



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of Spring EGM

Held via Zoom

Monday 11th April
7.30pm

Present: All clubs were represented except Middlezoy, Sparkford, Wincanton

Apologies: None received

The Chair – Ed Martin welcomed members and committee to the meeting and wished they well for the 2022 season.

Nicola Clarke of the Somerset Cricket Foundation explained the new ECB Anti-Discrimination Code to the meeting that all Boards, leagues, and clubs need to adopt. The meeting adopted the code, and it will be added to our constitution.

Nicola Clarke gave the meeting a comprehensive overview of the ECB Discipline Code. The committee agreed at its last meeting to be an early adopter of the code and will use it this season. Andy Barrett will be our MSL Discipline Officer.

Amanda Counsell told the meeting that currently there are 1350 players registered, 12 clubs have still to register any of their players, she asked that this was not left to the last few days before the first game. Early registration is better in case there are any issues with the registrations. She reminded clubs that they need to use the players first and surname and use home address not that of the club.

Clubs were reminded that result entry is joint responsibility and not that of the home team. Results need to be entered by midnight Sunday and **both teams must confirm the result**. Ground and Team reports also need completing to the same deadline. Clubs who are allocated umpires need to also complete an umpire report on Who's the Umpire by Wednesday.

David Derrick reminded clubs that they need to have Public Liability Insurance to play in the league and that currently around 60% of clubs have sent him copies of their certificates. He will send reminders to those who haven't with a deadline of 29th April.

Currently 11 clubs do not have compliant Safeguarding Officers and therefore under our rules will not be able to play until they have completed the 3 requirements. AC will contact the clubs again to make sure they are compliant before season starts. She told meeting that most of outstanding need to simply complete their online Safeguarding Young Cricketers Course – a quick fix. For any club who needed the Safe Hands Course – the SCF are holding one final course on 26th April at Huntspill and District CC, dates were also available in Devon or Dorset.

Derek Hicks spoke to meeting about umpires. He said the Covid sanitising restrictions have been relaxed. However, **there is to be no saliva or sweat applied to the cricket ball** and no sharing of drinks bottles. He asked that clubs are respectful of umpires holding kit etc as they may still be reluctant.

Any club with an appointed umpire must contact them before the match to let them know if teas are being provided and if matches are cancelled to ensure umpires are informed. The league must be informed of any rearranged matches so we can let umpires know.

Defibrillators are becoming the focus of cricket leagues throughout the country, and we would like to ask clubs to put up signs at their club/clubhouse as to where the nearest defibrillator is.

Edward Martin confirmed the cricket balls had arrived in country but not yet in Somerset, as soon as we have them clubs will be informed where

and when their collection will be. Amanda asked clubs to let her know if they wished to collect from somewhere other than their planned collection point. Collection points will be Taunton, Huntspill, Winscombe and Huish and Langport. Only the balls ordered will be available at this time.

The Chair reiterated that the league would not be getting involved in teas. This was to be sorted by the clubs themselves. There is no obligation to offer teas or to accept an offer of teas. It was suggested that clubs contact opponents before season and let them know your tea situation.

Meeting closed at 8pm