

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
BEST WESTERN - THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
HELD AT THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER
ON MONDAY APRIL 11th 2016**

1. There were no apologies. All clubs were represented at the meeting
2. The Chairman welcomed all representatives to the meeting. He said he was very sorry to hear of the withdrawal of East Coker and Bishops Lydeard Cricket Clubs due to lack of players. He re-iterated his remarks given at the AGM in November that clubs, and especially captains, should arrange that new players be made welcome. If at all possible, they should be encouraged to become involved and take part in the game. This would ensure their enjoyment and their availability for another day. The Chairman also reminded clubs that the prime objective of the SCL was enjoyment and he expected individuals and teams to uphold the Spirit of the Game. No disciplines please!
3. Ray Hancock, the Hon. Secretary, reminded clubs to sign the attendance sheet to ensure an exact record of club representation at the EGM.
4. The Hon. Secretary said that the Pre-Season Circular would be emailed to clubs with the EGM minutes. He asked that all captains/officials should read it carefully and act upon its contents as it has the same status as the SCL Rules. He highlighted a number of sections. The new rule requiring all teams to provide a scorebook and scoreboard was common courtesy. There were four new rules that effected teams in Divisions 1 & 2 only. 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 2015 had been deleted and clubs should now register their players for 2016 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 re-iterated the age for young players in adult cricket and the helmet rule that applied to them. The Hon Secretary outlined the stringent conditions for overseas players, whereby the player needs to show that he has been permanently resident in the UK since October 1st 2015. The Don Crouch marking system would be the same as last year, but Edward Martin had taken over as Disciplinary Secretary and he would be the officer who would monitor low scores and act accordingly. He explained the consequences of ties, promotions and relegation issues at the end of the season. He drew particular attention to the implications of the WEPL/SCL promotion and relegation arrangements. He noted that clubs which are denied access to their grounds by a third party should try to find another ground or date to play the game. However, if all else fails then points would be allocated as 12 each for the cancelled game. The Committee had changed the emphasis for determining play under wet conditions and in future that should be the responsibility of the captains if no official umpires were appointed. 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 10b of the circular). He asked clubs to read section 9g regarding the courtesy afforded to umpires. He finished by noting that "Dual Player Registration Forms (loan Scheme)"; "Transfer Form"; "Tea reclamation Form"; "Ground Report Form" were part of the circular and were also available on the website.
5. The Hon Secretary explained that the loan scheme would continue in 2016 and he would investigate the setting up of a pool of players on the website who be prepared to be loaned. If this was successful, the Hon. Secretary would advise clubs of its existence.
6. The Hon Secretary explained the need for copies of clubs' public liability insurance certificates to be sent to him.

7. Amanda Counsell, the League's Welfare Officer detailed the clubs which still needed to supply details of the qualifications of Club Welfare Officers.
8. The results of the voting on 3 proposals to make a rule change were given. These were:-
Proposal 1.

Rule No. 4. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Any club or the Management Committee may submit proposals for alterations to the Rules or may submit a new rule. Such proposals shall be considered by the Management Committee and sent to all clubs in the League, then submitted to the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and shall become effective provided that **they are supported by a simple majority of one vote.**

This proposal was carried

Proposal 2

Rule No. 5. MATCHES - (c) Rules for Match Play

v) **A game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per side for matches in Divisions 7, 8, 9 except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter.**

vi) **No bowler shall bowl more than eight overs in any one innings. Should a match be restricted in overs prior to the start, the maximum overs to be bowled by any one bowler shall be one fifth of the permitted overs rounded up to a complete over.**

vii) In the event of a match being affected by weather conditions and overs are lost a side bowling second is restricted in overs. In this situation, the maximum number of overs that can be bowled by any one bowler shall be one fifth of the permitted overs, rounded up to a complete over. Once the second innings has started, the maximum number of overs, calculated and agreed, may be bowled by any bowler irrespective of any further loss of overs due to weather conditions.

(e) Declarations and Early Dismissals

ii) **40 Over Matches. 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.**

This proposal was carried

Proposal 3

Rule No. 5. MATCHES – (c) Rules of Match Play

vi) No bowler shall bowl more than **20% of the** overs in any one innings. Should a match be restricted in overs prior to the start, the maximum overs to be bowled by any one bowler shall be one **fifth** of the permitted overs rounded up to a complete over.

vii) In the event of a match being affected by weather conditions and overs are lost a side bowling second is restricted in overs. In this situation, the maximum number of overs that can be bowled by any one bowler shall be one **fifth** of the permitted overs, rounded up to a complete over. Once the second innings has started, the maximum number of overs, calculated and agreed, may be bowled by any bowler irrespective of any further loss of overs due to weather conditions.

This proposal was carried

9. Any other business. There was none.
10. The Hon. Secretary gave details of the distribution of the club packages, cricket balls and handbooks. These were distributed by the Committee members.
11. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Ray Hancock
Hon. Secretary.