



THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL - SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
WILL BE HELD AT THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER
ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014 STARTING AT 7.30pm.**

All clubs are expected to attend and failure to do so will incur a fine of £40 as per rule.

Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, 18 November 2013 and the EGM, 14 April 2014 (Copies attached).
3. Matters arising.
4. Chairman's Remarks.
5. Honorary Secretary's Report. (Copy to follow).
6. Honorary Treasurer's Report. (Copy to follow).
7. The Cricket Development Manager of the Somerset Cricket Board, Andy Fairbairn, will give **an illustrated talk on the Player Survey 2014** and how it has monitored cricket opinions throughout the West of England, Somerset and the Somerset Cricket League. Andy's remarks may well have a bearing on some of the decisions that will be made in agenda item No. 11.

8. Presentation of the individual Awards 2014
 - a) The AVCO Trophy for the 'Young Player of the Year' – TBA.
 - b) The Glastonbury Mowers Trophy for the 'All Rounder of the Year' – TBA
 - c) Team of the Month – Watchet 1st XI (shared in July).

9. Election of Officers: -
 - a) Committee Members Amanda Counsell, Martin King and Matthew Lunn have agreed to stand for re-election and the Management Committee has proposed that they be re-elected
 - b) Other nominations.
 - c) Honorary Auditor.

10. Changes to the Rules of the Somerset Cricket League. (See separate sheets for details).

11. The sharing of fringe players – a discussion on the feasibility and need for such a scheme in the SCL. Discussion led by Long Sutton CC.

12. The Club Welfare Officer – Amanda Counsell (SCL Welfare Officer)

13. Reporting Club Details – the new format for season 2015.

14. Any Other Business. *(It would be helpful if prior notice of any item could be given to the Hon. Sec. in advance, this would enable any research to take place).*

Ray Hancock.
Hon. Secretary
October 26, 2014

Rule changes proposed by the Management Committee for Decision at AGM Nov. 17th 2014.

Note All proposed changes to rule are shown in bold within the proposal.

Management Committee Proposition 1

Rule 5 Matches. (h) The Ball. For all divisions, home sides must provide two new balls, one to be used for each innings.

Management Committee Proposition 2

Rule 5 Matches(d) Weather Conditions

i) In the event of a late start because of weather conditions, overs shall be deducted, and the remaining overs shall be divided equally between the two sides. A full match of 90 overs cannot start after 2.30 pm. (2.15 pm. for the Senior Division) and **no match can start after 4.00 pm.**

Management Committee Proposition 3

5. MATCHES

(b) Championship Points.

ii) No match shall be cancelled due to weather conditions on the day of the match prior to 11.00am.

Rule addition

iii) **No match may be called off before 4pm on the day of the match without mutual agreement of the Captains. If agreement cannot be reached, then travel to the ground and inspection by the away team may take place. Further representation to the Grounds Sub Committee may be made at a later date if still unresolved.**

iv) If the game is cancelled by the weather, each side shall be awarded twelve points.

If this Rule 5 (b) iii) is adopted then the remaining rule numbers will be re-numbered.

Management Committee Proposition 4

5. MATCHES

(c) Rules for Match Play

v) A game will consist of a **maximum of 40 overs per side**, except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter.

(e) Declarations and Early Dismissals

If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second **shall have 40 overs.**

If this rule change is lost then revert to Proposition No. 5 below.

Management Committee Proposition 5

5. MATCHES

(c) Rules for Match Play

v) A game will consist of a maximum of 45 overs per side, except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter. However, in Divisions 5 – 9 a game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per side, except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter.

(e) Declarations and Early Dismissals

If the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 45 overs.

However, in Divisions 5 – 9 if the side batting first is dismissed, or if the innings is declared closed before the end of its allotted overs, the side batting second shall have 40 overs.

Management Committee Proposition 6

7. PLAYERS

(b) Transfers

Players may be transferred on receipt by the League's Results Secretary of a fully completed 'Transfer Form' which must be completed by both clubs. This form must be signed by club secretaries or chairmen or treasurers or league representatives and the player concerned. The transfer must be in the hands of the League's Transfers Representative by 12 noon on any match day to be eligible for that match. No transfers will be accepted after the first Saturday in August each year. Note. Transfer forms are available on the League's website. This also applies to any player transferring from the SCL to any club in the WEPL.

Management Committee Proposition 7

3. ADMINISTRATION

(f) *Club Details Sheet.* Every club is required to provide information regarding the details of the club's officials and ground on the 'Club Details Sheet'. This information must be sent to the Hon. Secretary by January 31st preceding the start of the season; otherwise the club will be fined £20.

This rule to be replaced by:-

(f) **Club Details Page on the website.** Every club is required to provide information regarding the details of the club's officials and ground etc. in the 'Club Details Section' on the League's website. This information must be displayed on the club's page by January 31st preceding the start of the season otherwise the club will be fined £20. Note. The date and time of the input is 'time stamped' and any club failing to meet the January 31st deadline will be fined. Clubs **MUST** also update the club details following any change in personnel or their details. Failure to do so will also incur a £20 fine.

Management Committee Proposition 8

5. MATCHES

(j) Results Sheets.

i) Each team is responsible for putting the names of all players, with ages if under 19 at the previous August 31st, **on the Team Card that was supplied at the start of the season** and hand it to the umpire, or in his absence, the opposing captain prior to the match commencing. Those players under 18 must adhere to the SCL Helmet Rule and those players under 19 must adhere to the ECB Fast Bowling Directive.

Management Committee Proposition 9

5. MATCHES

(j) Results Sheets.

*iii) The completed Team Sheet/Result Sheet, with ages where appropriate, must be sent by the home team to the Results Secretary by 2nd class post or Fax after the match. The Result Sheet must be received by the Results Secretary no later than the **Saturday** following the game. The captain of each team shall sign that the sheet is correct. Any team guilty of infringing this rule shall be fined the sum of £10.00. Clubs that fail to return the Result Sheet as described above shall be fined £25 for infringements during the final three matches of the season.*

This rule to be deleted and replaced by:-

iii)Problems with inputting and verifying. If club representatives have a problem either inputting or verifying a result through a computer problem or other similar problem then they MUST contact the monitor immediately, by telephone, who is responsible for their division. Failure to contact the monitor in this way will result in a fine of £10 and 6 points being levied. Each monitor will also be responsible for the processing and issuing of fines related to the failure of a club to input or verify results on time. Club submissions/appeals should be made to the divisional monitor. If the details displayed by the home team are incorrect, then the appropriate monitor must be advised that the verifier is unable to verify until such time as the details have been corrected. The verifier MUST also contact the home team inputter to agree the correction.

**Rule Changes Proposed by a Club
for Decision at AGM Nov. 17 2014.**

Proposal 10 Bishops Lydeard Cricket Club.

Additional Rule

PLAYERS (g) Team Strengthening

Our proposal to modify this would be that the league apply a much more common sense approach with the section ‘if the individual in question has sustained a bad run of form“ :-

1) Clarify a bad run of form to make it black and white ie.. below 15 runs or 30 average for bowling....A BLCC batsman averaged single figures in the 1sts and we were docked points for him batting in the 2nds without notification.

As discussed here is the BLCC proposal rule change proposal. We believe that due to the large standard difference between our 1st and 2nd team players fringe players will not want to play in the 2nd team due to the too stringent restrictions.

The current rule is.....

“A ‘higher level’ batsman playing in a ‘lower level’ team for the reason of choice to play at home or for his own convenience or a cancellation of the higher level game or due to the lack of players available for selection should not bat higher than No. 7. However, if the individual in question has sustained a bad run of form (note – this can be verified by the Results Secretary and the monitors for Management Committee purposes) in the ‘higher level’ team then he should be allowed to bat wherever in the batting order, without any restriction.”

Mark Thomas, Secretary, Bishops Lydeard Cricket Club

Management Committee does not support this proposal.

Proposal 11 Burnham on Sea Cricket Club.

PLAYERS (d) Overseas Players

i) ‘Overseas Players’ * shall be permitted to play in the Somerset Cricket League in a ratio of ONE per club.

For consideration at the AGM Burnham on Sea CC would like to propose the reintroduction of overseas players OP 1 at a ratio of 1 per club (others may suggest a higher ratio but we feel 1 per club to be ideal).

The overseas can be of great benefit to a club in being able to bring in instantly a player of greater ability into the side each week to improve playing standards..To coach young players and show them how to play and set standards goals and targets they can achieve to get maximum enjoyment from the game.

It should be noted that quite a few clubs cancelled 1 or more fixtures last season due to lack of players and the overseas would help to boost numbers a little as well.

I have not canvassed for a seconding club but could no doubt get one to second the proposal.

Regards Andy Birkett Chairman BOS CC

Proposal 12 Shapwick & Polden Cricket Club.

MATCHES

(c) Rules for Match Play

i) All Matches start at 1.00 pm.

Management Committee supports this proposal.

If this rule change is lost then revert to Proposition No. 13 below.

Proposal 13 Management Committee.

MATCHES

(c) Rules for Match Play

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Proposal 14 Taunton Cricket Club.

THE LEAGUE - Additional Rule i)

Proposal 1

i)When there have to be additional movements between divisions due to movements to or from WEPL or teams being introduced from other leagues or withdrawing, the Management Committee will always promote additional teams rather than relegate fewer teams except in exceptional circumstances.

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Taunton’s supporting statement:-

The reasons for my recommendations, which I have explained previously, are quite simple. Finally, with regards to any proposal at the AGM, I will leave that to the discretion of the Management Committee. My preferred proposal would be

"When there have to be additional movements between divisions due to movements to or from WEPL or teams being introduced from other leagues or withdrawing, the Management Committee will always promote additional teams rather than relegate fewer teams except in exceptional circumstances" (The exceptional circumstances would cover the Castle Cary situation).

However, the Management Committee may prefer

"When there have to be additional movements between divisions due to movements to or from WEPL or teams being introduced from other leagues or withdrawing, the Management Committee will make the decisions with regards to additional promotions and/or relegations as it deems to be appropriate and in the best interests of the Somerset League"

- 1) I would always reward success by promoting an additional team rather than not relegating a team that has had a poor season and finished in a relegation place.
- 2) Any team finishing 9th, in a relegation place, deserves, under the rules, and expects to be relegated. That team would be relegated in a "normal" season regardless of how close they were to finishing above the relegation line.
- 3) This applies consistency throughout the league.

From Nigel Manley Taunton CC