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Minutes of Committee Meeting held via zoom on Monday 7th October 2024

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

Apologies: Matt Counsell

There was no declaration of interests

Correspondence:

- Emails from clubs regarding Presentation.
- Emails from two clubs regarding entry into league for 2025
- Emails from clubs regarding proposed T30 division, only one club was keen with one other possibly interested.
- Emails from Chard CC regarding WEPL
- From Pete Marshall proposing the leagues handbook again for 2025 and asking if the league wishes to contribute to its cost. We are unlikely to contribute.

Treasurer's Report: Accounts are being prepared. We need to find an accountant who can verify these accounts under the company terms. John is contacting companies to get quotes

The treasurer suggested that league subscriptions were reviewed and increased for 2025 as they have been the same since 2011. The proposal is to raise the first team subscription to £75 and £35 for each subsequent club side. (WEPL is £135) The committee agreed to this proposal and will put it to the AGM. The treasurer will hold off invoicing clubs until after the AGM

The treasurer reported that the next instalment of the sponsorship has still not been received. The committee discussed how to move this forward and resolve.

Disciplinary Update: It was reported that, there had been a significant rise in poor discipline in 2024, with a 100% rise in bans from 2023. There are currently 21 players with suspended bans moving into 2025. There is also an appeal hearing happening tomorrow evening.

EDI: In conjunction with Jane Law, the ECB EDI SW executive, we plan to hold a **mandatory** EDI information session for all clubs in the new year.

Divisional Set up: The WEPL has confirmed that 4 teams will be returning to our Premier League due to relegations further up the pyramid system. This causes disruption to the top of our league but with the gaps we have they will be absorbed as we move down the divisions. We have 3 new teams entering the league in 2025.

Now the WEPL have formally confirmed their set up, we will be able to draw up our divisions and start fixtures once clubs have confirmed their ground availability – all clubs have been requested to confirm any dates (fetes etc) and all ground shares by the end of the month latest.

League Presentation Night: 18th October 2024, it has been confirmed that our guest will be James Hildreth. It was agreed that profit from the raffle on the evening will be donated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

All winners and runners up trophies have been ordered alongside player players awards

Players Players winners were:

Jack Handerson – North Perrott

Ben Trotman Shapwick and Polden

Rich Gower – Ilton

Ian Masters – South Petherton

Kris Pearse _ West Coker and Hardington

Tom Thorne – Butleigh

Tom Lambert – North Petherton

George Reeves – Compton Dundon

Greg Turner – Middlezoy

Justin Joseph – MASS

Sobu Cherian – Yeovil Royal Blasters

Matilda Parfitt – Cheddar

Young Player of the Year – Joel Harris

All rounder – Nathan Barnard

AGM: It was agreed that we would hold the AGM on zoom Monday 20th January 2025

Meeting closed 8.34pm

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