July); Taunton Deane 4th XI (August). **play-cricket.com** was adopted by the League after many years of using its own dedicated website. The recently conceived concept of a 'Rules Meeting' took place in 2017, but there were so few proposals this year that the meeting was cancelled. Drawing up the fixtures list continues to be a difficult job. Matching home & aways coupled with ground unavailability on some Saturdays has made it a time-consuming task. Furthermore, the low numbers of teams in divisions 8 N&S has meant that imagination was required to give all 14 teams 18 fixtures! Qualified Club Welfare Officers have to be appointed by all SCL clubs and this entails them attending an ECB Safe Hands/ Safe Hands Refresher course, SPC certification and DBS. These qualifications last 3 years after which time renewal is required This year has seen an increase in the number of disciplinary issues that the Committee has had to deal with. Bad language, dissent aimed at the officials and opponents, mis-use of social media sites, together with bad behaviour often witnessed by the spectators, have raised concerns amongst the committee members. The League's Dinner and Presentation Evening was attended by the principle guests, Craig and Jamie Overton who joined Richard Walsh in a 'question and answer' session before presenting the trophies to the various winning recipients. He concluded his remarks with thanks to the members of the Management Committee for the contributions they make towards the successful and efficient running of the business of the Somerset Cricket League.
7. The Treasurer in his report to the AGM highlighted a few items from his previously published accounts. He noted that year on year there are normally only small variances in the items of Income and Expenditure that affect the League's accounts. This has usually allowed an annual budget to be presented at the AGM suggesting a surplus for the forthcoming year of a few hundred pounds. This was the case again last year, but he pointed out that the accounts for 2018 had produced a surplus of £3170. The decision, subsequent to last year's AGM, to cease production of the League Handbook saved a net £1400. Additionally, a particularly well supported 2017 Presentation Dinner raised some £600 above the average for this event and the sale of cricket balls, reducing the level of stock held, contributed further income. He said that these three items principally accounted for the difference between the budget and the actual outcome. The League's Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2018 shows that the League now has a value of £19,814.33p. The September Management Committee Meeting discussed this significant increase but concluded that in the light some future uncertainties, for the time being it would be prudent to continue to budget for an annual surplus. For next year the SCL has entered into a new sponsorship agreement with the Shrubbery Hotel which unfortunately will produce less income in future. The Management Committee will keep this under review. One area where there is scope for wider use of SCL finances is the subsidy of fees

for Somerset Cricket Board Courses, whether incurred by member clubs or individual members of member clubs. 50% subsidy is available for most courses and is reimbursed on evidence of the successful completion of the course. He noted that Income or Expenditure for the year ending 30th September 2019 suggests no difference than a return to a surplus for the year of a few hundred pounds. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report and the diligent manner in which he manages the League's accounts.

8. Election of Officers: -

- a) The following persons were proposed by the Management Committee and accepted by the meeting for re-election for a three-year term on the Management Committee. Malcolm Fox, David Derrick, Tom Packman and Derek Hicks
- b) Additionally, Andy Barrett of Trull CC and Simon Glover of Ilminster CC. were proposed by Trull CC & Ilminster CC respectively and seconded by the Management Committee. They were accepted by the meeting for election for a three-year term on the Management Committee.
- c) Honorary Auditor. Andy Stephens Winscombe CC.

9. Club Welfare Officers and the Registration of Players. Amanda Counsell (SCL Welfare Officer) said that all welfare officers had received emails detailing the updating process and highlighting the subsequent action and timescale. Club representatives were requested to check that their CWO had the appropriate qualifications. She went on to detail forthcoming courses, which a CWO without the necessary elements, must take. There were courses at the C of E, County Ground, Taunton (Safe Hands Refresher) on 28th January 2019 and at Bath CC (full Safe Hands for new CWOs) on 5th March 2019. She reminded club representatives that these courses could be booked through SCB at the C of E, the County Ground, Taunton. Details can be found on the Somerset Cricket Board Website. CWOs in need of a course must attend one of these courses, failure to attend may mean having to find a course in a neighbouring county. She reminded clubs to advise her of contact details (email address; tel.no.) of any new club welfare officer as soon as possible so she can ensure they are on the correct courses.

She noted that more clubs were using social media as a tool of communication, so they needed to consider adopting a Social Media Policy. ECB has a very good template.

She referred clubs to the **play-cricket.com** website:-

The change of inputting Results.

Inputting in 2019 will be a joint responsibility. Unlike the old system, **play-cricket.com** allows both sides to enter results and scorecard. Neither side needs to wait and miss deadlines. Basically, if one team has already entered the result, the other one needs to confirm it or amend any mistakes and then confirm.

Registration. All players will remain registered unless they were 'Overseas Players' ie. OP2 registration in 2018 (eg. cat 3 or cat 3e). These will be removed during the next few weeks and new paperwork will need to be submitted. Once approved they can be registered. She noted that any player moving clubs during the preseason period can be registered by their new club and registration will be transferred via play-cricket.com. Both new and old clubs will receive an emailed notification from the system informing them of the transaction.

She made a special note to clubs regarding players in any part of the WEPL Feeder League structure. They should ensure that players registered with any of the other WEPL feeder leagues' clubs cannot play in the SCL without transferring formally. She said that this is particularly important for clubs which border or have links with clubs in the B & D; Gloucestershire and Wiltshire leagues. In conclusion, she emphasised that for all aspects of her report to work smoothly, all details relating to the current contacts and administration **MUST BE** up to date.

10. Edward Martin, the Disciplinary Committee Secretary reported that all clubs in the SCL had reached the expected average mark of 80% in respect of the 'Don Crouch' fair-play tables. He noted that he had had to give some help and guidance to clubs near the bottom of the table to enable them to make an improvement in their scores. He said that he would provide new guidance for the marking system in 2019. He was concerned that some clubs, year on year, were not improving their

marks. He said that he would be contacting these clubs to encourage an improvement. He reminded some clubs of theirs and the players responsibilities in using social media. Clubs and players who transgressed would be disciplined. He hoped that 2019 would be a good season for all and that there would be no disciplinary issues.

11. Matt Counsell of the Somerset Cricket Board gave an explanation of the needs and processes for the correct input of club details etc. on the play-cricket.com website. He said that he had prepared a document which detailed a) Updating Club Details. b) GDPR. c) Information on the club's website. This working document is shown under Appendix A to these minutes.
12. The results of the ballots for Rule Changes of the Somerset Cricket League were given.

Proposal 1 – Ilton CC

5. MATCHES

(b) Championship Points

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.

v) **When a game is cancelled for any reason other than the weather, the defaulting team shall be awarded 0 points, provided the match is cancelled by 9 pm on the preceding Friday, but will lose 8 points if the cancellation is any later. To ensure that this is recorded then the result must be entered on play-cricket before the 9.00 pm deadline and can then be checked by the relevant admin/ committee member.**

For	22	Against	21	Carried
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Proposal 2 – Management Committee

5. MATCHES

(j) Results Sheets

i) Each team is responsible for putting the names of all players, with ages if under 19 at the previous August 31st, on the Team Card that was supplied at the start of the season and hand it to the umpire, or in his absence, the opposing captain prior to the match commencing. Those players under 18 must adhere to the SCL Helmet Rule and those players under 19 must adhere to the ECB Fast Bowling Directive.

ii) **The Reporting of Results Electronically - to be done on SCL Website. Both sides are responsible for entering the result of the match and the full scorecard on the SCL website using the prescribed procedure before midnight on the day following the match (ie Sunday midnight for Saturday games). This result and scorecard must be confirmed by both teams by Midnight Sunday (or Monday for Sunday matches) following the match played on Saturday using the prescribed procedure. Any team that fails to input/verify the result by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and three points will be deducted.**

iii) **Problems with inputting and verifying. If club representatives have a problem either inputting or verifying a result through a computer problem or other similar problem then they MUST contact the monitor immediately, by telephone, who is responsible for their division. Failure to contact the monitor in this way will result in a fine of £10 and 3 points being levied. Each monitor will also be responsible for the processing and issuing of fines related to the failure of a club to input or confirm results on time. Club submissions/appeals should be made to the divisional monitor. If the details displayed by one of the teams are incorrect, then the opposition must enter the system and correct.**

(k) **Performance Report on Umpire(s) Following a match in Divisions 1 & 2, both captains must submit a performance report on the umpire(s). The reports must be**

submitted through the SACO website. Teams are responsible for ensuring that the captain/other nominated individual submits the report by the Wednesday following the match. Any team that fails to submit a report by the due time will be fined on each occasion and three points will be deducted.

(l) **Team Captain Reports.** Both the home and away clubs must record a mark out of 10 when inputting/confirming the result on the League's website. This will also enable the Committee to monitor that the criteria for 'sportsmanship' is being upheld and this information could also be used in cases of disciplinary complaints. Any team failing to score the mark will be fined 3 points failure.

For 35 Against 7 Carried

Proposal 3 – North Petherton CC

5. MATCHES

(b) Championship Points

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.

v) When a game is cancelled for any reason other than the weather, **the defaulting team shall be deducted 10 points.**

For 21 Against 22 Lost

Proposal 4 – North Petherton CC

vi) In Divisions 6, 7, 8 a game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per side for matches except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter.

vii) No bowler shall bowl more than 25% of the 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.

vii) In the event of a match being affected by weather conditions and overs are lost a side bowling second is restricted in overs. In this situation, the maximum number of overs that can be bowled by any one bowler shall be **one quarter** of the permitted overs, rounded up to a complete over. Once the second innings has started, the maximum number of overs, calculated and agreed, may be bowled by any bowler irrespective of any further loss of overs due to weather conditions.

For 12 Against 28 Lost

Proposal 5 - North Petherton CC

(c) Rules for Match Play

i) All Matches start at 12.00 noon

For 6 Against 39 Lost

Proposal 6 – Management Committee

(c) Rules for Match Play

- i) All Matches start at 1.30 pm. **Except that by agreement between both teams, any match may start at any earlier time in the day.**

For 41 Against 4 Carried

Proposal 7 – Management Committee

5. MATCHES

(m) Premier to Division 5 Matches Only. At the instant of delivery, a minimum of four fielders plus bowler and wicket keeper must be inside an area bounded by two semi circles centred on each middle stump within a radius of thirty yards and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch. This fielding circle shall be marked with painted white dots at five-yard intervals – each dot can be covered by a white plastic or rubber disc or in white marking measuring seven inches in diameter. Should this requirement not be met then the square leg umpire shall call and signal no ball and the delivery must be redelivered; this condition must be met regardless of the total number of fielder's present (e.g. if a side has less than eleven players present).

Only clubs with teams in Divisions 1 to 5 voted on this proposal

For 27 Against 11 Carried

Proposal 8 – Management Committee

5. MATCHES

(e) Declarations and Early Dismissals

i) If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 45 overs.

ii) In 40 Over Matches. If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 40 overs.

ii) Any team which declares its innings closed will result in the fielding side receiving maximum bowling points.

For 29 Against 9 Carried

13. There were no items of any other business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 pm.

Ray Hancock.
Hon. Secretary
December 21, 2018

Appendix A.

1 - Updating Club Details

This can only be done by someone who is a Main Administrator for your club's Play-Cricket website.

Club Details are inputted in the "About Us" section of your Play-Cricket site which is found in the Site Management Tab on the top menu bar of the Site Administration home page. Clubs need to ensure they have completed the first three About Us tabs- Club Details, Playing Facilities & Club Officials.

The league requires the Name, Email & Contact Telephone Number for the following roles:

- Chairman
- Hon Secretary
- Hon Treasurer
- Fixture Secretary
- Club Welfare Officer
- Divisional Rep (League Rep)
- Team Captains
- Team Manager (Cancellations)

When inputting this information, you can opt to display this contact information on your Play-Cricket site or not and we recommend you check if the person wants the information, they have provided going public. If you chose not to display them publicly, then this information will still be stored in line with the new GDPR regulations and only available to the league, Somerset Cricket Board, the competitions which you play in and the ECB who run Play-Cricket.Com.

There is a tutorial video on how to complete the above which you may find useful by visiting: <https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/115003505745-Updating-About-Us-Details>

In January the Somerset Cricket Board's Affiliation Questionnaire will be sent via Play-Cricket and by completing this fully all the information will automatically update your "About Us" section without having to follow the steps.

2 - GDPR

With the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) coming into play on 25 May 2018, Clubs are responsible for making sure that their practices for handling, storing and using personal data are up-to-date and compliant.

Clubs process and hold data on individuals and therefor having a Privacy Policy is required by law and also helps safeguard both the management committees at clubs and the people that they hold data on.

The ECB have a number of guides including a Privacy Policy Template for clubs to adopt easily by visiting: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/GDPR>

3 - Information on your club's website

Your website is the shop window for your club. We recommend that you make it easy for key personnel at your club to be communicated with for the following reasons:

1. For new players/parents to the area to get in touch about joining.
2. For opposition teams to get in touch (possible at short notice) should they need to.

Individual's consent for information to be made publicly available is a key part to this process and needs to be received by the club prior to publishing.