

Neon Cricket Wiltshire County Cricket League

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Minutes of the WCCL 2020 AGM held on Monday 25th January 2021 via Zoom.

Present:

Representatives of all WCCL clubs except Allington CC, Lacock CC, Malmesbury CC and Swindon Super Strikers CC.

Members of the WCCL Committee.

Pete Sykes, Wiltshire Cricket.

The League's Chairman, Mike J Smith, took the chair.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were proposed as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Beckington CC, and accepted by a unanimous vote.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mike thanked the following people.

- Everybody for attending the meeting.
- Pete Sykes for setting up the Zoom meeting.
- Anton Newton for his time on the league.

The WCCL have been meeting with the cricket boards, WEPL and the other feeder leagues, to plan for the season. This group will be meeting again in early April to confirm the situation, but we are currently planning for a normal cricket season.

The committee have decided to dispense with the league handbook, as the information is now all on the website. This will save the league around £1,900 per year, which the league can instead use for grants, etc. Corsham CC enquired about subsidising the handbook through adverts. However, it is felt that the handbook is now superfluous.

Mike wished everybody well, and hoped that things will look better this summer than they were in 2020.

4. Administration and Fixture/Result Officer's Report

The Administration and Fixture/Result Officer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

David confirmed that the plan is for a normal season - 18 fixtures per team, promotion and relegation, etc. However, we still expect to have sanitation breaks, no pavilion use, etc.

David thanked all the club administrators and grounds staff for all the effort they put in, not knowing whether it would be wasted effort, so that we could start in a fortnight when we got the go-ahead.

Following a vote of the clubs in the bottom three divisions, these teams have been put into regionalised divisions. We will monitor this and review it at the end of the season. David clarified that the split is not even between East and West because the geography did not work. Where a club has two teams in the same division, they will play each other as per the normal league rules - this can always happen in the bottom division.

Winsley CC asked about teas. Our expectation is that they will not be possible, and even if it is allowed, many clubs will not be able to. But we will be flexible about it. We will review what to do about teas in 2022, after the 2021 season.

David clarified that a number of teams have dropped several divisions because they have asked to, due to losing players.

There were queries about shortening matches to 40 overs if the league is not able to go ahead in full. This is something the committee will consider if it happens. If it is a full season, we will be playing 45 overs. If clubs want to change this for 2022 then it needs to be proposed for the 2021 AGM.

It is expected that ball distribution will have to be done by delivering to club officers' houses once again.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer's Report and the accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

Mike clarified that the salaries in the accounts are the pay to David and Anton for their work for the league. With Anton's retirement, this will just be to pay David going forwards.

The accounts proposed as a true record, seconded by Beckington CC, and accepted by unanimous vote.

The league fees for 2021 was proposed to be £80 per team, as had been planned for 2020. This was seconded by Beckington and accepted by unanimous vote.

6. Rule Amendments & Additions

There were no rule amendments and additions proposed.

7. Officers & Committee 2021

Graham reiterated that the committee desperately needs new members, including some younger members.

Graham asked for nominations for Chairman.

Mike Smith was been nominated by Bradford CC, seconded by Beckington CC, and was elected by unanimous vote.

Sandeep Biwalkar, Adam Bolton, Graham Chandler, Peter Couch, Andy Footner, David Martin, Anton Newton, Mike P Smith and Paul Stevens were proposed by Bradford CC, seconded by Beckington CC, and elected en bloc by unanimous vote.

8. Any Other Business

The question was raised as to whether we continue to have the AGM on Zoom in future years. This is something the league committee will have to consider.

A number of clubs thanked the committee for organising the meeting, and for running the league in general.

With no further business, Mike thanked everybody for attending, and the meeting closed at 8:30pm.