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The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Cornwall Cricket League took place in the Council Chamber of the New County Hall, Truro on **WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2009** at 7.30pm

SCROLL DOWN FOR RESULT OF PROPOSED RULE ALTERATIONS 23 carried and 4 failed

A reduction to the number of permitted 'Overseas players', a potential new format for ECB Cornwall Premier League cricket in 2010 and changes to the playing conditions in County Division One this season were the main points to come out of the Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League's Annual Meeting held at Truro last week.

Clubs voted narrowly, by 58 votes to 50, to restrict the number of 'seasonal' overseas players to just one per team in 2009. Such players will be defined as a player 'that spends less than 12 months in Cornwall or Devon in the current year'. Previously there have been no restrictions on the number of overseas players allowed to play. Assistant League Secretary Keith Goldsmith also reported to clubs the implications of the recent changes to the UK immigration system. Under the government's new Points Based Managed Migration system cricket clubs wishing to have overseas players and coaches will now need to obtain a 'sponsor licence' in order to bring players and coaches from outside the EU into this country to work. This licence is obtained from the UK Borders Agency. Mr Goldsmith stated that the League's current advice to clubs is that they should now be aware that they must tread carefully if they are thinking about bringing in an overseas amateur player as it seems very easy to breach the immigration rules. For example, payments towards travel and accommodation costs could turn the amateur into a "professional illegal worker". The League have been informed by the UK Borders Agency that should the regulations be breached clubs could be fined up to £10,000 for each person.

Premier and County Division One clubs also voted for a potential change of format for the 2010 season. They were in favour by 10 votes to 7 in adopting a 'three piece package' of changes proposed by Truro CC. It will see an increase from 8 to 10 teams in the Premier League playing each other twice, home and away. To fill in the missing blank days a separate 50 over competition will also be reintroduced with two groups of five teams playing each other once. The group winners will play each other in an end of season final. A similar competition, the Wickham Wines Premier League Cup, was played in the first Premier League season of 2001 before being abandoned in favour of more league games. The third part of the package will see a new 20/20 evening competition introduced for Premier and County 1 teams, played in four zones with winners going forward to semi-finals and a final at selected venues on Sundays. The new competition will mean the cessation in 2010 of the existing, long established Vinter and Hawkey Cup competitions in their present format. A separate proposal to introduce this competition for 2009 was defeated by 10 votes to 8. However the adoption of the entire 2010 package will be dependent on the ECB approving a ten team Premier League when the qualifying teams are known at the end of this season. The League will be issuing a statement in due course as to how promotion and relegation, throughout all divisions of the league, will be affected for the 2009 season in the event of a ten team Premier League being approved.

One change that will definitely take place this season is a return to Premier League positions being determined by the team gaining the most points rather than the average points per game system used in recent seasons. Games cancelled or abandoned will revert to seeing teams receiving six points apiece.

County Division 1 clubs voted in favour of changes to their playing conditions. Matches have been increased to 50 overs a side, rather than 48, to fall into line with the Premier League. Also bowlers will be restricted to 20% of the available overs (i.e 10 overs in a full game) instead of the present 25%. However, again clubs voted not to bring in the Premier League rule of a minimum over rate of an average of 17 overs per hour.

There were no proposals on the agenda relating to the playing conditions in the Intermediate or Standard Tiers (Division 2 and below). None of the 19 proposals submitted in the Autumn received the required 40% vote in the first ballot to go forward to the AGM. Despite a second successive wet summer proposals to return to re-arranging games postponed due to the weather received less than 30% of clubs in favour.

The meeting did agree to a number of administrative changes proposed by the League to rule wordings etc and also the formal transfer of all registrations from 1st February 2009 to be conducted online, using each club's play cricket website. Home clubs must also ensure that in future they post their result on their play-cricket website within 48 hours of each game being played. This should ensure that for the first time every league result will be available in the public domain in future.

The Archie Smith Trophy for the outstanding young player was awarded to Dan Davis (Callington). Sam Lovelock of Liskeard won the Clive Osborne Trophy for the outstanding young eastern bowler. St Just won the Bradley Trophy for the leading Premier League batting average and the Littlejohns Trophy for the best bowling average went to Truro. The Division 4 & below (West) 'Sporting Trophy' for the highest batting average went to Jim Mckenna of St Just with 602 runs at 86 from 11 innings with 4 not outs. Sam Pooley of Camborne thirds won the 'Beecher Williams Trophy' for the lowest bowling average, with 21 wickets at 4.67.

League Management Committee member David Adams stood down and with no nominations it leaves two vacancies. Five new vice-presidents were elected. Long serving umpires Bert Bennett, Conway Polkinghorne and Lennie Lobb were recognised for their service. The LMC also nominated League Secretary Michael Evans and Media Officer/Yearbook Editor Michael Weeks for recognition. All officers were re-elected unopposed.

Officers elected 2009: President -WM Buzza, Chairman V Hassell, Honorary Secretary M. Evans, Asst. Secretary K. Goldsmith, Honorary Treasurer J. Spry, Asst. Treasurer P. Moores.

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Election of Officers 2009- (2008 Officials in brackets – Nominations as per League Rule 3.3)

Nominations

(a)	President	(WM Buzza)	-
(b)	Life Members		-
(c)	Vice Presidents		(5)
	<i>B Bennett, Conway Polkinghorne, L Lobb (by CCUA). M Evans, M Weeks (by LMC)</i>		
	All elected		
(d)	Chairman	(V Hassell)	-
(e)	Vice Chairman	(A Kent)	-
(f)	Honorary Secretary	(M Evans)	-
(g)	Honorary Asst. Secretary	(K Goldsmith)	-
(h)	LMC Minutes Secretary	(J Nance)	-
(i)	Honorary Treasurer	(J Spry)	-
(j)	Hon. Asst. Treasurer	(P Moores)	-
(k)	Results Secretary - Premier / County 1	(M Evans)	-
(l)	Results Secretary - West	(M Evans)	-
(m)	Results Secretary - East	(N Banks)	-
(n)	Registration Secretary	(M Evans)	-
(o)	Honorary Auditor	(B Davey)	-
(p)	Vinter Cup Secretary / Treasurer	(M Evans)	-
(q)	Hawkey Cup Secretary	(M Cundy)	-
(r)	Management Committee Members (10)		
	Seeking re-election :-	<i>J Buddle, S Nicholls, A Thomas, P Lidgley, AJ Barbary</i>	
		<i>R Osborne, M Jelbert, Clive Polkinghorne, All re-elected</i>	
		<i>D Adams did not seek re-election. (2 vacancies remain)</i>	
	Nominations (none):		
	<i>Ex-officio LMC members: Umpires Association (CACO) Reps – G Ivey & J Molden</i>		
		<i>Grounds Committee Rep - D Codd</i>	
(s)	Grounds Committee (10)		
	Seeking re-election :-	West (4)	<i>D Codd (Chairman), B Chappell, B Johns, S Snell</i>

East (4) N Banks, J. Shepley, B Riddle, Umpires (2) C Polkinghorne, R Scaife.

All re-elected. C Allen elected.

Alterations and Amendments to Rules -

Proposals 1 to 19 to be voted on by all clubs - 2 or more teams 2 votes, 1 team 1 vote

(1) **Rule 14.2.1.3.** Create new rule: **CARRIED 58-50**

Clubs to be limited to one 'seasonal' overseas player per team. 'Seasonal' overseas player definition is a player that spends less than 12 months in Cornwall or Devon in the current year. All such players are to be registered annually with the assistant secretary and such registration will lapse at the end of the current playing year season.

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(2) **Rule 14** Replace heading 14.2 with **WITHDRAWN (above having been carried)**

14.2 Overseas and non England qualified players.

Add

14.2.2 Exceptions may also be made upon application to the LMC, via Assistant Secretary, in cases of British citizens who are not qualified under ECB rules to play for England (see Section F – Appendix: 32).

14.2.3 The number of players allowed to play per team under rule 14.2.1 and 14.2.2 shall be limited to a total of two in any league fixture.

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Proposals 3 to 19 are all administrative rule change proposals by the LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Additionally to reflect the recent changes to the Umpires Association **CCUA** (Cornwall Cricket Umpires Association) to be deleted from the following Rules and replaced with **CACO** (Cornwall Association of Cricket Officials).

Rule 3.4.1, 3.5.1, 3.7.3, 3.8.1.6, 17.9.2, 19.5.6, 20.1.6, 21.2.1, 21.4.1, 21.4.1.1, 37, 37 level 2 & 3 offences.

ALL PROPOSALS 3 -19 WERE CARRIED

(3) **Rule 17.8.2 Amend second sentence to read:**

Notification of matches cancelled by weather, to the appropriate Results secretary, must be done by results sheet or by email, in the normal manner.

LMC Footnote: Confirmation must be in writing and not by telephone as new system didn't work in 2008.

(4) **Registrations**

The following amendments formally completes the change over to play cricket registrations for 2009.

15.1.1 Delete The CCL Registration Form, to be signed by the Club Secretary (or other club official) must be submitted in duplicate to the CCL Registration Secretary.

Replace with 'All CCL Registrations from 1st February 2009 onwards will be made through the Clubs play cricket site'.

15.1.1.3 Delete 'may utilize' and replace with 'MUST use'

15.1.2 Amend to read 'The information shall contain full name, full address and postcode, Country of Birth (if outside UK – the date of most recent entry into the UK), and date of birth of all players. DELETE – if under 18, school being attended

15.1.3 Add 'upon application to the LMC and entering the details online at their Club's Play cricket website'

15.1.5 Add 'Where on the day registrations are made, the Club must also register those players at their Club's Play cricket website in order to formalize the arrangement within 48 hours of the match at which the player first played for their Club'.

15.1.6 Amend to read: All clubs are to review their existing league registrations annually and confirm to the league registrations secretary the accuracy of their registrations list. Any deletions, amendments to players addresses or other details should be made at their Club's Play cricket website. The annual notification should be received by the league registrations secretary before the commencement of the season's fixtures. Any Club failing to make this annual confirmation return will be fined by the League. The annual confirmation return form may be found on the Cornwall Cricket League website.

15.1.7 Amend to read: Any club that requires assistance with the registration of players online at their Club's Play Cricket site may request this at any time of the year from the League's Play Cricket Registrations Administrator.

15.2.2.1 Add: The CCL Registration Secretary will then move the players registration from one club to another online at Play Cricket

(5) Create new rule 17.8.4:

The home club is to enter the match result and bonus points online at their Club's play cricket website within 48 hours of the match being played. The away Club is then to confirm the result online at their Club's Play cricket website within 96 hours of the match being played in order to verify the result and points input relating to the match. Bonus batting and bowling points are input by Clubs whilst match result points are automatically calculated by the input of the result on the Play cricket website.

(6) Amend Rule 14.3.1.1 to read "No other playing member in the club shall receive financial support or services or goods of any kind from the club or any other party associated with the club e.g. sponsors, businesses etc, for playing for the club. The club may employ a playing member to undertake contractual commercial services for the club such as maintenance of premises and playing facilities. This exception does not apply to the Registered Professional.

(7) Add to 3.7.2 to read "A club not represented at the AGM as in 3.7.1 shall have no vote on any AGM matter"

(8) Add 3.7.2.1 to read "There shall be no postal or proxy vote on any AGM matter; all votes must be cast in person by representation as in 3.7.1"

(9) Add 3.8.1.6 to read "Hon Auditor". Re-number following rules.

(10) Amend 3.4.4 to read "Only those proposals that gain 40% or more of votes cast will be carried forward to the League AGM unless otherwise proposed by the LMC. Votes cast on the proposals will be as Rules 3.9.3 to 3.9.6.1. inclusive "

(11) Add 3.4.4.1 to read "Any club may put forward a proposal(s) related to clubs not in the proposer's Tier. However, only those clubs to whom the proposal refers may vote upon it.

(12) Add to 6.2.3 "on written request from any club. A summary of the minutes will be made quarterly at each full meeting of the Cornwall Cricket Board"

(13) Amend 6.4.1 to read "The LMC shall authorise an Executive Committee which shall consist of Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer and any 3 other members of the LMC in order.....the next meeting of the LMC. The 3 LMC officers may transfer the Executive function to their elected deputies should they be temporarily unavailable. The names of the Executive Committee shall be published in the first available LMC newsletter."

(14) Amend 6.7.3 to read "The Appeal shall be by the way of a re-hearing before the Board or a sub-committee thereof. The Clubs, LMC and/or persons involved shall have thebefore the Disciplinary Hearing."

(15) Amend 17.5.5 to read " In matches cancelled or later abandonedand deducted 10 points that may be awarded at the discretion of the LMC to the visiting team"

(16) Delete Rule 23.1.2 and renumber

(17) Create new rule 11.1.3.1 Clubs who withdraw a team from a division prior or during the season will not be eligible for any promotions or prize monies for any of its lower teams for the current season.

(18) Create new rule 10.8 Clubs outside of Cornwall may be admitted at the discretion of the LMC.

(19) Amend 22.1.1 Delete League Secs and insert Trophy Curator

HIGHER TIER – PREMIER & COUNTY 1 2009 ONLY to vote- 1 vote per team

(20) Amendment to rule 18.1
ECB approval)

CARRIED 10-7 (10 Team Premier League in 2010 subject to

18.1. The Premier League (2010) to comprise of 10 Teams playing each other home and away in 110-over 'time' matches with 'draw' option and played on Saturdays and Bank Holidays.

Delete existing 18.1.1, 18.1.2 and 18.1.3

New 18.1.1. League placements shall be determined by the number of points obtained during the season.

Premier League placements would be determined by this competition.

New 50-over Competition for a 10 Team Premier League.

The League to be divided into two 5-team zones (say east/west) and play each other once in 100 over (50-overs per side) win or lose 'overs' matches. LMC to determine home / away fixtures to address 'balance' in the first and subsequent seasons.

League placements shall be determined by the number of points obtained during the season. An Inter-zone final should be arranged, at the end of the season, to determine County winners.

New 20/20 Competition for Premier and County One (Higher Tier)

A 20/20 competition should be introduced for 22 Premier / County 1 Clubs on an evening league basis in four zones. There could be semi finals / finals within each zone (1-v-3 & 2-v-4 + final) and winners would then go forward to a drawn County semi-finals + final, all at selected venues on Sundays.

The three headings above are suggested as a 'package' for a 10 team Premier League (2010)

LMC footnote (1) – as this proposal affects all clubs in the CCL, it would be unfair to implement this change until season 2010. Proposals to change the league structure have always been in place a year ahead of the season of change so that clubs are aware of the rules of promotion and relegation, prior to the start of a season.

LMC footnote (2) - the four 50/50 games will have to be played over five days, thus each team would have a bye. The '23rd' set of fixtures would have to be played either a week earlier than the rest of the league or on a Sunday, hopefully avoiding Cornwall's four MCCA Group Sundays at the start of the season. There is also an additional single fixture which would have to be played on a Sunday as it cannot be placed in the schedule that has to interlink with 12 team divisions (2nd XIs).

It is difficult to see how this change would improve spectator number as it offers no variation to the 50/50 games of previous seasons.

LMC footnote (3) – the proposed 20/20 competition would require cessation of the present Vinter and Hawkey competitions.

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(21) New 20/20 Competition for Premier and County One (Higher Tier) 2009 DEFEATED 8-10

A 20/20 competition should be introduced for 20 Premier / County 1 Clubs on a league basis in four zones. There could be semi finals / finals within each zone (1-v-3 & 2-v-4 + final) and winners would then go forward to a drawn County semi-finals + final, all at selected venues.

This would bring more interest and excitement into top tier cricket. Games could be played in mid-week, say Tuesday/Wednesday in June/July, with finals on selected weekends.

This seems to be the type of cricket that people like to watch and will bring in much needed revenue to the clubs involved. This may also compensate for rained off Saturday matches.

LMC footnote (1) – the proposed 20/20 competition, would require cessation of the present Vinter and Hawkey competitions.

LMC footnote (2) – if this proposal is passed, the LMC will be required to offer a proposal to replace the rules of the Vinter and Hawkey competitions with the rules of a new 20/20 competition for the Higher Tier. This may also require a major sponsor should the Vinter and Hawkey sponsors decline to jointly sponsor the new competition.

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(22) Create new Rule 17.3.6.1 DEFEATED

Where a Premier League or County One team fails, on a single occasion in a season, to fulfil a fixture for reasons other than weather or ground conditions, the team shall also be relegated at the end of the season.

LMC footnote – The LMC exercised discretion to accept this proposal under rule 3.9.4.1. If proposal 11 fails then this proposal may have to be withdrawn.

TIDEFORD CRICKET CLUB

HIGHER TIER – PREMIER 2009 ONLY to vote- 1 vote per team

- (23) **Rule 18.1.3** Delete and replace with: **CARRIED 7-1**
Delete 18.1.3 and replace with:
League placement shall be determined by the team gaining the most points.
AND
Rules 18.9.3 & 18.19.1 Amend to read:
6 points for cancellation or abandonment.
ST AUSTELL CRICKET CLUB

HIGHER TIER – COUNTY DIVISION 1 2009 ONLY to vote- 1 vote per team

- (24) **Create new rule Over Rates** (as per Rule 18.6) **DEFEATED**
In Division 1 in all innings of more than 40 overs, an average over rate of 17 per hour should be bowled.
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- (25) **Create new rules 19.1 & 19.2 and renumber existing rules:** **CARRIED**

19.1 Hours and Conditions of Play

All matches played up to and including 14 August to start at 2.00pm and thereafter, at 1.30pm.
Each match will consist of 100 overs maximum.

19.2 Duration of Innings

Each side shall bat for no more than 50 overs.

Should the side batting first be dismissed in less than 50 overs the side batting second shall be entitled to bat for 50 overs maximum.

GRAMPOUND ROAD CRICKET CLUB

- (26) **Create new rule:** **CARRIED**
No bowler shall bowl more than 20% of the available overs in any innings
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COUNTY DIVISION 1, INTERMEDIATE & STANDARD TIERS 2009 ONLY to vote- 1 vote per team

- (27) **Rule 20.3.1** Amend to read: **CARRIED**
No fixture in County 1, Intermediate Tier or Standard Tier, shall on account of the weather or ground conditions, be cancelled before 11am on the match day and then only after direct consultation and agreement between both clubs; consultation must be direct between match officials and not based on messages left on any recording machine i.e. fax, text, voice mail.”
LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Any Other Business - none

Presentations of the Bradley, Littlejohns, Sporting, Beecher Williams, Clive Osborne & Archie Smith Trophies
Recipients were St Just CC, Truro CC, Jim McKenna (St Just CC), Sam Pooley (Camborne CC), Sam Lovelock (Liskeard CC) and Dan Davies (Callington CC) respectively.
