



The Somerset Cricket League
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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 27th March 2023 At 7.30pm held by zoom

Present: Edwrd Martin, Amanda Counsell, John Squirrel, Andy Barrett, Matt Lunn, Matt Counsell, Toby Strang, Stuart Shepherd

Apologies: Tom Packman, Martin King, Derek Hicks, David Derrick and Ray Hancock

Minutes of last meeting were approved and virtually signed by the Chair.

Edward informed the committee that currently both Derek Hicks and Martin King were in hospital, we send them best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Correspondence:

From various clubs who have re-arranged fixture dates

From two clubs requesting information regarding the signing of Afghan asylum seekers.
(see bottom of minutes)

From Wells and Horrington CC informing us of their club merger. The committee wish them well with this new venture.

Email asking for guidance on using live streaming – Permissions must be sought in the days before the match – ECB guidance can be found via this link.

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2022/02/14/8f153276-1990-418c-ac19-360b382915e0/ECB-Live-Streaming-Guidance-September-2021-.pdf>

Treasurer's Report : John reported that all clubs have been invoiced for the cricket balls and outstanding fines , . 40 Clubs paid, 23 still outstanding.

2,240 Lord's Cricket Balls due to be delivered this week, there was an error in their invoice but this is being rectified.

Public Liability Insurance David Derrick has been in contact with clubs to request sight of their public liability insurance as this is a requirement for league entry, so far he has only received less than 20%.

Governance- Following the agreement at the special EGM we held , Amanda is working with John Carter on this and is in the process of completing the paperwork required.

Safeguarding Clubs need to ensure that they have completed DBS for players/officials eg Captains , regular umpires in regulated roles. A list of who needs a DBS can be found <https://www.ecb.co.uk/about/policies-and-regulations/safeguarding/safer-recruitment>

Sponsorship: Our new sponsorship has formally started with World Class Willow

Cricket Balls: Each club will receive their allocated balls and 2 balls from World Class Willow that we will be trialling. We will be asking for feedback on how both types of balls played and this will form part of the ground report. Cricket balls will be available for collection shortly, details will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.

League Dinner: The 2023 dinner has been booked for Friday 20th October 2023, at the Somerset County Club at the County Ground.

EGM and Rule Changes : The EGM will be held by zoom as clubs will have several options for ball collection so it was agreed there is no need to ask clubs to travel around the county twice.

Two rules changes from Frome CC have been proposed, one around a new points system and another around in game rain delays.

The Committee does not support the rain delay rule – due to the administration time it would take us to ensure pints were correct.

Zoom link and agenda will be sent early next week

Umpires: Umpires fees will be £50 this season and £75 if only one umpire stands. It is hoped that all Premier league matches will have umpires and some matches in Division 1.

Amanda reported on a recent meeting with Darren Taylor of SACO to look at ways to develop a stronger working and more collaborative partnership It was agreed that Darren would join the committee to support us with his knowledge of umpiring and discipline.

AOB: Clubs are reminded that any 2023 fixture changes must be made and sent to admin by April 15th latest. Both sides must send email confirmation of agreement to change of date.

We are also aware that some clubs might not be able to use their grounds due to Coronation events on 6th May being held on them. We actively encourage clubs to agree to rearrangement requests as this is an exceptional circumstance and out of the control of the club.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Overseas Players and Refugee/Asylum Seeker Guidance

Refugee/Asylum Seekers Guidance

Asylum seekers wanting to play **cricket must seek written permission from their case worker**. Most asylum seekers will be permitted to play cricket, and the leagues will determine whether they are Cat 1 or Cat 3 based on the standard definitions.

If the asylum seeker is classed as a professional sports person as per the Home Office definitions they will not be permitted to play, even if it's unpaid. **Should they play cricket without permission it may affect their immigration status**