



# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held over zoom on 18th July 2022**

**Present:** Edward Martin, Amanda Counsell, Ray Hancock, Derek Hicks, Stuart Shepherd, John Squirrell, Matt Counsell, Andy Barrett and Matt Lunn

**Apologies:** David Derrick, Tom Packman, Martin King

There were no declarations of interest.

**Matters Arising:** Minutes of last meeting were approved and virtually signed. The telephone contract is still being explored as to early termination.

**Correspondence:** we have received correspondence regarding:

- the lack of first aid kits at grounds. All clubs must have an accessible first aid kit at all matches. This should be boundary side if pavilion/clubhouses are locked.
- Sparkford 2 have withdrawn from the league
- The lack of water at some grounds. Even if teas are not being provided clubs should be providing squash/water for drinks breaks. It has been reported that many clubs are not doing this, even in last weeks extreme hot weather. All clubs must have a source of clean water.
- Vaping – umpires should not be vaping on the field of play, It is the Captains responsibility to ensure that this is not happening. Action could be taken if this continues.
- Pitch/ground facilities – we have had requests to enforce certain standards and facilities at grounds particularly higher up the league divisions. The league understands that each clubs circumstance is different so initially the committee are going to do an audit and send out a survey to see what facilities clubs have, before making any decisions.

## **Santander Bank Account – Changes to the Mandate**

In the light of the impending retirement of Tom Packman from his role as Treasurer a motion has been put forward to update the signatories to the account and the account mandate.

It was proposed by Edward Martin, Chairman and seconded by Amanda Counsell, Secretary that Raymond John Hancock and Derek Harold Hicks be removed as signatories and removed from the mandate dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003. This motion was passed unanimously.

It was proposed by Andy Barrett and seconded by Matt Lunn that Edward Alan Charles Martin and John Anthony Squirrell be added as signatories and added to the mandate dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2003. This motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** : The treasurer was unavailable for the meeting so no formal report was sent, but noted that there was non attendance of the Spring EGM by Middlezoy, Sparkford and Wincanton, who will all be fined as per league rules.

Committee agreed to purchase a zoom license

**Sponsorship**: a new sponsor of the league is being sought for the next season beyond. A subcommittee of Edward Martin, John Squirrel and Andy Barrett will head up the search for a new sponsor(s).

**Discipline**:- It was reported that under the new General Conduct Regulations, Three players have been banned each for one week, following umpires reports for dissent.

There have been many points deductions for administration, conceding matches.

There are currently a few cases being dealt with and reviewed by the discipline committee from team reports.

**Don Crouch/Fair Play Reports**: it was reported that currently all clubs were above 80%. The committee are concerned however about some of the negative comments that are reported and the giving of very low marks e.g. 4/5s or lower for incidents that actually do not warrant such a low score. It was also noted that most of the clubs score fairly and consistently, and a lot of the negative reports are coming from the same clubs.

**WEPL Joint Meeting** AC reported that she had attended a joint WEPL meeting regarding possible relegations at the end of the season. Currently the positions of clubs in the WEPL mean there will be 2 up and 2 down as normal. However, depending on how the second half of the season goes this could change and it could mean 2 up and 3 down (or 4). This would obviously then impact on our relegations.

**West Somerset League** It was noted that players that normally play in West Somerset League club and then play in for MSL club (not in WSCL) , under the WSCL rules would not be allowed to go back and play for their 'home' club. Clubs need to be aware of this.

**Safeguarding** AC reported that there is a new ECB Positions of Trust document that has been sent to all clubs by the Cricket Foundation. She also reported that there are still Captains and Vice captains who do not have a DBS. All clubs who had named captains on play cricket without DBS have been contacted and reminded. Clubs need to action this.

**Cancelling/Conceding**: It was reported that many clubs are not informing AC when their matches are conceded. The first we hear is often on social media. Clubs must let AC know as soon as they can, so we can ensure the correct points are allocated and this to help the team who has been cancelled on a better chance of finding a team to play.

**New Clubs** We have had one enquiry about joining the league in 2023.

**End of Season Dinner** : The End of Season Dinner has been booked for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at the County Ground.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Edward Martin - Chairman