



Minutes of Meeting held at Deal Victoria Cricket Club  
on  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Present:

Mark Parnell(St Margarets CC), Paul Button (Walmer CC), Jenna Baker (Elham Valley CC), Kavan Risby (Elham Valley CC), Stephen Thompson ( Deal Victoria CC), Philip Payne (Hawkinge CC).

**1.0 Apologies** Action

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Alwyn Fernades (Folkestone CC), Martin Cobb (Hythe CC) and Paul Spratt (Littlebourne CC)

**2.0 Previous Minutes** Action

- 2.1. The previous minutes we accepted as a true record of the meeting

**3.0 Matters Arising**

- 3.1. Item 3.2 – PB stated that he seems to have a successor lined up for his role in Dover District Development Group and so should be able to take up the Treasurers role in the SSL. PB

- 3.2. Item 6.10 – PP stated that it seems that the issue of the new ruling regarding no balls at the U11 level has not caused any problems as people have taken a sensible and pragmatic approach.

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

- 4.1. PP wished to thank all those attending.

- 4.2. PP also thanked Deal Victoria CC for hosting the meeting.

- 4.3. PP stated that there seems to have been no issues arising regarding the way the matches have been played this season and everyone is obviously playing in the spirit of cricket in the way it should be. MP added that the managers and coaches do, of course want the kids to win matches but for the players sakes not for them selves or the parents or the glory of the club.

- 4.4. KR commended Linton Park for their sportsmanship in both their matches against them, particularly when they offered one of their players to Elham because they were short.

- 4.5. PP expressed concern about the future of the League with fewer teams taking part. PP suggested again that perhaps the SSL could consider, if not an 'All-Comers' side organised by several people from different clubs, then possibly a 'Reservists' squad made up of players from clubs who do not have a team at their age group. This squad could be called upon by other clubs to make up numbers when they are short or to enable them to actually field a team in the league on a season long basis. MP pointed out that the time and commitment required to organise such a squad might be a stumbling block. MP added that, if clubs offered some of their colts to join this squad they could risk upsetting them as they might feel unwanted by their own club.
- 4.6. PP requested that club representatives should come to the AGM with their ideas on the matter, including any other alternative approaches to try to revive the participation in the SSL competitions. All
- 4.7. PB suggested that clubs should provide an indication of what their intentions were for entering teams next season. It was pointed out that most clubs don't know what attendances they might get prior to the start of the season so would not be in apposition to do so. PP suggested that some clubs might be able to make a best guess based upon their current squads and the age progression of the. However, many are only just getting enough to fulfil their fixtures as it is so they could not forecast a season ahead.
- 5.0 Treasurer's Report**
- 5.1. Due to the Treasurer's absence no report was submitted. However PP contacted AL following the meeting and AL explained that the financial situation has not changed since the previous meeting.
- 5.2. Consequently SSL currently have £1,816.49 in the account
- 6.0 AOB**
- 6.1. PB stated that in a recent U11 match the opposition wished to dispense with LBW decisions. Unfortunately the communication was less than perfect and PB wasn't aware of the request. Although it did not result in any problems, PB suggested that any variation from the normal rules should be very clearly agreed on a mutual basis before the game starts. PP suggested that such decisions should be announced to all players and parents before the game commences so that there is no confusion either side of the boundary.

- 6.2. KR stated that Elham were not happy with the way 3 Hills have been dealing with them regarding a change in the time of one of their games. KR explained that they had agreed a later start with 3 Hills some time before the date but part way through the game another group turned up stating that they had booked the venue. It seems that another booking was agreed by someone at 3 Hills unaware of the prior agreement with Elham.
- 6.3. Other problems such as not sweeping the floor before the matches and lack of proper equipment were also aired PP  
PP stated that he and AL have discussed issues concerning the 3 Hills and a meeting is being arranged with them to discuss the problems. AL  
PP
- 6.4. ST asked how much the hire of the hall was. PB suggested £50/hr and PP undertook to clarify this. KR stated that schools are given a rate of £16/hr. PP suggested that this might be because it would be outside peak times rather than weekends when SSL hire the venue. KR
- 6.5. PP stated that Hythe are not able to host the awards this year. It was agreed that the 1028 Awards Night will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> September at Elham Valley CC. KR undertook to confirm this.
- 6.6. PP explained that Folkestone CC have arranged for someone to deliver a 'Level 1' type coaching course at the 3 Hills. PP stated that the SCDG have agreed a level of subsidy for maximum of one person from each club. PB stated that Dover District Development Group would do likewise for the teams in their District should there be some interest. PP requested that clubs ask around within their players and volunteers and let him know if they have someone who would like to do the course. PP said he will ask AL to distribute the details ASAP to all clubs. PP stated that Hythe have one person interested. AL  
PP
- 6.7. PB announced that Walmer will be hosting an U9's tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> August starting at 9.30am. PB added that he has yet to receive any money from teams entered and is still awaiting confirmation from Folkestone whether they will be entering 1 or 2 teams. AL  
PB requested that all clubs entering teams need to confirm by end of the week, adding that Walmer will enter 2 teams and stated that there was still room for more clubs to enter a team. MP said he would confirm by the end of the week.  
PP thanked Walmer CC for arranging the competition. AL
- 6.8. KR announced that Elham are hosting an U9 competition on 25<sup>th</sup> August. PB understood that Folkestone are also having a tournament on 12<sup>th</sup> August but confirmation has not been seen to date.
- 6.9. KR explained that they might have a problem with some U9 stepping up to using a hard ball. PP undertook to send KR details of an 'intermediary' type ball that Elham could introduce at U11 training. PP

- 6.10. ST explained that they have experienced a problem with their U15 away fixture against Folkestone. SL stated that Folkestone changed the date of the fixture which Deal Victoria CC agreed to but, unfortunately, this rearranged fixture was cancelled at the last minute despite the weather being fine. ST explained that their club has accepted one cancellation but cannot accommodate another rearrangement in their schedule. ST pointed out that the rules do state that the only reason for cancelling a game without due notice and mutual agreement is if the weather prevents the match being played. Lack of players should not be used as a legitimate excuse. Therefore, Deal Victoria CC feel they are justified in claiming the points for the unplayed match.
- 6.11. The general consensus was that this was a correct interpretation of the SSL rules and the result should stand.

## **7.0 Date of Next Meeting**

- 7.1. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 7.30 at Elham Valley CC.