



The Somerset Cricket League
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2nd July 2024 At 7.30pm held by zoom

Present: Andy Barrett, Amanda Counsell, John Squirrell, Matt Lunn, Matt Counsell, Derek Hicks and Ben Pomeroy

Apologies: Stuart Shepherd and Toby Strang

The Chair welcomed Ben Pomeroy to the committee.

Minutes of last meeting were approved and virtually signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising: Most matters will be covered in the meeting agenda.

It was reported that a very successful webinar preseason for team captains was held with approximately 60 captains in attendance. Somerset Cricket Foundation's Brian Hoyle, County Safeguarding Officer giving an overview and Nicola Clarke giving an overview of the Recreational Conduct Regulations. Amanda covered SCL admin expectations and answered queries. All documents and PowerPoint from meeting were shared with clubs. This will be repeated next season as all felt it was very useful.

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Correspondence:

Since last meeting, there have been many emails including

- *The withdrawal from the league by Trull 1, Kilmington and Stourton 1 and North Perrott 3
- *Acceptance from clubs who had requested a change of division following fixtures have been set.
- * From Glastonbury to let league know they are having extensive work at the club but will let opponents know of implications
- * Several requests to register – 'overseas' players – all informed of league rules
- * Several notifications of fixture change dates
- * Several emails regarding loans and checking on team strengthening
- * Two emails regarding facilities at two league clubs
- * Queries regarding short sided divisions re promotion and relegation
- * Filming of matches other than through live stream.
- * From a panel umpire requesting clarification of new Premier rules
- * From Lords Ball re 2025 order

- * Report of a possible EDI issue
- * Correspondence linked to disciplinary issues
- * Confirmation from all clubs of their PL insurance cover

All correspondence has been replied to and actioned by either AC or AB

* An email regarding a medical emergency at recent match that had been abandoned – the committee agreed that given the circumstances this game should be replayed before the end of the season.

* An email regarding a match result in dispute – following a sub committee who looked at this, the committee discussed this a length and agreed at the recommendation that the result should remain at cancelled.

Treasurer's Report: J Squirrel reported that all cricket balls have been paid for and we are currently holding a stock of 500 if any club wish to purchase more. It was reported that we have paid Corporation TAX for year ended 30th September 2023 for the amount of £665.00 .

The league has not received any sponsorship money for this year yet. Andy Barrett will contact them.

Cricket Balls: all cricket balls have been collected; two clubs are owed some balls which AC will action.

Play- Cricket: it was reported that in the first few weeks of the season, there was an issue with team reports on play cricket, with many clubs getting duplicates. This was a system wide issue and sorted quite quickly.

Disciplinary Behaviour on and off the field has not been of the standard expected. It was reported that there was a disciplinary following our presentation evening to which a player received a ban and a suspended sentence. During the season so far there have been **8** player bans, all with suspended sentences and one currently in the disciplinary process.

The league is using the ECB recreational conduct regulations – this is freely available to see on the website.

Safeguarding: AC reported that all clubs had a fully qualified safeguarding officer in place before the season started– both an ECB and SCL requirement, although it was a struggle.

Football: Clubs can change their start time for the England match on Saturday but only if both sides agree – league umpires must be informed if there is a change for matches in Premier Division.

Facilities: Two emails have been received regarding facilities of two clubs regarding changing facilities and raised this as a possible safeguarding issue, both clubs have been contacted and reassured the league that changing is available.

The committee discussed facilities and following last years audit, feel that minimum standards in Premier Division can be mandated with minimum cost or effort for 2025.

League Dinner: The 2023 dinner has been booked for Friday 18th October 2023, at the Somerset County Club at the County Ground. Details will be circulated as soon as they are finalised. It is hoped that SCCC's Harry Everett will comperere the evening again this year.

Meeting closed 9.02pm