

SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday December 5 2016 at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of Hardington & West Coker, Wells and Weston super Mare. These clubs were fined £40 as per rule

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1. There were apologies from Andy Fairbairn, Derek Hicks, Edward Martin, Matt Lunn and Ian Latchem.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meetings (AGM 23 November 2015 and the EGM, 11 April 2016), which had been circulated beforehand, were accepted as correct records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.
- **3.** There were no matters arising.
- 4. The Chairman, Malcolm Fox said that the league members had enjoyed another good season as the weather had been fine and sunny for most games. The consolidation of the various divisions after the biggest re-organisation in recent years had gone smoothly and the slimming down of the WEPL structure had worked well. The final tables for the 2016 season were a clear indication of the strength and weaknesses of the teams involved. The scores recorded in the sportsmanship table reflected an improvement in discipline since the disciplinary problems of the previous season. The League's Disciplinary Secretary, Edward Martin had done a good job in reacting to and resolving the issues raised. The improvement was highlighted by the winners of the Don Crouch Trophy, Taunton Deane Crusaders. The Deane's 4th XI recorded an amazing average of 99.38% gained over all 18 games. He reminded the club chairmen and captains to emphasise the different approach that is needed in the game, where proper etiquette is a key requirement in today's game. In particular, the younger element in the game needs to be conscious that examples set in other sports do not lead them into disciplinary issues. He was concerned that two proposals failed to get seconders at the rules meeting and he asked captains to take note of the number of wides bowled and the 'knock-on' effect on the length of the game. He questioned the reluctance of clubs to support any initiative to deal with regular 'cancellers' who are unable to fulfil fixtures. He concluded his remarks by thanking the members of the Committee and he singled out Amanda Counsell (club welfare work), Tom Packman (finance) and Ray Hancock (secretarial duties).
- 5. The Honorary Secretary outlined the key aspects of his report, which had been previously circulated to all members. He said that 2016 had been the first season since the restructure of the WEPL when 15 teams returned to the SCL. However, a disappointing factor had been the loss of 7 SCL teams at different stages in the season due to their inability to raise a team on a regular basis. He noted that teams had enjoyed favourable climatic conditions and he congratulated Minehead Cricket Club on

winning the John Bail Trophy, particularly as the team had just dropped down from the WEPL structure. He noted that Westlands Sports, Long Sutton, Broadway & Horton, Trull and Crewkerne had won the next five divisions. Both of Trull Cricket Club's teams won their respective divisions and subsequently were awarded the Ladbrokes Trophy for the 'Club of the Year'. To cap a superb season for the club its 2nd XI amassed the most points in the season by any team and won the Sunday Independent Cup, while Taunton Deane Crusaders won the Don Crouch Trophy (Sportsmanship) with an amazing average score over all 18 matches of 99.38%. The AVCO Young Player of the Year Trophy was won by Sam Rowswell of Crewkerne and the Glastonbury Mowers Trophy for the best All Rounder was won by Ian Buchanan of Minehead. Three clubs (East Huntspill, Minehead 1st XI and Trull 1st & 2nd XIs) won the four prizes for 'Team of the Month.' The loan scheme again proved to be a popular source of players for struggling teams and with a bit of minor tweaking the scheme will operate again next year. The Management Committee introduced a different structure for dealing with proposals for rule changes at the EGM in April. The system, which proved to be both more efficient and popular, required clubs to discuss changes 'at home' and then vote by bringing the voting papers to the AGM for counting. The WEPL restructure meant that several quality teams re-joined the League and clear promotion and relegation of 'two up and two down' between the SCL and WEPL was established. This change, which had been long overdue, will stimulate and encourage the teams in the upper echelons of the SCL and the lower ones of WEPL. An innovation for next season is the establishment of a 'Flexi League' with five teams in the competition. Fewer games and their own rules will be interesting aspects of this structure. The recent Presentation Night had been another successful event when the principle guest of the evening, James Hildreth of SCCC joined in a question & answer session with Richard Walsh before presenting the trophies to the winning clubs. The Hon. Secretary stressed the importance of the role of the Club Welfare Officer, particularly after the recent revelations in other sports. He concluded by expressing thanks to the Committee members who give so freely of their time and who make every effort to reflect the needs of the membership in promoting cricket in Somerset.

- The Hon. Treasurer reported that for the year ending 30th September 2016 there was a deficit of £69.99p which reduced the League's assets to £16,436.50p. The main source of income remained the club subscriptions at £4550. The Shrubbery sponsorship was worth £2070 and a combination of sponsorship and surcharge on the sale of cricket balls from Lords International raised £3528. Expenditure on Administration, Insurances, Trophies and the Handbook were in line with previous years. The one year £5 subsidy of umpiring fees, agreed at last year's AGM, cost £1410 with 282 appointments being made. There were presentations made to six long serving umpires and to Ian Latchem for his forty years Management Committee service at a cost of £520. A donation had been made to the Peter Trego benefit fund. The Treasurer highlighted that for the second successive year only one umpires course subsidy had been claimed and reiterated that the League would refund 50% of the current £80 course fee to SCL applicants successfully completing the course. possibility of a subsidy for coaching courses also existed although these would have to be considered individually to assess their merits. The stability of the League's finances meant that there was no need to increase club subscriptions. With the 2017 subscriptions already paid they could therefore remain unchanged for 2018. The League cricket balls being imported goods would be affected by the recent decrease in the value of the pound sterling against the US dollar. At one stage this was 18% recently recovered to about 15%. With this information and the four years satisfactory history the League has had with Lords International, it was considered that their request for a £1 per ball increase was not unreasonable. While the League is aware that a few clubs may wish for a higher quality ball it is believed that at £9 per ball to the clubs for 2017 this still represents best value for money. The Treasurer said that with the information currently available he would anticipate that the 2017 accounts would be in surplus. He thanked Andy Stephens of Winscombe Sports Club for auditing the 2016 accounts which had been completed.
- 7. The Chairman invited Stuart Shepherd, President of the SCL to present the remaining trophies for 2016. Stuart presented the AVCO Trust Trophy for the Young Player of the Year to Sam Rowswell of Crewkerne CC. and the Glastonbury Mowers Trophy for the best All Rounder to Ian Buchanan of Minehead CC. The Committee had made a special award for Max Dicker of North Perrott CC

who, at the age of 13 had scored 153 runs not out for North Perrott 2nd XI in a game in Division 6 against Staplegrove CC 2nd XI. Max was unable to be at the AGM and his trophy was accepted on his behalf by a member of the North Perrott club.

- **8.** Election of Officers: -
- a) The following persons were proposed by the Management Committee and accepted by the meeting for re-election for a three-year term on the Management Committee. Ray Hancock, Edward Martin and Toby Strang. The proposal was carried.
- b) Other nominations. There was one nomination, Alastair Mackay, proposed by Broadway & Horton CC. and accepted by the meeting for election for a three-year term on the Management Committee.
- c) Honorary Auditor. The Treasurer noted that Andy Stephens of Winscombe had agreed to act as the SCL Honorary Auditor for the forthcoming season.
- 9. The Club Welfare Officers The Hon. Secretary emphasised the need for clubs to ensure that their Club Welfare Officers had attended the appropriate courses and completed a DBS form before the season starts in May. Details of courses can be obtained from the SCB at the County Ground, Taunton (01823 352266) or on the website (www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk /courses). Current safeguarding issues in other sports have highlighted the need for the CWO to have the appropriate training and certification. Clubs that fail to meet the qualifications set down by the SCL will not be able to play in the 2017 competition until such time as the club meets the criteria. Any club needing advice or requiring details of courses, should contact the League's Welfare Officer, Amanda Counsell (01278 785324).
- 10. Over 50s Cricket Chris Golding had provided details of "Over 50s Cricket". The Hon. Secretary gave an outline of the opportunities in Somerset. A copy of Chris Goldings letter can be found in Appendix B or contact the SCB on 01823 352266 or see on www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk
- 11. Reporting Club Details. The Hon. Secretary reminded clubs that the 2016 details had now been cleared from the club details section on the website. Clubs must enter the 2017 details by January 31 2017 or advise the Secretary if the club's AGM is after that date
- 12. Cricket in Somerset. Matt Counsell of the Somerset Cricket Board spoke about the various initiatives currently available through the SCB and the ECB. A copy of his presentation is shown in Appendix B.
- 13. The results of the ballots for Rule Changes of the Somerset Cricket League were given.

Proposal 1 by Taunton St. Andrews CC Seconded by Weston super Mare CC

- 5. MATCHES
- (c) Rules for Match Play
- i) All Matches start at 1.00 pm.

For 15 Against 36 Lost

Proposal 2 by Crewkerne CC Seconded by Lydford CC

- **5 MATCHES**
- (c) Rules for Match Play
- i) All Matches start at 1.30 pm. but for the final THREE matches of the Season they must start at 1.00 pm. All matches in Divisions 6, 7, 8 to start at 2 pm.

The voting on this proposition (ie. Proposition 2) will be open to representatives of Divs 6; 7; 8 clubs

For 13 Against 29 Lost

MATCHES

(c) Rules for Match Play

If proposal No. 1 above is not carried. All matches in Divs. 6, 7 & 8 to start at 1.30 pm throughout the season

The voting on this proposition (ie. Proposition 3) will be open to representatives of Divs 6; 7; 8 clubs

For 32 Against 5 Carried

Proposal 4 by Burnham on Sea CC

Seconded by Winscombe CC

7. PLAYERS

(d) Overseas Players

i) Only one 'Overseas Player' * shall be permitted to play for each club per season in the Somerset Cricket League. This player must be registered with the Hon. Secretary 7 days before his first game and no later than 31st May.

For 22 Against 23 Lost

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If proposal 4 is lost, then proposal 5 goes to meeting.

Proposal 5 by Winscombe CC

Seconded by Burnham on Sea CC

7. PLAYERS

(d) Overseas Players

ii) Only one 'Overseas Player' * shall be permitted to play for each club per season in the Premier Division and Divisions 2 & 3 in the Somerset Cricket League. This player must be registered with the Hon. Secretary 7 days before his first game and no later than 31st May. The voting on this proposition (ie. Proposition 5) will be open to representatives of Divisions Premier, 2, 3 clubs only.

For 10 Against 13 Lost

Proposal 6 – No seconder - Withdrawn

Proposal 7 – Management Committee

Proposed by the Management Committee

Seconded by Long Sutton

5. MATCHES

(b) Championship Points.

ii) No match may be called off before 4pm on the day of the match without the agreement of both Captains.

For 32 Against 15 Carried

Proposal 8 - Management Committee

Seconded by Taunton

- 3. ADMINISTRATION
- (c) General Meetings
- i) The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the 15th January when the Management Committee shall be elected. All proposals for submission to the Annual General Meeting shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 42 days before that meeting and notified to all clubs 21 days before that meeting. Any club not represented at the Annual General Meeting will be fined £40.

All voting on the proposals, which have previously been discussed at the Rules Meeting', will be on secret ballot sheets delivered to the AGM at the time of the AGM.

- ii) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee, or on receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least one third of the Member Clubs of the League. The business of the meeting shall be called within 21 days of the receipt of the requisition, with a minimum of seven days notice to all clubs. Any club not represented at the Extraordinary General Meeting will be fined £40.
- iii) The 'Rules Meeting' shall be called by the 8th December. All proposals for submission to the Rules Meeting shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 42 days before that rules meeting and notified to all clubs 21 days before that rules meeting.

For 44 Against 1 Carried

Proposal 9 – No seconder - Withdrawn

Proposal 10 – Management Committee

Seconded by Wellington

5. MATCHES

Division 1 and 2 teams only.

(k) Performance Report on Umpire(s)

Following a match in Divisions 1 & 2, both captains shall submit a performance report on the umpire(s). The reports must be submitted through the SACO website. Teams are responsible for ensuring that the captain/other nominated individual submits the report by the Wednesday following the match.

The voting on this proposition (ie. Proposition 10) will be open to representatives of Divisions Premier & 2 clubs only.

For 15 Against 1 Carried

Proposal 11- Shapwick & Polden CC

Seconded by Chard CC

To replace 5d Weather Conditions with;

(d)Interruptions in Play

- (i) When there are appointed umpires, they alone shall determine whether conditions (ground, weather and light) are suitable for play. When there are no appointed umpires, the two captains shall agree whether play can (re-)commence/continue or not; if they do not agree play cannot (re-)commence/continue
- (ii) If the start of the first innings is delayed, or if it is interrupted, the appointed umpires (or captains if there are none) shall reduce the number of overs available to each team by one for each 6 minutes of lost time
- (iii) If the start of the second innings is delayed, or is interrupted, the appointed umpires (or captains if there are none) shall reduce the number of overs available by one for each 3 minutes of lost time.
- (iv) Unless both teams have the opportunity to bat for 20 overs the match shall be abandoned. Playing time shall not be extended beyond 7.25pm (45 overs) and 6.55pm (40 overs)
- (v) Provided that both teams had the opportunity to bat for at least 20 overs, the team with the highest score calculated on an average run rate basis shall be the winner. In the event of the scores being level, the result shall be a tie.

The team batting second can only win in fewer than 20 overs if play was in progress when the target was achieved

(vi) Run rate

A team's average run rate is calculated by dividing the number of runs scored in its innings by the number of valid balls received during that innings

If the team batting first is dismissed in fewer than the number of overs allocated for its innings, the calculation will be based on the number of balls that the team was scheduled to receive rather than those it actually received.

If the team batting second is unable to receive its allocated overs, the calculation of its average run rate will be based on the actual number of valid deliveries received during its innings.

For 13 Against 31 Lost

Proposal 12 – Shapwick & Polden CC

Seconded by Taunton Deane CC

Replace 7d overseas players with;

Category of Players – Definitions

Category 1 Players who are fully paid up members of a club and are 'ordinarily resident' in the UK, namely players who have been normally resident in the UK for at least 4 years as part of their work and lifestyle

Category 3 Overseas Player - not permanently resident in the UK for 18 months preceding the start of the playing season

Category 3E Overseas Exempt Player (resident in the UK for 18 months before April 30th every year, generally working, paying rent etc and are able to prove this; also students and armed forces)

(d) category of players

Category 1: Players who are deemed 'Ordinarily resident' and have been in England and Wales for minimum of 4 years.

Ordinaarily Resident – a person is ondinarily a resident if they are normally residing in the United Kingdom and their residence here has been adopted voluntarily and for settled purposes as part of the regular order of their life. Overseas cricketers temporarily visiting the United Kingdom to play are not deemed 'Ordinarily Resident'.

Category 3: Players who are not deemed 'Ordinarily Resident'. (CURRENLY NOT ALLOWED IN SCL)

Category 3E: Players who are deemed 'Ordinarily Resident'. But has been in England and Wales for less than 4 years.

Definitions: For the purpose of these regulations the following definitions will apply.

Player: Any player who is a fully paid up subscriber to his club in accord with his club rules.

Overseas Player: Anyone who has not been permanently resident in the UK for eighteen months preceding the start of the current season. Absence from the UK for thirty days or less in any calendar year is not regarded as breaking an overseas player's UK residence. This definition does not apply to ex-pats.

Overseas Player Exempt: A cricketer who is qualified to play for England under current ECB Regulations but who is ordinarily resident in the UK and has been a resident in the UL for a period of 18 months prior to the start of the current season (30th April) and has not been out of the country for more than thirty five days consecutively or seventy days in total during previous 24 months.

Overseas Player Exempt will also apply to an overseas player whos is;

In full time education enrolled on and attending a course lasting at least one academic year.

A serving member of the British Armed Services. Periods of active service abroad with the Armed Services will be deemed not to have broken their UK residence qualification to play.

Player Categories

To bring player category in line with WEPL and other leagues to make administration consistent for clubs. The league can still not allow category 3 overseas players if it so wishes

For 15 Against 21 Lost

Proposal 13 – Purnell CC

Seconded by Bagborough CC

"For all matches without an allocated league umpire, lines will be in place to judge wides. Two lines, X inches from middle stump and two lines Y inches from middle stump will be drawn. The closer line to judge the legside wide and the further one to judge the offside wide. These lines cope with right and left handed batsmen. If a ball passes over or outside these lines then it will be called "wide ball."

The reason for this rule is that due to the number of umpires that are regularly used in matches with no league umpires, that the judgement of wides varies greatly during a match. We accept that the number of lines may confuse initially but it wouldn't take long for umpires and players to adjust and I'm certain they'd all appreciate the help to make their job easier. The dimensions X & Y will be determined by consultation with leagues that already use the system and advice from ECB. We just feel that any rule would benefit players, umpires and club cricket. P.C.C

For 19 Against 24 Lost

14. Any Other Business. There was none and the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Ray Hancock. Hon. Secretary December 10, 2016



OVER 50's CRICKET

Over 50's cricket that Somerset have on offer. We are trying to increase the number of players playing at this level.

For 2017 Season

<u>The A team</u> play in the ECB National Competition against: Devon, Dorset, Hampshire, Cornwall, Wiltshire, Isle of Wight & The Channel Islands with friendlies against Wales & possibly Oxford & Staffordshire. After regional matches potential for knock out matches

Game are played mainly Sundays & Wednesdays.

<u>The B Team</u> play Home & Away in the Championship against: Devon, Cornwall, Wales, Gloucs & Dorset with friendlies also being organised. After league matches potential for knock out matches.

Games are played mainly Thursday & occasional Sundays

Note: You can also be 49 years old to play in this competition

<u>April 01 – 05 April 2017</u> – potential Tour to La manga resort playing 2 games & 1 practise day & staying in 4* Accommodation approx. cost £700 per person

Pre -Season nets at the CA County Ground during Feb & March

For 2018 Season

<u>March 09 – 25th 2018</u> Tour to Sri Lanka staying in Negombo, Kandy & Bentota & playing 5 Cricket matches against local sides approx. cost £2,300 per person

Contact Details

If you are interested for more information please contact:

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APPENDIX B

See below details of Matt Counsell's presentation to the AGM of the Somerset Cricket League

- 1. Cricket Unleashed the new game wide strategy for Cricket- http://www.cricketunleashed.com/
- 2. All Stars Cricket is a nationwide programme developed by the ECB and the Elite Coach Development team that aims to inspire 5 to 8 year olds to take up cricket and join your club! All Stars Cricket enables children to acquire the skills to play the game and connects them to England cricket heroes. The ECB will provide your club with everything you need to deliver a unique experience for kids and their parents.

To find out more <u>register your interest</u> and attend one of the ECB's information sessions in the new year.

ECB support for clubs includes

- National website with online registration
- FREE equipment for clubs
- FREE training for volunteers and parents
- Fun session plans created by experts
- National marketing to recruit children to your club

Next steps for your club

- Register your clubs interest by the 9th December
- Come along to the ECB local meetings in January/February to find out more

Current Registered Clubs

1610 West Somerset Sports & Leisure Centre	Hampset CC	Purnell CC
Backwell Flax Bourton CC	Harptree Villages CC	Queen Camel CC
Bagborough CC	Hinton Charterhouse CC	Shapwick & Polden Co
Banwell & Churchill CC	HUISH & LANGPORT C	South Petherton CC
Barrow Gurney CC	Huntspill & District CC	Sparkford CC
Bath CC	Ilminster CC	Stanton Drew CC
Bathford CC	Ilton CC	Staplegrove CC
Beckington CC	Keynsham CC	Stogumber CC
Bedminster CC	Kilve CC	Stoke Saints
Bridgwater CC	King Ina Academy	Street CC
Brislington CC	LANSDOWN	Taunton CC
Butleigh CC	Lansdown CC	Taunton Deane C.C.
Chard	Lodway cc	Taunton St Andrews C
Chew Magna CC	Long Ashton CC	Temple Cloud CC
Claverham(Yatton) CC	Long Sutton CC	Uphill Castle CC
Clevedon cc	Midsomer Norton CC	Wedmore CC
Clevedon CC	Millfield School	Wellington CC
Compton Dundon CC	Minehead CC	Wells CC
Congresbury CC	Nailsea CC	Wembdon CC
Crewkerne CC	North Curry CC	Westland Sports CC
Dulverton CC	North Newton CC	Weston super Mare CO
Frome CC	Old Bristolians Westbury	
Glastonbury	Over Stowey CC	

Correct as of 11am on Tuesday 6th December

3. Glastonbury Indoor League: We are delighted to announce that a new indoor cricket league will be launched at Glastonbury Leisure Centre in the New Year. Matches will be competitive but played in a fun and friendly atmosphere. This fast-paced game is perfect for keeping those cricket skills in check over the winter and is also a great excuse for friends to get together and

socialise. Places will be awarded on a first come first served basis, so don't hesitate to get in touch and enter your team.

The league will take place on Sunday evenings from 15th January for five weeks.

Matches are 6-a-side, 12 over innings with games lasting around an hour. Matches will start at 5pm, 6:15pm and 7:30pm

To enter your team into this league or for more details, please contact Sophie Luff-sophie.luff@somersetcricketboard.org

- Launch Women's Cricket at your club (Free Support Package):
 http://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/news/launch-womens-cricket-at-your-club-in-2017
 Launch Girl's Cricket at your club (Free Support Package):
 http://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/news/thisgirlcan-cricket-start-girls-cricket-at-your-club-in-2017
- 5. ECB Small Grants Scheme: Cricket Clubs in Somerset are invited to apply to the Somerset Cricket Board for funding awards as part of the ECB Small Grants Scheme 2017. This outstanding funding scheme is now open to all affiliated clubs in Somerset for 2017. This year the SCB have again been awarded £45,000 to distribute to our affiliated clubs as part of the scheme, this provides a wonderful opportunity to both support and make a difference to clubs in the county.

The aim of the 'EWCT (England & Wales Cricket Trust) Small Grant Scheme 2017, Supporting Get the Game On, is to help to create a sustainable future for affiliated clubs and to make a real impact at cricket clubs for the 2017 season. Overall the scheme will support clubs to make small changes to improve their long-term sustainability and/or to increase the number of games played. The scheme is a fantastic opportunity for affiliated clubs to access funding and make small changes to specifically improve their environmental sustainability and to reduce operating costs. Included in the scheme will be the purchase of any relevant products or materials (and associated professional labour costs) that enables more matches to get played, helps clubs to save money or assists clubs in creating a more vibrant social environment.

For further information about the scheme, guidance notes for clubs and an application form, please <u>click here</u>.

6. Level 1 Umpires Course - Taunton

Day 1 - 22/01/2017, Long Room, County Ground, Taunton, 9.00-5.00pm

Day 2 - 29/01/2017, Long Room, County Ground, Taunton, 9.00-5.00pm

Assessment - 06/02/2017, Long Room, County Ground, Taunton, 6.30-8.30pm

This cost of the Level 1 course is £80 per candidate.

Please note candidates can access all the Umpires Level 1 courses run through the Somerset, Gloucester and Wiltshire Cricket Boards in 2017.

Full details of these additional courses can be found in the booking information form below.

To book a place on the above course please <u>click here</u> for an application form. Funding is available for prospective candidates from:

Somerset Cricket League by contacting Ray Hancock at: raysomcricket@randj.org.uk
For further information about any of the course detailed above, please contact Brian Hoyle at: brian.hoyle@somersetcricketboard.org

7. For all course details including Coaching & Welfare please visit: http://www.somersetcricketboard.co.uk/courses/educational-courses
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