



The Somerset Cricket League

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held via zoom on Monday 4th March 2024

Present: Andy Barrett, Amanda Counsell, John Squirrell, Matt Lunn, Derek Hicks, Stuart Shepherd, Toby Strang and Matt Counsell

Apologies: none

There was no declaration of interests.

Correspondence:

- Emails from two clubs expressing a wish not to be promoted.
- Emails from two clubs regarding overseas players
- Emails from both Sparkford and Leigh on Mendip withdrawing from the league.
- Email from Leigh on Mendip recreational committee asking if any club would be interested in using the ground.
- Emails from clubs who have rearranged fixtures dates – please not both clubs need to inform us of any change and the deadline is the beginning of the season.
- SACO – regarding clubs who are providing teas and car parking at Taunton Vale Sports Club. All clubs in Premier and Division 1 have been asked to let SACO know if they are providing teas.
- From Wembdon CC regarding their Lashings Match – been shared with clubs.
- From the Chair of Long Sutton expressing his disappointment regarding the leagues governance and that we did not levy minimum standards at our AGM
- From two clubs expressing concern over division, they have been placed in.
- The Chair has also received correspondence from individuals regarding the league – he has tried to respond to them.

Governance – the league formally became Somerset Cricket League Limited in mid-January. We would like to thank John Carter for all his help and support in making this happen.

Treasurer's Report:

Lympsham & Belvedere C.C. have received a coaching course subsidy. Other applications have been received and subsidy will be paid on completion of the course.

The registration of the league as a limited company was finalised in January and £1090.20 was paid to Vistra Limited for their work in in the formation and filing of the required documents with Companies House. Somerset Cricket League Limited was incorporated on January 23rd, 2024, as a private company limited by guarantee. Many thanks also to John Carter of Bear Flat C.C. for his help and advice.

A new bank account has been set up for the Company as payments and transfers from accounts which are operated by the League shall require at least two signatories, our current bank account at Santander could not facilitate the requirement . Consequently, the league has had to open a Lloyd's Bank Treasurer's Account which can accommodate the rule change. Our Santander Account will still operate for a few months in case some clubs haven't updated the league's BACS details and money is received into Santander.

The existing funds of £17922.26 were transferred from the old account into the new account on February the 9th, leaving £0 in the old account.

The league's annual insurance, due on March 1st has now been paid. This has increased slightly from £510.69 to £562.97.

There is one club who has not yet paid their subscription.

Sponsorship:

The treasurer reported that the next instalment of the sponsorship is due later in March and will be raising an invoice in the next week, we are greatly appreciative of the continued support from World Class Willow.

Cricket Balls:

2500 Lords cricket balls will be delivered in April. The cost has risen due to the economic climate and is now £12 per ball (this is the first increase for several years). Each club will have 18 balls per team. The cricket balls will be available to collect at regional centres. Times and locations will be sent out once we received delivery from Lords. Clubs are asked to let us know as soon as possible if they require an additional ball.

We also have a small stock of WCW balls @ £8 a ball if clubs would like them for friendlies or nets etc.

Divisional Set up:

Prior to writing the fixtures we received a request from Churchill CC asking to return to div 7 which were we able to accommodate. In the last week we have had a request from another team wishing to go back to Division 7 due to strength – the committee has agreed to this in principle providing the matrix works.

Public Liability Insurance: Amanda will ask all clubs to send their PL insurance certificate to her for records unless they are on the SHMS and receive it free.

WACO handbook – The Wiltshire Officials Association are producing a handbook of rules for all leagues primarily for umpires to buy. They are including the SCL rules and plan to send a copy to each SCL team. We have been told there will be no cost.

Safeguarding:

All clubs will be reminded that they need to have a fully qualified CSO by the start of the season, any club who hasn't will NOT be able to play in the league. Captains and regular vice captains

also need to have a DBS. There is no requirement for regular scorers to hold DBS -under ECB changes, however they do need to complete some online safeguarding.

Amanda is going to see if Brian Hoyle will speak to a zoom meeting for captains to outline what safeguarding responsibilities are, and what it looks like. It is hoped that Nicky Clarke of the SCF will also give an overview of behaviour and the General Regulations.

League Presentation – booked at the County Ground on 18th October 2024

AOB:

Social Media – we are in the process of updating our social media profiles

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Kind Regards,
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