

THE SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE 2018 AGM DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE 2019 AGM

Meeting held at Gidea Park & Romford CC on Sunday 25th November 2018
The meeting started at 10.00am and ended at 11.45

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

In Attendance: A. Kennedy (Chairman)
C Greenhill (Secretary)
A Akram
D Evans
P Frame
C Hunt (Treasurer)
G Jelley
T Kilby
A Pearson

Representatives of 37 member clubs
Dan Feist from Essex, Jon Glynn (Umpires)

Apologies T Clarke, P Middlemiss, T Sanderson

Absent Orsett, Westcliff on Sea, Basildon & Pitsea

2 MINUTES OF 2017 AGM AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were approved.
There were no matters arising.

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Andrew Kennedy (Colchester & East Essex)

Congratulations to Hornchurch on becoming the first club to achieve the treble of Premier League, league cup and T20. Also congratulations on Belhus having all four teams promoted with their 1st XI promoted to the Premier League.

There are four additional teams entering for the 2019 season and one side has withdrawn. Some sides are still struggling and there are a number of short sided games.

A paper on restructuring will be the subject of meetings in January and will be discussed briefly in Any Other Business today.

The form of ECB funding to Leagues is changing with the ECB having partnership agreements with Counties.

The Committee are thanked for all their hard work.

There are no changes in the Overseas regulations both in the League and with the ECB and the Home Office.

The Law on High Full Tosses has been amended and a more common sense approach taken.

4 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Chris Hunt (Southend on Sea EMT)

There are a couple of items outstanding to finalise the accounts.

Chris is meeting with Tony Sanderson to complete this and draft accounts will be sent out shortly.

The approximate balance is £62k it was £59k last year.

One final thing to urge is for clubs to move to on line payments. Of course, this is your choice but from the experience of the transition I've had to make from the cheque book

and paper to electronic banking, I would really urge clubs to try to move to electronic payments. This will make your life as a club easier should someone need to take over the role of your treasurer.

5 REPORTS

a) SECRETARY

Cliff Greenhill (Loughton)

I have continued to send information by email where possible to save on postage. Can all clubs please ensure I am advised by email of the current club contacts and any changes of email address. Please also advise Paul Frame. The League website has recently been transferred from Pitchero to Hits Cricket and details are being updated. Also please check regularly on the website as all important messages are posted on there together with details of meeting dates. published in the online Handbook.

I would like to thank Dan Feist and all his staff at the County for their assistance.

In particular, I would like to mention Graham Jelley, Graham Smith and Graham Pryke for their work to support recreational cricket in Essex.

We are grateful to the Development Department for the help they give clubs in many ways including improving facilities and pitches, training coaches, obtaining grant aid and supporting youth cricket.

There have been 11 Executive Committee Meetings this year. In addition two Management Meetings were held. Clubs were also invited to a series of mid-season meetings to air their views.

Our thanks are due to Gidea Park & Romford, Harold Wood, Frenford and Loughton for allowing us to use their premises to hold our meetings. Plus Gidea Park, Hadleigh & Thundersley and Loughton for review meetings.

Hainault & Clayhall and Frenford have now merged and are renamed Frenford.

Thanks also to our umpires who provide excellent coverage

The umpires reports on clubs facilities, discipline and hospitality have been distributed. They are most useful and clubs should take note of these marks.

Deryck Povey has consolidated summaries of the reports submitted by umpires and captains. He is thanked for a great deal of hard work. Clubs were asked to use lower XI reporting forms to report any concerns.

We had hardly any exception club reports for lower XIs in 2018.

Thanks to Tom Clarke who co-ordinated the production of on line information for 2018 with support from Paul Frame.

Thanks also to Paul Middlemiss for organising this year's dinner. It is great when the event is a sell out.

Thanks also to Chris Hunt who took over from Andrew Jenner. Chris has "rethought" and has agreed to stay on as Treasurer. This is great news as with most volunteer jobs we were struggling to find a replacement.

A big thank you to those committee members not mentioned individually. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find and retain volunteers both at League and club level.

The draw for cup competitions will be made at the end of the meeting and displayed on the website.

The Play-Cricket site is again being improved to make it more user friendly please take advantage of the winter months to update your player details. Please encourage all your players to sign up themselves on Play-Cricket. We get additional funding if enough players sign up.

Paul Frame has worked tirelessly to keep results up to date It is disappointing that still far too many points were lost by clubs due to admin errors.

Clubs are reminded that they must have a nominated fully trained Child Welfare Officer.

Clubs are also reminded that to take part in an ECB Premier Division and Division 1 and possibly Division 2 they must be accredited with Clubmark.

The ECB are again offering Premier Leagues cash incentives to have clubs use computer scoring systems and especially on line scoring. More clubs seem to have people capable of doing this sometimes in addition to the traditional scorer.

Clubs are again reminded of the regulations involving players in the Under 13 age group and under and especially those who are Under 11 and under. The ECB handout was distributed to all clubs and is detailed on the website. There could be major insurance issues if clubs ignore these regulations.

I have in the last couple of weeks applied for a grant in respect of the 2019 ECB Cricket World Cup Club Fund grant. This is available to 2000 clubs. I received a reply confirming my application was successful within a week. Clubs should apply as soon as possible.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a successful new year.

b) FIXTURES SECRETARY

Tom Clarke (Harold Wood)

Tom Clarke could not be present.

Clubs need to advise Tom by Monday night of any dates when grounds are unavailable. The League Cup 1st two rounds will be on 27/4 and 4/5. League games start on 11/5 and end on 7/9.

One club has still to indicate how many teams they are entering. Fixtures will be produced as soon as possible.

c) PLAY CRICKET

Paul Frame (Hutton)

Play Cricket is continually being updated. All is going well clubs do need to complete the admin tasks on time to avoid points deductions.

All overseas and overseas exempt players have been deleted.

The website has been moved to Hits Cricket which is much more user friendly.

Paul was given a vote of thanks from the floor for all his hard work.

d) DISCIPLINARY REPORT

Tony Sanderson (Epping)

Tony could not be present

Comparison figures from 2017 are shown in brackets

First and final Warning	7 (15)
Level 1	5 (7)
Level 2	7 (9)
Level 3	0 (1)
Level 4	1 (0)

e) UMPIRES

Tom Kilby

Every 1st XI game had two umpires apart from two games.

Please get captains to complete the reports on umpires. It is essential for the umpires panel to get feedback. The law on high full tosses has been amended the umpire has to decide whether this delivery is dangerous.

f) CRICKET BALLS AND SPONSORS

Andrew Pearson (Woodford Wells)

There were very few complaints about cricket balls. Any clubs wanting extra balls should contact Andrew Pearson directly.

Andrew thanked Dilip for his sponsorship and also Shepherd Neame who are continuing their sponsorship into 2020. Please invite them to quote if possible and also advise them if Shepherd Neame products are being purchased through independent suppliers (e.g Hills) Thanks also to our other sponsors.

6 RESOLUTIONS

With only 37 clubs in attendance; 19 votes were needed for a simple majority and 25 for a 2/3 majority. Abstentions do not count in the voting.

PROPOSAL 1 – To elect Goresbrook Cricket Club to the SNEL

The Executive Committee proposes to elect Goresbrook CC to the SNEL. If they are elected, their 1st and 2nd XIs will play in 1st XI and 2nd XI Division 3 respectively. Their 3rd XI will play in one of the regional 4th XI 1st Divisions.

REASON – To replace Basildon CC who have withdrawn from the SNEL.

In favour 37, against 0. Therefore the proposal was adopted

PROPOSAL 2 - The Form of the Championship

The Executive Committee proposes to increase the regionalisation of the lower divisions to regionalise the current 3rd XI Division Two and Three for the 2019 season onwards.

League Rule 7.3 iii and iv to be amended as follows:-

The League shall comprise the following:

- i. The 3rd XI Premier Division and 3rd XI Division 1. Promotion and relegation shall apply as referred to in Playing Conditions in Appendix A following.*
- ii. The remaining 3rd XI divisions and all 4th XI Divisions will be organised on a regional basis as from time to time arranged by the Executive Committee. Promotion and relegation between these divisions and to 3rd XI Division 1 shall be as referred to in Appendix A following.*

If this proposal is passed, other necessary changes will be made to Generic Rule 7b to adjust the number of promotions and relegations, with only the winners of the top regional divisions getting promoted to the non-regional divisions.

REASON – The introduction of regionalisation across the 4th XI Premier Division and Division 1 has been successful with no increase in the number of uneven contests. Further regionalisation will reduce travel times for more players in the SNEL.

In favour 20, against 14, abstained 3. This proposal needed a 2/3 majority and was defeated

PROPOSAL 3 – Playing format for 3rd XI Division 2&3

The Executive Committee proposes that the current 3rd XI Divisions 2&3 (Or the regionalised 3rd XI Division 2 East and West if Proposal 2 is passed) will play the same format as the current 4th XI Divisions. IE 85 over timed games and 40 over limited format. The 3rd XI Premier and Division 1 will play the same playing formats as 2018.

REASON – The introduction of shorter matches in 4th XI Premier Division and Division One has been successful. Further extending this to the lower 3rd XI Divisions will offer shorter matches for more players in the SNEL.

In favour 16, Against 18, Abstained 3. Therefore the proposal was defeated.

PROPOSAL 4 – Fielding restrictions in 3rd and 4th XI limited over matches

Shenfield CC propose (Seconded by Old Southendians) to modify the limited over regulations for 3rd and 4th XI divisions with the below clause added to the regulations.

There must be at least 4 fielders inside the fielding circle at all times with a no-ball being called if the fielding team fail to comply.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for 3rd XI 45 over matches only.

REASON – To align with other limited over regulations and prevent teams from putting all fielders on the boundary.

All 3rd and 4th XI:

In favour 5, Against 32. Therefore the proposal was defeated.

3rd XI only:

In favour 6, against 31. Therefore the proposal was defeated.

PROPOSAL 5 – Adoption of current ICC/ECB powerplay regulations for all 1st XI 50 over games and the League Cup.

The Executive Committee proposes that the current ICC/ECB powerplay regulations for limited over cricket are implemented into all 1st XI limited over matches.

Overs 1-10 – Maximum of 2 fielders outside fielding circle

Overs 11-40 – Maximum of 4 fielders outside fielding circle

Overs 41-50 - Maximum of 5 fielders outside fielding circle

The playing regulations for these formats will be updated accordingly with adjustments to the overs above in the event of rain interruptions.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for 1st XI Premier division matches only.

REASON – To bring our limited over regulations into line with current first class and international regulations.

In favour 33, against 4. Therefore the proposal was adopted

PROPOSAL 6 – Coloured clothing and balls for 1st XI limited over matches.

The Executive Committee proposes that limited over matches in the 1st XI Premier Division and Division 1 are played in coloured clothing using an appropriately coloured ball.

The playing regulations for this format will be updated accordingly.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for the 1st XI Premier Division matches only.

REASON – Coloured clothing and balls were successfully trialled in the 1st XI Premier Division limited over matches in 2018.

In favour 17, against 13, abstained 7. Therefore the proposal was adopted

PROPOSAL 7 – Pitch marking penalties

The Executive Committee proposes that a penalty be brought in for 1st XI Premier and Division One for clubs with sub-standard pitches.

Generic Rule 9 iv to be amended as follows:-

iii) Throughout the season panel umpires provide marks for the standard of 1st XI pitches on their match report. On receipt of these marks the Executive Committee may choose to apply points penalties (up to a maximum of 25 points) to clubs in the following scenarios:-

*Consistently achieving marks of 14 or below
One-off marks below 14*

In each instance the committee will gather further evidence alongside the umpires report before making a final decision.

Clubs will continue to be advised of their pitch marks if they are achieving low marks.

If this proposal is not passed the same proposal is repeated for the 1st XI Premier Division matches only.

REASON – The ECB set a minimum acceptable pitch mark of 14 for all Premier Division Clubs. This rule ensures that clubs with poor pitches may be penalised in the Premier Division and clubs that are likely to be promoted to the Premier Division from Division One may also be penalised where necessary.

In favour 26, against 6, abstained 5. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 8 – Clubmark accreditation

The Executive Committee proposes to extend the requirement for Clubmark accreditation to 1st XI Division Two clubs.

Generic Rule 7 f to be amended as follows:-

Any club which does not have a valid ECB Clubmark accreditation by 31st October of the preceding season will only be allowed to compete in 1st XI Division 3.

REASON – Clubmark accreditation is recognised by the ECB as a key criteria for Premier Leagues. Currently this is a requirement for Premier Division and Division One clubs but this is being extended to Division Two.

In favour 26, against 8, abstained 3. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 9 – ECB Premier League requirements

The Executive Committee proposes to add a requirement for SNEL Premier Division Clubs to meet the ECB requirements for Premier Divisions to the SNEL rules.

Generic Rule 7 f to have the below clause added:-

Any Premier division club (Or a club being promoted from Division One) which does not meet the current ECB Premier Division club requirements (As communicated by the ECB on an annual basis) during any season may not be allowed to compete in the Premier Division in the subsequent season.

REASON – The ECB set out key criteria (EG Junior teams at U11, U13 and U15) for Premier Division clubs on an annual basis and if these criteria are not met the SNEL may lose its accreditation and/or funding.

Chingford had sent a note to all clubs suggesting the measures were draconian. There was suitable discussion before the vote.

In favour 22, against 7, abstained 8. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 10 – Generic Rule 20 – Result notification

The Executive Committee proposes to harmonise the deadlines and penalties for results submissions across all matches.

Generic Rule 20 to be reworded as follows:-

- a. *Each home team must enter an accurate summary result and scores on play-cricket (including details of all times and lengths of rain stoppages and, in limited overs games, changes to targets and any over reductions):-*

1st XI matches – by 9pm on the day of the match.

All other matches – by 8pm on the Sunday following the match.

*Failure to do so will result in a **one point penalty**.*

- b. *Any 1st XI home team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 12 noon on the Monday following the match will have **five points** deducted.*
- c. *Any 1st XI home team not ticking their box by 12 noon on the Monday following the match will have **one point** deducted.*
- d. *Any 1st XI away team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Monday following the match will have **five points** deducted.*
- e. *Any 1st XI **away** team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Monday following the match will have **one point** deducted.*
- f. *Any non-1st XI home team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Wednesday following the match will have **five points** deducted.*

- g. *Any non-1st XI home team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Wednesday following the match will have **one point** deducted.*
- h. *Any non-1st XI away team not entering full match details (as far as is possible) on play-cricket by 8pm on the Friday following the match will have **five points** deducted.*
- i. *Any non-1st XI **away** team not ticking their box by 8pm on the Friday following the match will have **one point** deducted.*

REASON – To give clubs more realistic deadlines and penalties for results reporting.

In favour 37. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 11 – Points deductions for fixture concession

Orsett CC propose (Seconded by Stanford-le-Hope CC) to amend the penalties applied for fixture concessions and to only apply points penalties to the conceding team and not all teams of the club. Generic Rule 8c will be amended to reflect this.

REASON – To avoid clubs putting out very weak and short sided teams to prevent points penalties in their higher teams.

In favour 19, against 14, abstained 4. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 12 – To delete Generic Rule 18 – High full pitched bowling

The Executive Committee propose to delete Generic Rule 18 related to high full pitch bowling as it is covered under the new Laws of cricket.

In favour 37. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 13 – To delete a section of Generic Rule 3 – Tea and drinks intervals

The Executive Committee propose to delete the section of Generic Rule 3 related to tea and drinks intervals as this is covered under the individual playing regulations for each format.

In favour 37. Therefore the proposal was adopted.

PROPOSAL 14 – To correct Generic Rule 7a related to calculation of league positions.

The Executive Committee propose to amend Generic Rule 7a as below to accurately reflect what happens in 4th XI Divisions.

The Championship, promotion and relegation will be decided at the end of the season as follows:

- a. The points awarded to all teams in the limited over and time based format matches will be aggregated into one composite league table per division. In the instance where there are an odd number of teams in the lowest 4th XI divisions league positions will be decided on an average points basis.*

In favour 37. Therefore the proposal was adopted

PROPOSAL 15 – To clarify the wording of Generic Rule 14c related to registration of 1st XI players

The Executive Committee to simplify the wording as below:-

No new players can be registered to play 1st XI cricket after week 9.

In favour 34. Against 3. Therefore the proposal was adopted

PROPOSAL 16 – To remove the financial penalties related to Generic Rules 2b, 4ii, 5d, 8c

The Executive Committee proposes to remove the monetary element of the above Generic Rules related to team withdrawal, teamsheet submission, umpires report and fixture concession respectively since they no longer serve any purpose.

In favour 37. Therefore the proposal was adopted

7 TO ELECT THE OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE

There was a proposal to elect all the listed officers en bloc

All clubs were in favour and the committee were elected en bloc.

8 ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The auditors Edmund Carr Chartered Accountants were elected unanimously.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The draw for the League Cup was carried out and will appear on the League website. The draw for the T20 competition for Premier and the top 6 Division 1 clubs was carried out and will appear on the League website. All other clubs can enter a county wide T20 There will be a T20 Under 19 competition supported by the ECB

There was brief discussion on the proposals about Restructuring League Cricket in Essex.

Option 1 with a merit structure would satisfy the requirement for promotion and relegation. Basildon would probably not have left the League if a merit structure was in place.

Option 2 Involves a new Premier League structure with SNEL and other leagues as feeder leagues. This would only involve 1st XIs.

There will be discussion meetings in January for all clubs not just SNEL clubs.

These will be on;

15th January at Colchester

17th January at Frenford Clubs Barkingside (Oakfield)

20th January at The County Ground Chelmsford.

Thanks were given to Gidea Park & Romford for the use of their pavilion for the meeting.