

The Shrubbery Hotel - Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Monday
April 10, 2017 at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.

Those present Malcolm Fox (Chairman), Derek Hicks, Tom Packman, Toby Strang, Amanda Counsell, Martin King and Ray Hancock.

1. Apologies were received from David Derrick, Matt Counsell, Edward Martin, Ian Latchem, Andy Fairbairn and Matt Lunn.
2. The Minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting (February 15) were approved.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Correspondence received would be dealt with during the appropriate item in the agenda.
5. Results Monitoring in 2017 (including Ian Latchem's Role). David Derrick said that Amanda Counsell will look after divisions Premier – 5 inclusive and Toby Strang will look after the six regional divisions. He would adjudicate as and when required. Ian Latchem had agreed to check all points that clubs had recorded on the scorecard input on a weekly basis.
6. Club Welfare Officers. Amanda Counsell gave details of the current situation. A number of CWOs still needed to acquire a Safe Hands or a Safe Hands Refresher and/or a Safeguarding & Protecting Children certificate. Others needed to complete a DBS form. To date several CWOs have not met the criteria as set out in the SCL rules. (Rule 3 Administration. (h). Clubs where the officer has not gained the necessary certificates will be unable to compete in the SCL competition until such time as the certification has been achieved. Amanda said that she had checked all clubs and where she was aware of missing certification, she had advised them. Courses for Safe Hands and S & P C were still available locally and any club needing information was asked to contact her.
7. Loan Scheme and a pool of players. The Hon. Secretary said that a number of clubs had enquired about a 'pool of available players' within the loan scheme. No offers had been received to date, but he was quite prepared to set up a pool if any materialised.
8. Umpiring Arrangements with SACO. Derek Hicks said that SACO was confident it could supply sufficient umpires for Divisions Premier & 2, but felt it unlikely that it could offer umpires to Division 3. Members were concerned that Division 3 clubs would not have budgeted for umpires, so any panel umpire standing in a Div. 3 game would be by invitation of the teams involved only.
9. Flexi League. In 2017, the Flexi League would comprise 4 teams. The Hon. Secretary had provided a fixture list with each team having 12 fixtures. The representatives of the clubs involved had worked hard and exchanged a considerable amount of information and documentation and the new structure looked like being a great success in its first year.
10. In future, the Team of the Month Award would be awarded immediately after the conclusion of a month's games, rather than at the end of the season. The Manager of the Shrubbery Hotel had already passed the 4 individual winners envelopes to the Hon. Secretary who would distribute them.

11. Handbook and Cricket balls. These had been received by the Shrubbery Hotel on behalf of the League. Committee members had carried out the distribution prior to this meeting.
12. A number of PL insurance certificates had been received by the Hon. Secretary. However, many clubs still needed to submit the PL certificates. A further copy had to be displayed in the clubhouse. See Rule 3 Administration (e) and the note on page 2 of the Pre-season circular.
13. The Pre-season Circular had been amended for Season 2017 and would be circulated to all clubs with these minutes. The circular contained advice, clarifications and additional statements that would supplement the SCL rules and be used in disciplinary actions if necessary.
14. Items raised by Committee Members a) Concern was again expressed about the lack of younger members coming forward to take on roles on the SCL Management Committee. Any person wishing to join the committee and accept a role on it should make their intentions known to the Hon. Secretary. b) The Committee agreed to re-examine the dates for future meetings and in particular, those for the Rules Meeting and AGM in the Autumn. c) The Committee noted that any different format for the distribution of handbooks & balls would be difficult at any venue other than the Shrubbery. It was always necessary for a recipient to be available to sign and store them and to move them to a second venue would provide logistical complications.
15. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.