

# The Shrubbery Hotel - Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Disciplinary Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018  
at Shapwick & Polden CC. from 6.30 pm onwards

Those present from the Management Committee of the SCL  
Malcolm Fox, Derek Hicks and Ray Hancock - To be later referred to as SCL.DC.

The meeting comprised 3 parts. a) SCL.DC. b) SCL.DC with representatives of North Newton CC. c) SCL.DC with Jerry Wardle & Mike Watts of Wembdon CC.

a. SCL.DC examined all correspondence that had been received from North Newton CC & Wembdon CC in relation to an incident that took place on Saturday June 2 in the match between Wembdon 2<sup>nd</sup> XI & North Newton 1<sup>st</sup> XI at Wembdon CC. The incident involved the use of foul and abusive language to the NN umpire by Mike Watts when given out LBW. He was also accused of foul and abusive language in front of spectators when returning to the pavilion. The spectators comprised males, females and children.

b. SCL.DC met with representatives of North Newton CC (Captain, Secretary, Umpire and female spectator) to review the written input from the club and question the club representatives. SCL.DC were satisfied that the written evidence and subsequent verbal statements given were correct. The SCL.DC expressed its thanks to NNCC for bringing the issue to its notice, as the SCL Management Committee is committed to erase this type of behaviour from the game.

c. SCL.DC met with Jerry Wardle, Chairman of Wembdon CC and Mike Watts, Wembdon CC, the player accused of abusive behaviour in the match. An extensive discussion took place and it was noted that Wembdon CC had held its own club disciplinary meeting relating to the incident. Mike Watts had been given a two-match suspension by the club committee although no start date for the suspension had been communicated to the SCL. Following the discussions, the Wembdon reps left the room. The SCL.DC determined that a FOUR match ban\* of all competitive cricket # (league and cup) be levied on Mike Watts starting from Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018. It was agreed that the Hon. Secretary would confirm the details of the ban and also make reference to the right to appeal as stated in the SCL rules. League Disciplinary Procedure Nos. 6; 7; 9.

\*The SCL aspect of the ban is for FOUR games that are played or started.

# Notice of a ban of this nature is circulated by ECB (through SCB) to all neighbouring leagues and competitions to ensure that only 'friendly games' may be played.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.