



The Somerset Cricket League

Supporting Cricket In Somerset

SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

Held on Monday 3rd February 2025 using Zoom.

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of Burnham on Sea, Middlezoy, North Curry, North Perrott, Taunton and Taunton Indian CC.

These clubs will be fined £40 as per rule.

Apologies were received from Edward Martin

The Chair, Andy Barrett welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting AGM (4th December 2023), which had been circulated beforehand, and were accepted as a correct record of the meeting, and proposed by Ilminster CC and seconded by Huish and Langport CC and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

The Chair, Andy Barrett thanked representatives of the member clubs for their attendance to the AGM and congratulated the divisional winners

Andy shared his deep sadness at the large amount of poor behaviour and discipline that we have had to deal with as a league. He reported to the meeting that 18 players are entering 2025 with suspended playing bans. He noted that due to this drain on time, the good things that are happening get lost and that it also meant his plan to set up an advisory panel who would meet with him a couple of times in the year to discuss issues and ideas throughout the league had been put on the back burner due to time spent on other issues.

Andy thanked the committee members for organising our end of season presentation at the County Ground in Taunton which was well attended and enjoyed by all. He informed the meeting that £720 had been raised through the raffle and this sum was donated to The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Finally, he expressed his thanks to the Committee for all the hard work and time they have given freely to the league and wished all members his best wishes for the coming season.

The Honorary Secretary delivered her report and did a roll call of attendees.

The Treasurer John Squirrell had produced a written report which had also been previously circulated – there were no questions, and the meeting accepted the accounts that had been completed by Dan Stone Accountancy.

Proposal 7
Proposed by the Management Committee
It is proposed that subscriptions are increased for the first time since 2011.

The proposal is that the first team subscription increases to £75 and £35 for each subsequent team.

Proposal carried For 35 Against 10 Abstain 7

Invoices will be sent out in the next few days.

Election of Officers: -

a) Committee Members –Edward Martin and Ben Pomeroy who had previously been co-opted to committee were proposed to continue

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 results of the electronic voting were shared with the meeting

Proposal 1 – Rewrite of some rules for clarity

Carried For 49 Against 2 Abstain 1

Proposal 2 - Following feedback from clubs the management committee propose this rule is removed

Rule 5 Matches

a ii) No match may be called off before 4pm on the day of the match without the agreement of both Captains

Carried For 47 Against 4 Abstain 1

Proposal 3 - for voting by Premier and Division 1 clubs only

The League Management Committee propose the following rule to bring it in line with WEPL.

B(ix). Division Prem & 1 clubs only. Both sides must complete its 45 overs within the time limit of 2 hours and 45 minutes. Failure to do so will incur a fine of 2 points deducted if there is an appointed league umpire

Division Prem and 1 clubs only: In a match with appointed umpires, the umpires will penalise the bowling side if the innings exceeds the 2 hours 45 minutes (with a drinks interval included in this). If a team has failed to commence the last over within the permitted time, one fewer fielder shall be permitted outside the fielding restriction area.

Sides are required to have bowled the last ball of the 45th over not later than 3hrs and 5 mins from the start of the innings. Sides failing to do so shall be penalised one league point.

The umpires should warn the fielding captain during the innings if the over rate is slow and will inform both captains of any penalty in their discussions after the game.

Carried For 17 Against 2

Proposal 4 - The management committee propose that a player from a higher team cannot bat until 8. This has been proposed following feedback from clubs last season due to 'boundary pushing by some clubs' and not playing in the spirit of the game.

A higher-level batter playing in a lower-level team for any other reason other than poor form should not bat higher than No. 8

Carried For 39 Against 10 Abstain 3

Proposal 5 - Following feedback from clubs suggesting the onus should be on the home side the management committee proposes the reporting rule is changed. This rule does put more onus on the home team to complete but does not exclude the away side completing should they so wish before.

ii) The Reporting of Results Electronically - to be entered on the Play Cricket website. Both sides are responsible for entering the result of the match and the full scorecard 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.

Replace with

(ii) The Reporting of Results Electronically - to be entered on the Play Cricket website . The HOME team must enter the full scorecard for both innings (unless the away team has already done it), with no "unsures" among the home team's batsmen and bowlers, and with all its players listed in the batting line-up, and all away team names listed where possible. Nb. The term "unsure" also refers to a player's name in "free text" . The HOME side must then confirm result and scorecard details on play cricket by 6pm Sunday.

The AWAY team must check and confirm the full scorecard and result by the deadline of Midnight Sunday (or Monday for a Sunday match). There must be no “unsures” among the away team’s batsmen and bowlers, and all its players must be listed in the batting line-up. The AWAY team may enter the full scorecard at any time prior to HOME side if they so wish. Any team that fails to input/verify the result and scorecard by the due time will be fined the sum of £10.00 on each occasion and three points will be deducted. Late call ups must be registered with the league by 6pm on Monday following the match (the play cricket system does log when registration is applied for).

Carried For 43 Against 6 Abstain 3

Proposal 6 - Proposed by Ilminster CC seconded by North Newton CC

That the home team is responsible for ensuring the result is entered in full onto play cricket by Sunday midday, thus allowing the away team time to verify the result by the end of the day. Failure to do so will result in the same penalty as current (3 points and fine)

Not Carried For 22 Against 26 Abstain 4

The Chair shared a facility criterion designed for the Premier and First divisions. This has come out of the facilities questions on the team reports. It is believed that all the criteria listed is currently in place across this divisions and in many others. These criteria will also assist clubs with aspirations of promotion to the WEPL. It was explained that this would be filtered down through the divisions in future seasons. Amanda Counsell explained that this was a live document and will alter over time. She also explained that committee did not want to burden the clubs with additional costs and they also understood that some clubs are on hired facilities they have no control over. It is a fine line to balance as we don’t want to stop cricket happening.

There were comments from clubs including
‘This should be for all clubs’
‘We have no control and cannot deliver’
‘What is the penalty if we don’t have sightscreen/covers.

Amanda explained to the clubs – currently we have not put penalties on this and the ultimate aim is to give clubs the best experience they could on the facilities available.

Wellington CC asked if the league were aware of possible plans of the WEPL to return tier 3 WEPL to their feeder leagues and changing their divisions to 12. . Matt Counsell, SCF Clubs and League Manager spoke to the meeting and explained that the proposal of 12 team divisions had not been supported by the clubs and his understanding was that changes in structure would not be take place. SCL commented that we had been made aware and would welcome the clubs back as a whole division if the plans went ahead, however we felt it was unlikely.

Any Other Business.

Templecloud’s representative shared with the meeting details of their new ground following termination of their tenancy.

Cricket ball order forms will be sent out later this month – additional orders would be available.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm