



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Zoom Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 7.30pm.

In attendance – Edward Martin, Martin King, Toby Strang, Simon Glover, Derek Hicks, Ray Hancock, Andy Barrett, Nicky Clarke, Matt Counsell, David Derrick

1. **Apologies** – Amanda Counsell, Matt Lunn, Tom Packman, John Squirrel
2. **Minutes of meetings. Committee (March 18) and EGM (April 12)**– Agreed as an accurate representation of the meetings
3. **All SCL matches to play 40 overs per side until further notice. (Applies to Div. 1 & Div. 2 only)** – Discussion was had over whether the Premier Division and Div 2 should play 40 overs due to sanitisation breaks, there was concern that an extra hour could be added to the day. EM reiterated that the clubs recently voted against 40 overs, and breaks should take around a minute adding 7 minutes to an innings, if players and umpires worked together there was no reason this would not be the case. MC felt that some clubs who voted for 45 overs would see this as a backdoor for 40 overs to become permanent and was not a decision the league handed down to clubs. He also confirmed that the SCB would be sending comms to the clubs reminding them of their responsibilities and including tips on how to prevent sanitisation breaks from affecting the flow of the game or adding more than the expected time allowance on to the game.
4. **Cricket Ball distribution** – The balance of the balls was received and TS will work with AC to arrange the final distribution,
5. **Correspondence** – RH shared an email received from Horrington, asking for information on whether other clubs had a 'social budget' for events to attract players. MC felt this was a personal decision for each club, and dependent on what they want to achieve. He also reiterated that umpires coats are 'equipment' and should not be shared.
6. **Teas** – No teas until further notice
7. **Spectators** – Further guidance is expected around 17th May, but currently spectators are not permitted, unless it's for safeguarding, one parent per u18 player or club officials.
8. **Application of other covid rules for cricket** – clubs should at least try to abide by the guidance, hospitality is allowed, and those guidelines should be followed. Private grounds are expected to police, but public can legally gather on public open spaces, so clubs who play on public pitches have less responsibility to police spectators.
9. **Umpires** – There are a number of new umpires in SACO, teams are charged £25 each (£50 total). There may be umpires available to division 3, but both teams will need to be in agreement to have an appointed umpire. Clubs will need to opt out. Clubs will also need to be registered on WTU if they agree to having an appointed umpire.
10. **Duty Officers and deputies** – Details will be circulated to clubs ahead of 1st May.
11. Date of next meeting – 27th May & 17th June
12. **Any other business** – WSL have had several withdrawals (Stogumber 1sts, Crowcombe 3rds, Dunster and Ashbrittle 2nds). 45 overs, 9 overs max per bowler
Thanks to Simon Glover the league had received an ECB Grant of £2380.
DD reported some clubs needed to send their Public Liability still, and 4 were due to run out early or mid season.
Purnells, Peasedown and Spaxton had not completed their contact details yet. MS=C is working with Peasedown to resolve.

Correspondence

Hello Ray,

I hope that all is well with you and your family and that preparations are well in hand for Monday's EGM.

It would be very helpful if the League made a ruling about teas for the whole season as, in the event of easing of measures during the summer, it will be difficult for many to make arrangements thereafter. Similarly, a simple ruling about the wearing (or more likely, not wearing) of umpires coats by various players would also be useful.

One other matter of interest to us is the question of a Club having a Social Budget (i.e. spending Club funds – for those lucky enough to have them – on events to encourage new members to join etc.). Such a proposal has been made within our Club and I have been asked to research the possibility. It would therefore be very helpful to me if a simple vote or indication from SCL Clubs could be taken. This, in turn, would enable me to report to my Committee that 12, three, nil or whatever number of SCL Clubs operate such a scheme.

Thank you as always for your assistance.

Regards,

Kevin Russell
Honorary Secretary
Horrington Cricket Club