

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
HELD AT THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER
ON MONDAY APRIL 16TH 2012**

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of Broadway and Horton

1. Apologies were received from Ian Stolworthy and Matt Lunn.
2. a) The Chairman welcomed all representatives to the meeting. He then paid tribute to the President of the League, Brian Stockhill, who had died in early February. Brian had been a founder member of the League and a most loyal advocate of Somerset Cricket. It had been his vision that drove league cricket forward in the 1970s and his contribution to the local game cannot be underestimated. The Chairman noted that the Hon. Secretary had written an obituary for the media and asked that it be circulated with the minutes.
b) He then announced that the Management Committee had invited Stuart Shepherd, the Sponsor of the Somerset Cricket League, to be President. Stuart had been delighted to accept the honorary role.
c) The Chairman indicated that the Management Committee would take decisive action against individuals or teams that failed to uphold the spirit of the game at the expense of the enjoyment of others.
3. The Chairman welcomed Andy Fairbairn, the new Cricket Development Manager for Somerset, to the meeting. Andy spoke briefly about his hopes and ambitions in the post and emphasised his intentions to establish firm and meaningful contacts with the leagues in Somerset. He looked forward to meeting the members of clubs in the SCL and to working with the Committee and its officers in a positive way for the benefit of all concerned with the game.
4. The Chairman reminded clubs of the need to be continually vigilant with their responsibilities to provide proper facilities at their grounds. He said that the four areas that required focus were a) Fit for purpose b) Health, hygiene and safety c) Hospitality d) Duty of care (with special reference to young players). He noted that a number of clubs in the recent survey had reported that some aspects were in place, whereas in reality they were not. He encouraged clubs to report poor/unacceptable facilities and the Management Committee would take action.
5. Ray Hancock, the Hon. Secretary, gave details of the process for updating the League's database for Club Details and Email Addresses. He urged clubs to keep this information up to date so that other club officials could have the current details always available. Failure to update by May 1st 2012 will result in a fine being issued. He said that he was able to ascertain the exact time of updating and fines (money and/or points) could be issued to those clubs that failed to keep the information current. He said that the data-base of players registered for 2011 had been deleted as there were too many players listed who were no longer playing members of the club and clubs should now register their players for 2012 season. He reminded clubs of the timescales for entering results, scorecards and verification. He also stressed the need for clubs that had difficulty or technical breakdowns that prevented inputting/verification to contact the appropriate monitor to explain the problem. This would prevent a fine being levied. The monitors are:- Amanda

Counsell (Divisions. 1 – 4) : Toby Strang (Divisions. 5 – 8) ; David Derrick (Divisions. 9N; 9S; 10NW; 10 SE). Their contact details can be found on page 5 of the Pre-season circular and their telephone numbers are in the handbook.

6. The Hon. Secretary 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. However, the deadline for receipt by Ian was now Saturday and not Thursday so that 2nd class post could be used. However, he encouraged clubs to fax the form to Ian. 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.
7. Derek Hicks, the umpires' representative said that there were no major changes to the laws of the game, but he emphasised that Panel Umpires would not allow late arrivals to play in Division 1 games, until the same amount of 'late' time had elapsed in the game. The Hon. Secretary said that this did not apply to games played in divisions 2-9 where late arrivals could take a full part in the game and play immediately.
8. The Hon. Secretary elaborated on the Pre-Season Circular that was to 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 namely 1. Handbooks- these should be checked for correct detail. 2. The clubs' unique username and password. 3. The SCL rules changes that had been passed at the AGM. 4a. The registration of Players. 4c. The minimum age for children to play in the SCL. 4f. Overseas players. 5a. Notification of results. 5b. Problems with inputting and verifying. 5g. Results sheets. 7c. Fast bowling directives for under 19 year olds. 8b. Strengthening of teams. 8c. Fines. The pre-season circular will also be used in conjunction with the Rules of the League for administrative and disciplinary purposes.
9. Any Other Business. Ray Hancock drew members attention to two recent publications written by Mark Davis, who had played for Kilve in the SCL before going on to play for Somerset between 1980 and 1987. He then joined Millfield School as head cricket coach in 1996. The books, 1). Bowling – How to play, coach and win and 2). Batting – How to play, coach and win, have been published through Wisden and were now on sale. The Hon. Secretary said that the books gave a fresh insight into cricket coaching and had been well presented in a very readable format. A number of members took flyers from the meeting and the Hon. Secretary agreed to supply details of the publications with the minutes of the meeting.
10. 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 the insurance certificates, where appropriate. Cricket ball chits had been issued to all club reps who had paid the recent club invoices and the balls and the 2012 handbooks were distributed by the Committee members.
11. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Ray Hancock
Hon. Secretary.