



SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of Committee Meeting held over zoom on 28th March 2022

Present: Edward Martin, Amanda Counsell, Ray Hancock, Martin King, Derek Hicks, Stuart Shepherd, John Squirrel, Toby Strang, David Derrick, Nicola Clarke and Matt Lunn

Apologies: Andy Barrett and Matt Counsell

There were no declarations of interest.

Matters Arising – none. Minutes of last meeting were approved and virtually signed. Minute Secretary has been approached and accepted post.

Correspondence:

Several clubs have notified the administrator of fixture rearrangements for 2022.

Fitzhead CC - withdrawing from the league.

Purnell CC - via SCF – to see if we can help them play at a more appropriate level

Ray has received interest from Beaminster 2s for 2023.

Joint league Meeting: The Chair reported that discipline and umpires' fees were the main topics of discussion at this meeting with other leagues. He also reported that WEPL clubs are being asked to have a sign up with location information of the nearest defibrillator – the committee felt this would be good practice and will ask its member clubs to also do this.

Treasurer's Report: No finance report had been received from the treasurer. However, cricket ball invoices have been sent to clubs and payment had started to be received. Having looked at producing invoices via play-cricket, John has decided to continue to send out invoices in the same way that Tom always has.

John Squirrel reported that the process to transfer the bank account mandate has started.

Telephone: The committee 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. Edward and Andy Barrett will contact them to see if they wish to continue, if not they will begin to seek new sponsorship.

Cricket Balls: These have not yet arrived, but we aim to distribute them in the same way as last year with four collection centres and dates, clubs will be informed when and where, once we have the balls.

Club Withdrawal and Movement: Fitzhead CC have withdrawn from Division 5. Purnell CC have moved from Division 3 and taken the place of Fitzhead in division 5. Clubs involved have been notified and play cricket updated.

Player Registrations: AC reported over 1200 players have been registered to date. Many clubs still have no one registered so they will need to complete this before May.

Discipline: Nicola Clarke explained to the meeting that the ECB has introduced General Conduct Regulations – which set a minimum standard of discipline. This has to be adopted this season by Premier Leagues, Boards and Foundations, with a view of being mandatory for every league in 2023 – thus giving a consistent approach. The committee decided to adopt the regulations for the 2022 season as an early adopter. Edward Martin and Derek Hicks agreed to be Disciplinary Chairs for the MSL, with Andy Barrett

continuing as Disciplinary Officer who will receive complaints in the first instance. Details of code can be found on ECB website. This will be explained to clubs at the Spring Meeting.

Umpires: We are aware that fees have not changed for several years and with the ever-increasing economic costs, we have decided there is a need to increase. It was agreed to charge £45 per umpire this season. This will bring us into line with the other feeder league of the WEPL, with WEPL charging £75.

We are aware that many clubs have chosen not to provide teas, AC will ask clubs who are provided with umpires to contact them beforehand to make them aware of the situation at their individual club.

AC to write to Darren Taylor of SACO to inform him.

Safeguarding: AC reported that currently there are around 8 -10 clubs who are not yet compliant but with their Safeguarding Officers, but many will be resolved in the next week with SOs attending the next Safe Hands course.

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 provisionally booked with the County Ground for 21st October 2022. Stuart Shephard is currently seeking price and menu with them to see if it will be feasible to hold the dinner there. Maybe look at 2 courses and coffee.

Public Liability Insurance: David Derrick reported that just under 50% of the clubs have sent him their insurance policy over. He will contact the outstanding clubs over the next week to chase this up.

Any Other Business:

Clubs to be reminded that teas are a personal arrangement between the two sides.
Club Spring Meeting 11th April via zoom – link to be sent nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm