

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF
THE BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL
SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE
HELD AT THE SHRUBBERY HOTEL, ILMINSTER
ON MONDAY APRIL 13TH 2015**

All clubs were represented at the meeting with the exception of All Saints

1. Tom Packman took the chair in the absence of Malcolm Fox, Chairman of the SCL. Apologies were received from Malcolm Fox, Gwyn Phillips and Mark Thomas. Ray Hancock explained that the Chairman had entered hospital about a week ago, had had major surgery, spent a while in intensive care, but was now making a good recovery. The membership wished him well.
2. The Chairman welcomed all representatives to the meeting and explained how the different aspects of the agenda would be carried out.
3. Ground Facilities. The Chairman reminded clubs that it had been six years since the Club/Ground, Pavilions and Support Facilities document had been drawn up. There had been an improvement at some grounds, but some teams were playing where the facilities were inadequate. He referred clubs, which had inadequate provisions, to the minimum acceptable standards that were outlined in the pre-season circular on pages 12 and 13. He said that the Grounds Committee would be monitoring the grounds where the facilities were reported as “inadequate” and if the clubs responsible were unable to meet the required standards during this current season, then they would be refused membership of the SCL in 2016. Away teams experiencing inadequate facilities were requested to contact a member of the Grounds Committee. The committee members’ contact details are shown on page 4 of the Handbook.
4. Ray Hancock, the Hon. Secretary, reminded clubs to regularly update their club details on the website and whenever any details (personnel, tel. nos. etc.) changed, these should be recorded with the new facts. He explained that the results pads would not be used in season 2015 and consequently the ‘white top sheet’ would not have to be sent to the Results Secretary. He emphasised that the procedure for inputting/verifying results would have to be even more carefully carried out as there was no longer a ‘backstop’ provided by Ian Latchem. Team Cards had been issued to all teams and Derek Hicks explained the need to accurately complete the team card before the match commenced. All team members had to be listed, those under 19 had to be clearly shown and they had to observe the ECB directives. The cards had to be given to the umpires before the game started or in the absence of an umpire they must be given to the opposing captains. Matt Counsell explained the new ‘Don Crouch’ scoring system which the Management Committee had decided to use in 2015. He said that the total mark would be out of a total of 100 points and up to 20 marks should be awarded in each section (Captain’s conduct; Teams off field conduct; Teams on field conduct; Acceptance of umpires decisions; Individuals conduct).as described in the pre-season circular (pages 5 & 6) and repeated here in Appendix A to these minutes.
5. The Hon. Secretary said that the Pre-Season Circular had not been produced in ‘hard copy’ in 2015 but it could be found 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 rules on page 2 concerning two new balls per game; the latest starting time of 1.30 pm.; the team cards; the use of transfer forms rather than a letter/note and the form to enable clubs to be reimbursed for tea expenses when a game had been called off after 8.00 pm the previous evening. 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

2014 had been deleted and clubs should now register their players for 2015 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 were listed in the circular on page 5. The Hon Secretary said that OP2 forms for overseas players were available from him, or in his absence from the Assistant Secretary David Derrick (see handbook for contact details). However, it must be noted that the player needs to show that he has been permanently resident in the UK since October 1st 2014. He asked clubs to read section 9g regarding the courtesy afforded to umpires. He noted that 3 forms were attached to the pre-season circular namely:- Tea Cost Reclamation Form; Transfer Form; Dual Player Registration Form. These forms would also be available on the website for downloading.

6. Ray Hancock explained the new initiative that allowed clubs to borrow/share fringe players. He said that a small group comprising David Derrick, Glyn White (Evercreech), Chris Vigar (Long Sutton) and himself had met to discuss the idea. They had devised a 'Somerset scheme' based on examples from leagues in Gloucestershire, York & District and the ECB. The scheme and its operation had been circulated with the March Committee minutes and members were therefore aware of the format. A discussion took place and a few positive issues/problems were raised. However, it appeared that many supported the initiative, but it did require trust between clubs/players and the league for it to work fairly and efficiently. The points of concern were noted and the Committee would carefully monitor the scheme throughout the season. The implementation of the scheme would be the subject of a proposal later in the meeting.
7. Restructure of WEPL and implications for the feeder leagues. Andy Fairbairn, Cricket Development Manager SCB explained the background and decisions made in the close season to re-structure the WEPL. He described how this change would affect the feeder leagues and in particular the SCL. He said that WEPL currently comprise 150 teams and this would be reduced to 70 teams for season 2016. The 2nd XI competition in WEPL would be disbanded and only four 2nd XIs would remain in the new structure. Ray Hancock said that the Somerset Submission to reflect these decisions had been attached to the EGM documentation sent out earlier. He offered to answer any questions, but there were none forthcoming.
8. Proposals for Decision. The Hon. Secretary noted that these had been properly advised according to the rules of the SCL and any proposition that was carried at this EGM would take immediate effect.

Proposal 1 –

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 2.00 pm. and **no match can start after 3.30 pm.**

Proposed by Wells CC and seconded by Evercreech CC and carried

Proposal 2 –

3. Administration (e) Club Public Liability Insurance Policy

All member clubs must have a current Public Liability Insurance Policy in existence in order to participate in the Somerset Cricket League. A copy of this policy must be displayed in the clubhouse and **a copy of the relevant Public Liability section must be sent (email or postal) to the Hon. Secretary before the season commences or as soon as the policy becomes current.**

Proposed by the Management Committee and carried

Proposal 3 –

5. Matches. (m) Divisions 1 & 2 Only "leg side wide" New rule

The umpire shall call “wide” for any ball that passes the leg stump without making contact with bat or player

Proposed by the Umpires Panel and seconded by Bagborough CC and lost.

Proposal 4 –

7. Players (g) Loaning of Players

A player may be loaned to another club by agreement of both clubs upon completion of a ‘Loan Form’ which must be emailed to the secretariat no more than 2 days after the match. A player may play for an unlimited number of other clubs, but must complete a further form for each new club that he represents. He may not play against his parent club, Hosting clubs are required to enter the registration of each ‘guesting’ player in the club details section on the website.

Proposed by the Management Committee and carried

Proposals 5

Proposal

5. Matches v) A game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per innings for divisions 6-9 except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter.

Proposed by Shapwick & Polden CC and seconded by Belvedere CC and lost

Proposal 6

5. Matches v) A game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per innings for divisions 8 & 9 except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter. Note. This original proposal, without the overs restriction, was proposed by Shapwick & Polden CC. It was subsequently amended by Taunton St. Andrews and seconded by Wembdon to read A game will consist of a maximum of 40 overs per innings for divisions 8 & 9 except as provided for in (d)(i)(ii), (e) and (f) hereinafter

The amendment was proposed by Taunton St Andrews CC and seconded by Wembdon CC and lost.

The original proposal, without the overs restriction, was proposed by Shapwick & Polden CC and seconded by Taunton St. Andrews CC and lost

Proposal 7

10 overs per bowler if proposal a) or b) is carried

5. Matches

vi) No bowler shall bowl more than ten overs in an innings if games are 40 overs per 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 quarter of the permitted overs rounded up to a complete over.

As the previous two proposals were lost this proposal became irrelevant and was not to the meeting.

Proposal 8 – Wellington CC

5. Matches Rules of Match Play

vi) No bowler shall bowl more than nine 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.

An amendment to limit a bowler to 20% of the overs bowled was put by Hardington and West Coker CC and accepted by Wellington CC. The amendment was proposed by Wellington CC and seconded by Hardington and West Coker CC and lost. The original proposal by Wellington CC with nine overs was dropped.

Proposal 9 – Management Committee

1. The League

c).Promotion and relegation shall be on a two up/two down basis, **except that promotion within Divisions 6 – (S and NE) shall be two teams per division and relegation from Division 5 to Division 6 shall be four teams**, put into the most appropriate regional division, subject to amendments by the Management Committee; any such amendments to be notified to all member clubs as necessary. Positions are to be determined by the aggregate number of points obtained during the season.

An amendment was made to this proposal to regionalise the bottom six divisions in 2016 rather than a definitive statement of divisional numbers. This was due to the additional teams from WEPL that will enter the upper divisions of the SCL in 2016.

The proposal by the Management Committee to regionalise the last six divisions was carried.

9. The Hon. Secretary said that a copy of a club's Public Liability Certificate MUST be sent to him by post or email prior to the season starting. About 50% of clubs had so far remitted copies.
10. Amanda Counsell (SCL's League Welfare Officer) said that all clubs had appointed a club welfare officer and these persons had attended the SPC and Safe Hands courses required by the league's rules. A few CWOs still needed to complete the DBS process and she had provided the forms to the clubs that needed a DBS clearance.
11. Any other business.
 - a) It was noted that Bishops Lydeard had withdrawn from Division 5 of the SCL due to a lack of players. This resulted in a division of only 8 teams, so the Hon. Secretary had devised a format that would give these 8 teams a full set of matches. The representatives of these teams met at the end of the meeting and agreed to look at the plan and hopefully implement it. A copy of the plan is shown in Appendix B.
 - b) On behalf of Banwell & Churchill CC, the Hon. Secretary gave a warning to clubs of the theft of cricket ground maintenance equipment. The B & C Cricket Club had suffered a 'break in' on the previous Saturday and had lost in excess of K6 worth of equipment. Clubs were reminded to be vigilant at all times, but particularly at this very active time of the season. The Hon. Secretary also reminded clubs of thefts that had taken place in previous years during a match when personal possessions had been removed from players' clothes/bags during the course of a match.
12. The Chairman gave details of the distribution of cricket balls and handbooks that would be undertaken by the Committee members.
13. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Ray Hancock
Hon. Secretary.

APPENDIX A

- d. Don Crouch Trophy 2015.** As in past seasons, both teams are required to record a score for the Don Crouch mark in 2015. The club captain/club representative must give a score for each of the five criteria out of 20 points. These scores must be recorded on the WEBSITE. **Note.** As last year, **both teams MUST** record their marks for the opposing team on the website at the inputting/verifying stages. The mark will be completely secret and will not be seen by anyone accessing the results etc. Only the Hon. Secretary and monitors will have access to these facts. Defaulting clubs will be fined £10 per failure. *Rule 5. (k).* This will also enable the Committee to monitor that the criteria for ‘sportsmanship’ is being upheld and this information could also be used in cases of disciplinary complaints.

Note: Don Crouch Marks will not be visible anywhere or at any time to another team.

Don Crouch Marking System

1. Consider whether the team captain, was proactive in controlling his team on and off the field, was setting a positive example on how to behave and was respectful of umpiring decisions.
2. When marking your opponents conduct, consider how teams behave both on and off the field, looking at their language, actions and the respect shown towards your team.
3. Did all individuals in your opponent’s team behave appropriately? Consider their language, actions and the respect shown towards your team.
4. Were your opponents respectful of umpire’s decisions? Did they excessively challenge decisions or put unnecessary pressure on umpires?
- 5. Please use a starting Baseline of 80%, this should be given if the match was played in the manner that you would expect**

Captains Conduct	Teams Off Field Conduct	Teams On Field Conduct	Acceptance of Umpires Decisions	Individuals Conduct
/20	/20	/20	/20	/20

Important: Please note if you score a team less than 55 out of 100 you must email Matt Counsell- matthew.counsell@somersetcricketboard.org with a brief summary of the reasons for the low score so the league can take appropriate action accordingly.

APPENDIX B

Division 5 Fixtures

Due to the withdrawal of Horrington and Bishops Lydeard

Team with most points wins two boxes of cricket balls and the runner up wins 1 box of balls

	Home Team	Away Team	**##
May 2	Lydford	Belvedere	
May 9			Butleigh/ Lydford
May 16	East Huntspill	Hardington	
May 23	Peasedown	East Huntspill	
May 30	Weston	Peasedown	
June 6	Baltonsborough	Weston	
June 13	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
June 20	Belvedere	Baltonsborough	
June 27	Hardington	Butleigh	

July 4			Belvedere/Lydford
July 11	Lydford	Butleigh	
July 18	Hardington	East Huntspill	
July 25	East Huntspill	Peasedown	
Aug 1	Peasedown	Weston	
Aug 8	Weston	Baltonsborough	
Aug 15	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Aug 22	Baltonsborough	Belvedere	
Aud 29	Butleigh	Hardington	

****## Match to be arranged by first named team at venue and date to be agreed by both teams**