

## *Saxon Shore League Minutes*

*Wednesday 22nd July 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at Deal CC*

Present: Alwyn Fernandes (Folkestone), Phil Payne (Hawkinge), Nobby Clark (Crusaders), Stephen Thompson (Deal), Mark Parnell (St Margaret's), Samantha Ellerby (Nonington)

1. Apologies

Liz Davis (Elham), Martin Cobb (Hythe)

2. Minutes of last meeting

all agreed

3. Matters arising

none

4. Chairman's Report

Phil commented on how we seem to be losing so many clubs and what could we do to resolve this problem. The committee made the following comments

4.1. Seem to be losing teams for a variety of reasons

4.2. Football all year round!

4.3. National team not doing well

4.4. Schools not pushing cricket?

4.5. Could the Shepway sports trust possibly help – although Shepway clubs are still struggling with all the financial support from SST

4.6. Maybe change rules to allow a minimum of 7 players as Canterbury league

4.7. Create a new Fair play/Friendly league with trophies

4.8. Create an U9 kwik cricket league? – Check on attendances at current festivals to gauge demand.

4.9. There was a general consensus that most clubs had several players at most age groups but not enough to join a league

4.10. It was decided the SSL should create a Discussion Document for clubs to comment on with particular reference to:-

4.10.1. **Under 9s KWIK** cricket league – Is there a demand for this and if so when could these games be played – evenings??

Simple rules so parents can get involved in scoring!

4.10.2. Creating Super 8 leagues at different age groups

4.10.3. Restructuring the Indoor League to introduce younger players to cricket

4.10.4. Clubs to send their ideas to Alwyn to collate and create a discussion document to review for the AGM

4.10.5. The restructuring of the District leagues mean less players playing District cricket.

We should discuss the possibility of NOT reserving Sundays exclusively for District games and maybe schedule SSL games.

5. Treasurer's Report

5.1. £2053.66 balance

5.2. Trophies will cost around £500

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- 5.3. A reminder to clubs that the Indoor League is block booked in advance to secure the slot – so you have to pay for both teams if you cancel
- 5.4. Clubs to pay an initial deposit which is deducted from their final bill - £50
  
6. Any Other Business
  - 6.1. Reminder to adhere to our rules
    - 6.1.1.They were all agreed at the AGM and we must stick to them – this was again agreed unanimously at meeting tonight
    - 6.1.2.Rules can only be change at AGM - so turn up to them if you're not happy!!
    - 6.1.3.Re-arranged games have to be **played** within 6 days or the points are shared
  
  - 6.2. New Format of District League
    - 6.2.1.Kent Cricket are changing the structure of District cricket with several areas merging into a larger one. Shepway & Ashford for example will be one district.  
More details to follow from Kent Cricket
  
  - 6.3. Why so many conceded games?
    - 6.3.1.Not enough players or volunteers??
    - 6.3.2.Maybe think about moving to Super 8 style games
    - 6.3.3.questionnaire to clubs as to why
  
  - 6.4. Walmer's matches in the U15 league
    - 6.4.1.All matches involving Walmer are made void
  
  - 6.5. Cost of trophies for the awards ceremony  
Around £500 - Nobby to chase up
  
  - 6.6. Reporting suspect bowling action – procedure to follow
    - 6.6.1.mention to coach at the end of the game
    - 6.6.2.umpires to come to a sensible decision
    - 6.6.3.club to report to Phil to record on file and action will be taken if more than 1 club make a report – this benefits the affected player too with possible extra coaching sessions
  
7. Next meeting  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> September at Deal Vics – 7pm