



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of Committee Meeting held over zoom on 22nd August 2022

Present: Edward Martin, Amanda Counsell, Martin King, Derek Hicks, Stuart Shepherd, John Squirrell, , Toby Strang, David Derrick, Andy Barrett

Apologies: Tom Packman, Ray Hancock, Matt Lunn and Matt Counsell

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising – Lack of water/drink refreshment is still an issue. Some clubs are still not informing admin that they are conceding matches.

Minutes of last meeting were approved and virtually signed.

Correspondence:

Four clubs have contacted the league regarding 2023 entry

Nomination for All Rounder player received

Email from WEPL regarding promotion/relegation

Admin has contacted Paul Bedford of ECB regarding the practicalities of using General Conduct Regulations giving him feedback from a league other than a Premier League.

Treasurer's Report: John Squirrel updated the committee on the transfer of signatories on bank account. The Chair recorded his thanks to John and Tom for all their hard work with this matter.

Telephone: The phone contract will end in September, and it was decided not to have a league phone line for the time being. are looking to terminate its contract with BT and to purchase a league mobile for telephone communication. It is hoped we can keep the number we have currently.

Sponsorship: the Monmouth Scientific Sponsorship is due to end at the end of this season. A sub committee is looking at new sponsorship opportunities and main committee were asked if they had any suggestions

Disciplinary Issues: Amanda updated the committee on recent discipline issues, fines, and bans. She informed that meeting that some of our discipline and appeal meetings have been heard by other leagues as part of our joint league working initiative. Several clubs have had to be reminded about the Spirit of Cricket and their players codes of conduct. It was agreed to put this out on our next newsletter.

WEPL: We have been informed that on current placements within the WEPL structure, it is highly likely we will be getting 3 teams returning to our Premier Division - this will have a knock on throughout the divisions and will require additional relegations. It was noted that it could have been 4 down but last couple of results have made that less likely. Clubs need to ensure that all Captains and Vice Captains must have an ECB DBS in line with ECB regulations, Amanda is happy to advise any club or help them with DBS.

League Dinner: The Presentation Evening has been booked with the Somerset County Club at the County Ground for 21st October 2022. A sub committee has been set up to organise this – further details will be sent out shortly.

Any Other Business:

It was agreed to award a players player award for each division this year at the dinner. Clubs will be asked to nominate one player from their division – but not one of their own players. Amanda will circulate form shortly to each club.

As a committee it was felt the Don Crouch Fair Play Award is not working in its current form, and we will review it over the winter months.

It was felt that the committee needed some new 'blood' to help us develop and run areas of the league. Note to be put on newsletter.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm