



# SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom**

Present – Edward Martin, Ray Hancock, Nicky Clarke, Stuart Shepherd, Martin King, David Derrick, Toby Strang, Andy Barratt, Amanda Counsell, Matt Counsell, Matt Lunn, Simon Glover (started but lost signal), Derek Hicks, John Squirrell

1. **Apologies** – Andy Fairbairn, Tom Packman
2. **Declarations of Interest** - None
3. **Minutes of previous meeting. March 3 2021** – approved with no changes
4. **Matters arising** - None
5. **Correspondence** – RH advised that correspondence is usually circulated when received, and there's none received specific to this meeting
6. **Rules document finished version** – AC confirmed that the draft document had been circulated to the committee members, and would need to be circulated to the club prior to the EGM. The team strengthening rule had been agreed and added and defined as three consecutive matches played. There were two rule amendments being voted on at the EGM that may need to be changed.  
EM suggested a duty officer was needed during the season, appointed weekly to be point of contact for clubs to speak to about strengthening, and matters not covered by the rules. AC confirmed strengthening can be tracked on play-cricket. A rota will be announced in advance of the season.
7. **Rule changes- proposals for 2021** – RH confirmed the only proposed changes to be voted on at the AGM were the overs and start times.
8. **Pre-season Circular update** – AC confirmed 8 help guides had been created and will be added to the website, also included are the ECB Directives, Loan Player Form, and Constitution.
9. **EGM** – MC to organise on Zoom for 12th April
10. **The club details and other SCB initiatives** – MC confirmed several contact forms were still outstanding, and clubs would be chased. The upcoming webinar on using play-cricket has 165 people currently signed up. NC took up an appointment with SCB at Development Officer – Club & Leagues on 15<sup>th</sup> March but the SCB will be losing Andy Fairbairn at the end of May as he takes up a position with the ECB as Network Partner for the South West & Wales.  
MC also confirmed that the ECB headline guidance is as expected and in line with how the 2020 season finished.  
SCB is working with clubs to get Safeguarding and DBS in place before the season, and National Programmes start.

Good news is that the ECB have recognised that First Aid Courses cannot be undertaken at this time and have extended the expiry dates for anyone whose First Aid expired during the pandemic.

11. **Cricket balls. Arrangements for distribution of balls** – Balls have been received from Lords. A distribution network will be confirmed and circulated to the clubs to allow arrangements to be made for collection.
12. **play-cricket.com website and SCL Website** – JS confirmed he maintains the websites on a regular basis, DD needs to supply final versions of documents to be uploaded.
13. **Player registrations** – AC will remind clubs they need to ensure any players are transferred before the start of the season, as several players transferred last year as their home clubs were unable to offer them cricket. AC will also run a general tidy up, removing registrations of players who haven't played since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
14. **System Manager's report** – DD advised all members had been assigned roles, but he was still waiting on some members confirming their declarations of interest.
15. **Results Monitoring Arrangements for 2020** – AC confirmed the same process as previous years would be followed in 2021
16. **Umpiring issues in 2021** – DH confirmed that the MSL appointments had been uploaded to WTU, but they are unsure of numbers until the appointments are accepted.
17. **Club Welfare Officers** – There are currently 23 clubs without qualified Safeguarding Officers, but it's not difficult for current officers to renew their qualifications, and there are regular courses being held. 3 clubs are considered at risk of not having a Safeguarding Officer in place for the start of the season, and concern was expressed over Peasedown St John's lack of response to any communications.
18. **Public Liability insurance certificates** – DD reported that public liability certificates are being received, and it was recognised that it is important we have copies. Clubs will be reminded at the EGM.
19. **Presentation Night 2021** – SS has booked Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, and is waiting for Sam McIntyre to confirm prices. Wembdon CC had been in touch asking for feedback on the dinner they hosted, but SS reiterated that as a County League it was felt the dinner should be held at the County Ground if possible,
20. **Clothing for Committee members** – NC is waiting for the logos, and needs to chase committee members for their orders.
21. **Future Committee & League Dates** – 12<sup>th</sup> April EGM, 21<sup>st</sup> April Post EGM meeting. Following meetings will be booked as required.
22. **Items raised by Committee Members** – No other business

Zoom meetings - Committee and EGM to be arranged by MC