

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009.**

**Present:** P Miller  
R Bellerby  
A Miller  
B Phelan

**Apologies:** M J Rees, M C Jones, G Miller

In the absence of the honorary Secretary last months minutes were not available.

**Matters Arising**

In the absence of any minutes there were no matters arising.

**Financial Report**

Information relating to club finances will not be available online. Members with any queries relating to this section should contact the club treasurer directly. Please see the Management Committee section of this website.

**100 Club**

Andrew Miller then explained in detail his proposals to replace the bonus ball competition run by the club with a new, easier to manage system of direct debits. It was suggested that the club should put up prizes of £100 each month, with £250 at Christmas to anyone subscribing to a monthly £5 direct debit. It was noted that this was only £1 a month more than the bonus ball was costing an individual currently. It was suggested that the first prize should be given in June and should be a pair of ashes tickets.

Considerable discussion took place as to the charge for taking part however in the end it was decided that while £5 may dissuade some people, a lower charge would probably not persuade enough new people as to make up the lost revenue from the reduced charge. On that basis £5 a month was agreed.

**Ground & Maintenance**

Robert Bellerby gave his apologies for not attending the last meeting but explained this was due to an excellent meeting with the Pembrokeshire Groundsmans association during which he had learned a lot. The meeting had focused on rolling of cricket wickets and this had been very useful indeed.

It was noted that Alan Hansen had expressed an interest in helping out again with the rolling as he has done in previous years.

The issue of the chain on the square mower was again discussed. Paul Miller again agreed to chase up the supplier.

Brian Phelan mentioned the issues surrounding the outfield, specifically the bare patches present due to the clumps of cut grass being left on the field by the mower. This sparked a long discussion as to the long term plan for the outfield and it was agreed that in the close of the 2009 season the club should undertake a major renovation of the outfield, to include if possible, verti-cutting, aerating and seeding. This should all be done in September and it was suggested that the Athletic Club should be approached to cover some of the cost as this is done in the case of both the rugby and football.

It was also suggested that weed killing should take place on the outfield and that the Athletic Club should be contacted to arrange.

### **Correspondence**

In the absence of the Hon Secretary no correspondence was available for discussion.

### **Athletic Club Development**

Last meeting of the steering group included a meeting with the architect (Fred Fisher) where the plans for the new building were discussed. He confirmed he was working to a budget of around £x million and suggested that a long, single storey building would not be the best design for service provision, energy bills, etc. This could be improved if some rooms were moved upstairs and it appeared that the cricket clubs proposal for upstairs changing facilities was due to be given further thought. It was noted that the land had still not been purchased.

As part of the school development the council have declared that they wish to purchase the Athletic Clubs machinery shed. The current shed is 13m x 6m and the current designs for a new one are 9.5 x 9m. It was noted that these dimensions were set for an additional shed and not for a replacement. As such the designs for the new shed need to be revisited with a view to designing a somewhat larger facility. The committee also expressed its hope that a new facility would have both electricity and water facilities.

### **Club Accreditation/ Club Development Plan**

#### **Chance to Shine**

The club will be running a half-scheme for the chance to shine programme. Dates have been set with 2 schools, dates with the other 4 will be set shortly.

#### **Natwest Cricket Force Day**

This had been arranged for the coming Saturday. A skip was already in place on site at a cost of £94 (rubble only) It was agreed that the scoreboard face and metal door should be kept in case of a future need for them. The plans for the day also included re-erecting the mobile net, removing the old permanent net facility and repairing the boundary seating once again.

### **Junior Coaching Programme**

Indoor nets had been taking place and attendance at these had been good.

### **Club Child Welfare Officer's Report**

In the absence of Martin Jones no report was available.

### **AOB**

The ladies team have now entered the league

Lee Summons Transfer form had been received and signed by the Hon Secretary

Senior indoor nets were ongoing at Thornton Hall (9-10pm)

It was reported that the net construction was due to begin on 27 April.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009.