

The Shrubbery Hotel - Somerset Cricket League

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday
October 20 2011 at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster.

Those present Malcolm Fox (Chairman), Ian Latchem, Derek Hicks, Tom Packman, Toby Strang,
Miles Knight, David Derrick, Martin King and Ray Hancock.

1. Apologies were received from Matthew Lunn, Amanda Counsell and Ian Stolworthy.
2. The Minutes of the previous Management Committee Meeting (September 22) were approved.
3. The matters arising from the previous minutes, other than those that related to items to be discussed later in the agenda, were a) Item 10 gave details of the outstanding results submissions and return of sheets to the Results Secretary. David Derrick said that even after continual requests the details relating to the Horrington v Middlezoy and Sparkford v Leigh on Mendip games had still not been received by the Results Secretary. The Committee determined to fine both home teams £10 for failure to return the sheets. The Committee agreed to propose a modification to rule 5(j) iii) by adding at the end of the rule. "Clubs that fail to return the Result Sheet as described above shall be fined £25 for infringements during the final three matches of the season."
4. Correspondence was received from:- a) two clubs giving revised email addresses. b) Wells Wanderers giving notice that the club was withdrawing from the SCL due to lack of playing strength, but indicating that the club hoped to return in the future. c) a club that won a 'Team of the Month' prize and requested further clarification regarding the elements of the prize. The Hon Secretary agreed to speak to the Sponsor regarding the query. d) John Wilford, Cricket Development Manager for the SCB regarding the mandatory regulations set down by the ECB for clubs to appoint a welfare officer who holds a CRB certification and has attended a Child Protection Course and obtained a current Safeguarding & Child Protection certificate. e) the Secretary of the WSCL regarding the suspension from all cricket of a named player who owed money to his previous club. The Committee agreed to note the player's name, ban him from SCL cricket indefinitely until the WSCL gave notice that the debt had been cleared.
5. The Hon. Treasurer provided a written report that will be audited, circulated and presented to the AGM in November. He highlighted a number of salient points and gave a detailed explanation of the items of income, expenditure, administrative summary including the office equipment and the Balance Sheet at 30/09/2011. The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £1380.81.
6. The Hon. Secretary reported on a very successful Presentation Night that was attended by 176 people. John Wilford, the recently appointed Cricket Development Manager for the SCB, was the principal guest. John spoke about his new role and the hope that he could help cricket clubs in the league as well as those others in the SCB area. He presented the trophies to the various winning recipients and wished them well for the forthcoming seasons. The Hon. Secretary expressed his and the Chairman, Malcolm Fox's thanks to John for being the principle guest this year. Ray and Malcolm also extended their thanks to Stuart Shepherd, the Sponsor of the SCL and host at the Shrubbery Hotel for all that he has done for the Shrubbery Hotel, Somerset Cricket League.
7. The Committee determined the winners of the two outstanding trophies. The AVCO Trust Young Player of the Year was awarded to Sam Gillatt of Kilmington & Stourton and the Glastonbury Mowers All Rounders Trophy was awarded to Dan Sizer of Staplegrave. Both

trophies will be presented to the winning recipients at the AGM. The Committee found considerable difficulty in reaching these decisions due to the high quality of the submissions by clubs.

8. The Hon. Secretary distributed copies of his proposal for the composition of the divisions in 2012 and the Committee accepted the format unanimously. (See Appendix A). The main change was a reduction from 12 to 11 divisions in total and the integration of Division 8 into the regionalisation structure. Division 9 (NW) would comprise 11 teams and the Hon. Secretary would prepare a special matrix for this division based upon a '12 team pattern'. There would be 20 fixtures for each team and the last Saturday in April and the 2nd Saturday in September would be used.
9. The Hon. Secretary said that the fixtures for 2012 would be made shortly now that he had received the additions and withdrawals for next season. He said that he would circulate the 2012 Composition of the SCL with these minutes so that any club still wishing to adjust its entry for 2012 could still advise him before the fixtures are finally made during week beginning October 31. He said that this year he had already received a larger number of requests than usual for away fixtures due to ground unavailability.
10. The Committee discussed some possible rule changes and agreed to formulate the following. The detailed rule changes/additions appear in Appendix B to these minutes. a) Every club must appoint a Welfare Officer (or Child Protection Officer) to conform to ECB mandatory rules. The officer will need to have been CRB checked and hold a certificate issued by Sports Coach UK that shows that he/she has attended the appropriate course during the last 3 years. The Somerset Cricket Board will be arranging courses during the close season and details of these courses will be circulated by the SCL on behalf of the Somerset Cricket Board. b) If games are played on the 2nd Saturday in September they must start at 1.00 pm. c) Any 2nd XI team re-entering the SCL as a result of its 1st XI being relegated from the Bristol & Somerset Division of the WEPL (3rd tier) will be placed in division 3 or 4 at the discretion of the Management Committee. Extra relegation moves affecting other divisions in the SCL as a result of this placement will also be at the discretion of the M.C. d) 30 yard fielding circles will be introduced for Division 1 only. Clubs in this division will be the only ones permitted to vote on this addition. e) The Committee discussed the issue of uncensored comments being made on social websites and the SCL website. The Committee will put a rule into place that will give its Disciplinary Committee the same authority to deal with inflammatory comments as those described in the "League Disciplinary Procedure Nos. 1 – 9" shown on page 13 of the Handbook. f) The regulation in the Pre-Season Circular regarding the situation when only one official umpire provided either by the League or by a club will become part of the rules structure. It will state that the umpire must stand at the bowlers' end for the whole match, providing that he is prepared to do so, in order that some consistency can be maintained. A player standing as umpire should stand at square leg under these circumstances. g) Chilton Polden CC proposed an earlier start to matches and/or a reduction of the number of overs in a game to 40 overs per team. The Management Committee does not support this proposal. h) North Petherton CC proposed a rule that would allow the away team to travel when there was doubt about the viability of ground conditions. The Management Committee was undecided about its support for this proposal. i) Butleigh CC proposed a rule to be introduced to deal with 'leg-side' wides, but for Division 1 only. Clubs in this division will be the only ones permitted to vote on this addition. The Club also proposed the addition of the 30 yard circle for Division 1 clubs. j) Street CC proposed that a club shall not register a new player without having written evidence from the player's previous/current club that he has no outstanding obligations to that club, whether financial, disciplinary or otherwise. The Management Committee supports this proposal. Street CC also proposed the use of the 30yard circle but suggested that they should be used in divisions 1, 2 and 3. The Management Committee does not support this proposal for divisions 2 & 3.

11. The Chairman agreed to speak to the membership at the AGM regarding the Ground Facilities Survey carried out previously by Toby Strang. He said that he would emphasise the need to continually improve facilities and encourage visiting teams to report deficiencies to the Management Committee who would then deal with any reported issues. Without information of this kind the Committee would be powerless to act.
12. After checking their agreement to nominations, the Committee confirmed its nomination of three members (namely Amanda Counsell, Martin King and Matthew Lunn who had all served their 3 year term) for re-election to the Management Committee at the AGM in November.
13. Two items of any other business were raised namely:- a) There were many requests to adjust the fixtures on the 'Special Bank Holiday' weekend June 2 – 5 2012 due to the unavailability of grounds, other commitments etc. linked to the Jubilee celebrations. The Committee determined that **for one year only** clubs may re-arrange **any** one fixture and use Saturday September 8th for a re-arrangement providing that both clubs are in agreement with the change. This latter statement also applies to any other fixture re-arrangement during the season as set out in Rule 2 (b) – (d). The number of changes set out in Rule 2 (c) **ie one change per season**, will be increased to **two changes per season for one year only**. All agreed changes **MUST** be notified to the Hon. Secretary [as per Rule 2 (b)] by March 31st.
b) David Derrick who said that he was drawing together a number of issues that needed consideration and possible action for the website results system and statistics.
14. The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.
15. The date of the next meeting, which will be the AGM, was confirmed for Monday November 28th at 7.30 pm. at the Bridgwater Sports and Social Club.

Appendix A

The Best Western Shrubbery Hotel SOMERSET CRICKET LEAGUE COMPOSITION OF LEAGUES - 2012

Total membership is 65 clubs with 111 teams

1st XI COMPETITION

DIVISION 1

ASHBRITTLE 1
BELVEDERE 1
CHEDDAR 1
KILMINGTON & STOURTON 1
MIDDLEZOY 1
NORTH PETHERTON 1
PURNELL 1
TEMPLE CLOUD 1
WATCHET 1
WELLINGTON 1

DIVISION 2

BARRINGTON 1
CASTLE CARY 1
HUISH & LANGPORT 1
NORTH CURRY 1
NORTH PERROTT 1
NORTH NEWTON 1
STOGUMBER 1
WEDMORE 1
WELLS 1
WINCANTON 1

DIVISION 3

BAGBOROUGH 1
BRIDGWATER 'A' 3
BURNHAM 1
HORRINGTON 1
HUNTSPILL & DISTRICT 1
LONG SUTTON 1
UPHILL CASTLE 2
SOUTH PETHERTON 1
STREET 2
WESTLANDS 2

DIVISION 4

CHEDDAR 2
CURRY RIVEL 1
FITZHEAD 1
FROME 2
KILVE 1
NORTH PERROTT 2
STAPLEGROVE 2
WELLINGTON 2
WEMBDON 2
WESTON-SUPER-MARE 3

DIVISION 5

BELVEDERE 2
BROADWAY & HORTON 1
CRANMORE 1
EAST COKER 1
EAST HUNTSPILL 1
LEIGH ON MENDIP 1
MARK 1
SPARKFORD 1
TAUNTON 'A' 3
TRULL 1

DIVISION 6

BALTONSBOROUGH 1
BISHOPS LYDEARD 2
BRIDGWATER SPORTS 1
BUTLEIGH 2
CHARD 'A' 3
HARDINGTON & W. COKER 1
LYDFORD 1
HUISH & LANGPORT 2
TAUNTON DEANE CAVS 3
TAUNTON ST ANDREWS 'A' 3

DIVISION 7

BANWELL & CHURCHILL 1
BARRINGTON 2
BARTON ST. DAVID 1
CASTLE CARY 2
GLASTONBURY LAMBS 3
ILMINSTER 'A' 3
PURNELL 2
TEMPLE CLOUD 2
UPHILL CASTLE CAVALIERS 3
WINSCOMBE 2

DIVISION 8 S

ALL SAINTS 1
BURNHAM 2
CHILTON POLDEN 1
MIDDLEZOY 2
NORTH PETHERTON 2
SOUTH PETHERTON 2
SPAXTON 1
TAUNTON DEANE CRUS. 4
WATCHET 2
WEMBDON WYVERNS 3

DIVISION 8 NE

CHEDDAR CAVALIERS 3
CRANMORE 2
EVERCREECH 1
HORRINGTON 2
KILMINGTON & STOURTON 2
MARK 2
PEASEDOWN ST. JOHN 1
SPARKFORD 2
WEDMORE 2
WELLS 2

DIVISION 9 NW

BANWELL & CHURCHILL 2
BELVEDERE 3
CHILTON POLDEN 2
EAST HUNTSPILL 2
HUNTSPILL & DISTRICT 2
TAUNTON ST. ANDREWS B 4
UPHILL CASTLE CRUSADERS 4
WEDMORE 'A' 3
WEMBDON ACADEMY 4
WESTON-SUPER-MARE 4

DIVISION 9 SE

CHARD 750 4
CRANMORE 3
CURRY RIVEL 2
HUIISH & LANGPORT 3
ILMINSTER 'B' 4
ILTON 2
LEIGH ON MENDIP 2
LONG SUTTON 2
LYDFORD 2
WESTLANDS 3
WINCANTON 2

Appendix B.

Rule changes proposed by the Management Committee for Decision at AGM Nov. '10.

Note All proposed changes to rule are shown in bold within the proposal.

Management Committee Proposition 1

5 (j) iii) The captain of each team shall sign that the sheet is correct. Any team guilty of infringing this rule shall be fined the sum of £10.00. **Clubs that fail to return the Result Sheet as described above shall be fined £25 for infringements during the final three matches of the season.**

Management Committee Proposition 2

Additional Rule

3. Administration

(h) All clubs must appoint a Welfare Officer (or Child Protection Officer) to conform to ECB mandatory rules. The officer will need to have a current CRB and hold a certificate that shows that he/she has attended a Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course during the last 3 years. Evidence of both the CRB and S&PC certification must be made available to the Hon. Secretary before the season commences.

Management Committee Proposition 3

5. Matches

(c) Rules for Match Play

i) All Matches start at 2 pm. but for the final THREE matches of the Season they must start at 1.30 pm.. However, all matches in the Senior Division (ie Division 1.) shall start at 1.45pm. but for the final THREE matches of the Season they must start at 1.15pm.. Any match played on the 2nd Saturday of September shall start at 1.00pm. (Divisions 2 onwards) and 12.30 pm. for the Senior Division (ie Division 1.).

Management Committee Proposition 4

1. The League.

(c). Promotion and relegation shall be on a two up/two down basis, except that promotion within Divisions 8 – (S and NE) shall be two teams per division and relegation from Division 7 to Division 8 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.

Management Committee Propositions 5

Rule Addition.

5. Matches

(b). Championship Points

ix). Division 1 clubs only. The side bowling first must complete its 45 overs within the time limit of 2 hours and 45 minutes. Failure to do so will incur a fine of 2 points deducted.

Voting on this proposal will be by Division 1 clubs only

Management Committee Propositions 6

1. The League.

h) New clubs will normally be placed in the lowest division. It shall be in order for the Management Committee to place a new club in a division other than the lowest but only if a resolution to take such action is carried by not less than two-thirds of the Committee present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the League Management Committee. When a new club is included under this rule in a division other than the lowest, then up to three clubs per division may be relegated **DELETE** *providing that the League Management Committee announce the decision prior to the first league match in the season immediately preceding the season in which such new club will join the league.*

i) Any 2nd XI team re-entering the SCL as a result of its 1st XI being relegated from the Bristol & Somerset Division of the WEPL (3rd tier) will be placed in division 3 or 4 at the discretion of the Management Committee. Extra relegation moves affecting other divisions in the SCL as a result of this placement will also be at the discretion of the Management Committee, but only if a resolution to take such action is carried by not less than two-thirds of the Committee present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the League Management Committee.

ii)

Management Committee Proposition 7

This proposal was also made by Butleigh CC.

5. Matches

(l) Division 1 Matches Only.

At the instant of delivery a minimum of four fielders plus bowler and wicket keeper must be inside an area bounded by two semi circles centred on each middle stump within a radius of thirty yards and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch.

This fielding circle shall be marked with painted white dots at five yard intervals – each dot can be covered by a white plastic or rubber disc or in white marking measuring seven inches in diameter. Should this requirement not be met then the square leg umpire shall call and signal no ball and the delivery must be redelivered; this condition must be met regardless of the total number of fielders present (e.g. if a side has less than eleven players present).

Voting on this proposal will be by Division 1 clubs only

Management Committee Proposition 8

LEAGUE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. It shall be a disciplinary offence:-

(a) for any player in the course of or in connection with a match to misconduct himself or to act at any time in a manner calculated to prejudice the good name or interests of the League, and

(b) for any club to fail properly to control or discipline its players or to act in a manner calculated to prejudice the good name of the League, and the player and/or club committing an offence shall be liable to penalties in the manner as described hereinafter.

2. For the purposes of these Rules the expression 'the player' shall throughout these Rules be deemed to mean and include not only any player, professional or otherwise, but also any member or official of any club or if appropriate any other person involved in any incident of possible misconduct occurring on the field of play, or on the premises of the club, as may be appropriate in the particular circumstances.

3. The procedure set out above in 1. (a) and (b) and 2. in the League Disciplinary Procedure shall also apply to written material on Social Websites and the SCL's own website and be dealt with as shown below

The remaining points will be re-numbered from 3-9 to 4-10.

Management Committee Proposition 9

6. Umpires

(c) Where a game has only one official umpire provided either by the League or by a club, that umpire must stand at the bowlers' end for the whole match, providing that he is prepared to do so, in order that some consistency can be maintained. A player standing as umpire should stand at square leg under these circumstances.

Rule Changes Proposed by a Club for Decision at AGM Nov. 2011.

Proposal 10 Chilton Polden Cricket Club.

Start at 1pm or reduce the number of overs to 40 and start at 2pm

Supporting documentation. The reasoning for this is to ensure we have the best selection of 22 players for a Saturday, we regularly have players leaving before the end of the game due to an evening engagements and have noticed other teams have the same issue.

We feel if we could have a finish time nearer 7pm we could encourage more players and finish all games with a full complement of 11 players.

We understand there will likely be resistance from the higher league clubs because they have a larger pool of players to choose from, would it be possible to have this change just for the lower leagues.

The First Proposed Rule Change would be as shown below – changes in bold.

5. Matches

(c) Rules for Match Play

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

vi) No bowler shall bowl more than **eleven** 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 quarter of the permitted overs rounded up to a complete over.

The Second Proposed Rule Change would be as shown below – changes in bold

5. Matches

(c) Rules for Match Play

i) All Matches start at **1 pm. and 12.30 pm.** for the final THREE matches of the Season. However, all matches in the Senior Division shall start at 1.45pm. and 1.15pm. for the final THREE matches of the Season.

Note.

The divisions to which this could apply have not been named in the Chilton Polden proposal.

The Management Committee does not support this proposal

Proposal 11 North Petherton Cricket Club.

Games cancelled due to weather conditions. Additional rule in Matches section

5. Matches.

(b) Championship Points

viii). A home team captain may only cancel a game **at 11 am** or at any time prior to the usual start time with the full agreement of the opposing captain. Where there is no mutual agreement to cancel early then both complete teams must attend the ground prepared to start the match at the designated time. Where either captain then still considers the game unplayable at the designated start time, the current rules apply.

Proposal 12 Butleigh Cricket Club.

Leg side wides. Additional rule in Matches section for Division 1 only.

5. Matches.

(b) Championship Points

ix). Leg side wides should be called “wide” if in the view of the umpire it is an unfair delivery. This will apply to Division 1 matches only.

Voting on this proposal will be by Division 1 clubs only

Note.

If this proposal is passed then it may be necessary to take advice on the exact wording for the Rules of the Somerset Cricket League.

Proposal 13 Street Cricket Club.

Fielding circles in games in division 1, 2 & 3.

This proposal is an extension of Proposal 6 (submitted by the Management Committee. Street CC wish to extend the ‘Circles Rule’ to apply to Divisions 2 & 3 as well.

The Management Committee decided that voting on this proposal would be extended to the whole membership of the League

The Management Committee does not support this proposal

Proposal 14 Street Cricket Club.

Movement of Players.

Rule Addition.

7. Players

(f) Movement of Players

A club shall not register a new player without having written evidence from the player’s previous/current club that he has no outstanding obligations to that club, whether financial, disciplinary or otherwise.

If carried, this rule may need some refining to make the circumstances clear in the written rule of the SCL.

The Management Committee supports this proposal