

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
HELD AT THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER
ON MONDAY APRIL 14TH 2014**

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of Barrington, Belvedere, Wedmore

1. Apologies were received from Matt Lunn.
2. a) The Chairman welcomed all representatives to the meeting. b) He expressed his concern about the effect of the Winter flooding, but was pleased to note that no clubs had reported their inability to start the season on time. c) The Chairman reminded clubs that the prime objective of SCL cricket was enjoyment and he expected individuals and teams to uphold the spirit of the game. d) He said that he was pleased that no disciplinary action had to be taken in 2013 and trusted that a similar situation would occur in the coming season. e) He drew attention to the need for some clubs to ensure that 'off-pitch' facilities were of an appropriate standard and matched the criteria set down in the pre-season circular.
3. Ray Hancock, the Hon. Secretary, reminded clubs to sign the attendance sheet to ensure an exact record of club representation at the EGM. He listed the names of those clubs that had still to send him copies of the Public Liability Insurance. He then detailed the process for updating the League's database for Club Details and Email Addresses. The clubs' contact details should be continually up dated to reflect changes of personnel and email/telephone numbers. He urged clubs to keep this information up to date so that other club officials could have the current details always available. He reminded members of the system for the use of the Results Pads. He emphasised that the top copy (white) would still need to be sent to Ian Latchem. Ian's new address had been printed on the reverse of the white copy. He said that the second copy (pink) should be retained by the home team and the third copy (blue) should be given to the away team. This process would help ensure accurate inputting and verification of results/scorecards.
4. The Hon. Secretary said that the Pre-Season Circular could be found in the club package, on the website and had been emailed to clubs with the EGM agenda. He asked that all captains/officials should read it carefully and act upon its contents. He highlighted a number of sections. The new rule regarding cancellations when the away team was unable to raise a team and the implications were highlighted on page 1. Any club that had lost its 'unique username and password' should email the Hon. Secretary, as these will also be needed for the results input. He said that the database of players registered for 2013 had been deleted and clubs should now register their players for 2014 season. He stressed the need for clubs that had difficulty or technical breakdowns that prevented inputting/verification to contact the appropriate monitor to explain the problem and thus avoid monetary and points fines. The monitors are listed in the Pre-season circular on page 5. He reminded clubs that players' performances were easily detectable on the website and this data would be used if clubs unfairly strengthened lower level teams with higher-level players (See section 8 b of the circular). The Hon Secretary outlined the more stringent conditions for overseas players, whereby the player needs to show that he has been permanently resident in the UK since October 1st 2013. He drew representatives attention

to the new law regarding dislodging the bails in the bowler's delivery stride. He asked clubs to read section 7 g regarding the courtesy afforded to umpires.

5. Toby Strang, representing the Grounds Sub Committee, outlined the salient sections of item 9 of the pre-season circular - Club/Ground, Pavilions and Support Facilities. He urged club representatives to study this section on pages 11 & 12 and address any outstanding issues at their clubs.
6. Any other business. There was none.
7. The Hon. Secretary gave details of the distribution of the club packages that included the results sheets pads (1 per team), the Pre-Season Circulars (1 per team) and, where appropriate, the team sheet cards for Division 1 clubs. Cricket ball chits had been issued to all club reps who had paid the recent club invoices and the balls and Handbooks were distributed by the Committee members.
8. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Ray Hancock
Hon. Secretary.