

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday 20th November 2008 at the Hampshire Rose Bowl.

**Please note the numbering on these minutes following sequential, owing to a printing error on the original agenda*

Present

Paddy Heffernan (Chairman), Steve Vear (General Secretary), Adrian Poole (Treasurer-elect), Alan Bundy, Paul Thompson, Jim Lark, Mike Rose, Mike Vimpany, Rob Wade, David Kirk & Denis Emery (South Coast Panel), Huw Lock from Southern Electric, Colin Savage and Jonathan Blake Representatives from 31 clubs were also present. OT's & Romsey were noted as absent.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Treasurer Tony Wharton, who has been working abroad.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 22nd November 2007

The minutes, which had been circulated prior to the meeting were proposed as a true record by Andover CC and seconded by Bashley (Rydal) CC

The point raised around playing foreign nationals and/or contacted players is to form a motion later in the evening.

3. Management Committee Report

- 3.1 Chairman Paddy Heffernan presented the 2008 report. The chairman congratulated the winners of the respective divisions, acknowledging some great games of cricket during the year.
- 3.2 Particular thanks is due to Mike Vimpany for the successes of the inaugural T20 competition – this was enjoyed by all and was great to see the competition end with the finals being played on the main Rose Bowl pitch
- 3.3 The Chairman passed his personal thanks to his Management team, thanking them for all their hard work during another difficult year, with one or two issues consuming an awful lot of the volunteers time. The Management Committee were pleased when Steve Vear retracted an earlier resignation signalling his willingness to continue as General Secretary.
- 3.4 The Chair reminded all clubs that help was always welcome in the running of the league – we are currently short of playing representatives from Divisions two and three and would welcome some nominations.
- 3.3 Rob Wade, Mike Vimpany and Lee Savident were thanked for their efforts in connection with representative cricket during last season. Thanks also noted for Sam Pittman of South Wilts CC for his assistance with the web site, which continues to attract big audiences.
- 3.5 Scottish and Southern Energy (Southern Electric) have recent appointed Huw Lock as our new account manager, the Chairman thanked Anna Crampin for her support to the league and to the business as a whole for their continued sponsorship.
- 3.6 The proposed promotions and relegations were summarised for approval. The Chairman concluded his report with thanks for Jim Lark, who as the committees longest serving member was stepping down as Results Secretary. Mike Rose from Hursley Park CC is proposed for nomination to replace Jim. Tony Wharton, our Treasurer, following a contract extension has also stepped down from the committee. Adrian Poole from Calmore CC/South Coast Panel is proposed for nomination as replacement. Paul Thompson is proposed for nomination as the new Vice Chairman
- 3.7 Acceptance of the Report was proposed by Fareham & Crofton CC, seconded by US Portsmouth CC and unanimously adopted by the membership.

Ken Brown from Andover CC was presented with Groundsman of the Year, David Metcalfe accepted the most improved ground on behalf of Rowledge CC. Jim Lark was presented with a special award in recognition for his services to the league.

4*. Statement of Accounts and Financial Report

- 4.1 Steve Vear presented the Treasurers report, which has been sent for reading to the membership by Tony Wharton.
- 4.2 Tony thanked the committee and league Treasurers for all their support during his time in office.
- 4.3 With no questions from the floor, the Treasurers report was proposed by South Wilts CC, seconded by Lymington CC and was accepted by all.

5*. Presentation on Exceptional Expense

- 5.1 Paul Thompson presented the next item of business to the meeting, asking for direction from the membership on how to move forward with an outstanding issue brought to the league by Portsmouth CC. A copy of these slides are available from the General Secretary, but is also embedded electronically into this document.
- 5.2 The membership felt strongly that in order to make the correct decision, more detail had to be provided as to the exact nature of the issue. The Committee felt it important not to do this in order to allow the membership to reach a neutral decision. One club had commented suggesting that it was disappointing to see that a club would want to go to these lengths, considering they too were part of the same league. Discussion took place and some members quoted high cost could be involved should the case go before a body such as 'SPORTS RESOLUTION' and it was very apparent that the membership felt strongly the whole affair should be dealt with internally.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman called a recess allowing the Committee time to consider what had been said. The General Secretary left the meeting. The Meeting resumed without the General Secretary and the minute taking was continued by Paddy Heffernan. The notes suggest that 3 or 4 clubs did not return after the break.

- 5.3 The item was continued by the President offering a meeting between 3 senior members of the SEPCL Management Committee and 3 senior members of Portsmouth CC, to be chaired independently by Colin Savage of the HCB, to try and resolve the situation. This was unanimously approved as a sensible way forward by the other Clubs. Portsmouth CC representative agreed to take this direction back to Portsmouth CC for consideration.

6*. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Administrative Rules and Playing Conditions

- 6.1 The President presented the proposals on behalf of the Management Committee.
- 6.2 Motion 1, placing the club charter into the constitution and allowing the league to take action against individual administrators and club members as well as clubs was carried unanimously
- 6.3 Motion 2 was presented – changing the number of games a player could play in a minor XI from eight to five. Although the clubs seemed to suggest 6 or 7 would be better, the motion fell with a vote of 13 versus 13.
- 6.4 Motion 3 was proposed to offer a clear distinction between administrative errors and the incorrect registration of players. Cut off for the Registration Secretary to receive forms following emergency registration changed to Wednesday. The motion was carried with 26 voting for and 1 abstention.
- 6.5 Motion 4 , which was a change in when foreign nationals and contracted players can play together – to try and encourage Division One clubs to sign young contracted players was proposed. 25 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. The motion was carried.
- 6.6 Motion 5 – to stop matches being cancelled without a prior inspection by a member of the South Coast Panel was carried with 21 in favour and 6 against the motion.

6.7 Motion 6 was proposed to enhance the chance of the team batting second who have bowled out the side batting first for a low score, achieving maximum batting points. The motion was carried unanimously

6.8 Motion 7 looked to bring all the limited over rules into line with each other – this was unanimously agreed.

7. Election of Officers and Management Committee

7.1 The following officers and members of the Management Committee were duly elected en bloc.

President	Alan Bundy
Vice President	Jim Lark, Mark Readman, T Baker, I Farley, P Faulkner
Life Vice President	John Wolfe
Chairman	Paddy Heffernan
Vice Chairman	Paul Thompson
General Secretary	Steve Vear
Treasurer	Adrian Poole
Fixture Secretary	Steward Frazier (ex officio)
Results Secretary	Mike Rose
Registration Secretary	Roy Harrison
General Member(s)	Rob Wade, Brian Wooley
Co opted (Handbook and Marketing)	Mike Vimpany
Co opted (South Cost Panel)	Denis Emery

8. Other Business

The Chairman mentioned briefly the ECB directive on overseas players and work permits, stating that although some of the detail of the ECB's paper had been released there are more details to follow in December which should apply more to " Club" Overseas players.

Clubs were asked if they had received this initial paper - some had , some had not; Mike Vimpany pointed out for those interested it was available on the ECB website.

The league would advise clubs as soon as they knew more, it may be an idea to arrange a short seminar

In thanking the clubs for their attendance, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:00