

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 2010.

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
H Durrant
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
J Milne
B Phelan
M J Rees

Apologies: S Hannon, I Milsom & A L Smith

In the absence of A L Smith the Secretary led the meeting.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2010 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

1 Congratulations were extended to the members of the Club's Indoor League squad under Captain, Gregg Miller on retaining their indoor league crown.

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.

Correspondence

1 Correspondence had been received from the newly reformed Pembrokeshire Sports Development Council advising that that body was up and running again and inviting the Club to affiliate. After discussion it was determined to refrain from doing so for the time being at least on the basis that there did not appear to be any tangible benefit to be gained from affiliating at this juncture.

2 Promotional Literature had been received from Glamorgan Cricket concerning the forthcoming T20 tournament.

Ground & Maintenance

1 Following the recent spell of improved weather pre-season work had commenced in earnest. It was noted that the acquisition of the new outfield mower had significantly lowered the amount of time which it now took to cut the field.

2 The roller had been repaired.

3 There had been a slight leak of diesel onto the square but damage was minimal.

- 4 There was a fault with the square mower which was being attended to.
- 5 Weed killer had been applied earlier that day and spiking of the grounds was due to take place later in the week or early in the following week.
- 6 A meeting of the Pembrokeshire Groundsmens Association was due to be held on 20th April 2010 – R Bellerby would be attending. Len Smith would be visiting the grounds the following Wednesday to carry out an inspection.
- 7 Paul Miller commented that at present the Club did not possess two sets of matching cricket stumps and suggested that the Club should purchase two new matching sets. This provoked considerable discussion during which it became apparent that the Club had five sets of stumps in all albeit that only one set i.e. three stumps were in pristine condition. In the event it was agreed that efforts should be made to acquire a match for the three stumps that were in good condition.
- 8 Ground force day had taken place on Sunday 11th April 2010 as part of which maintenance had been carried out to the net facility and surrounds. The boundary/wall seating had been repaired by parties unknown and the bench which had formerly stood on the Policeman's Bank in the Town had following recent work done to that area been acquired by the Club.

Athletic Club Development

There had been no developments in the apparent impasse between the Local Authority and the Athletic Club in relation to the execution of the licence whereby use of the North field by the proposed new school be granted. Negotiations were still ongoing and certain demands had been placed before the Council. In the absence of any agreement the construction of the new storage shed was also in the balance. As far as the project itself was concerned there seemed little likelihood of any significant progress in the current financial climate although again the County Council were being asked to clarify certain issues relating to the project.

Club Development Plan

As had been reported previously the Club had been successful in attracting funding from:
South Hook LNG, The SITA Trust, Dragon LNG & Neyland Town Council

A new mower had duly been purchased at a cost of £*, the NCC contribution being £*; however as the South Hook LNG money was dependent on the scoreboard project being delivered and given the current state of negotiations with the council this is no longer a certainty (see above) the proposed purchase of covers was on hold.

Machinery Fund - Paul Miller queried whether given the circumstances it was worthwhile for the three constituent sporting bodies to continue to contribute to the machinery fund. It was agreed that this issue should be brought to the attention of the Management Committees of the RFC and AFC.

Insurance - It was agreed that it was imperative that the Club's machinery should be insured – Brian Phelan agreed to approach Owain Picton in this regard.

Chance to Shine Scheme – Paul Miller reported that this was likely to resume in 2011 albeit with reduced funding.

Advertising Boards – whilst conscious of the difficult economic climate Paul Miller nevertheless expressed the view that the Club should actively seek perimeter advertising. He suggested that the Club should set an initial target of five advertising boards. Henry Durrant agreed to assist in this regard. Reference was also made to match and match ball sponsorship.

Acquisition of kit to proceed subject to demand being sufficient to ensure that stock levels are cost effective.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones confirmed that the Club would be running sides in all junior age groups and details of the fixtures were on display on the County Club website. Ian Milsom would be coaching the Under 9 age group whilst Lyn Rees and Chris Hooper would be responsible for the Under 11 age group. Martin (subject to work commitments) and Sean Hannon would bear most of the burden in relation to the Under 13s and Under 15s although to assist it was agreed that the Under 15 age group and some Under 13s would practice on Thursday evenings with the Senior players albeit at an earlier start time. Training sessions for these youngsters would be phased to allow net practice between 6.00pm and 6.30 pm and an outside session between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. It had been agreed that the Ladies Section would continue to hold their practice sessions on Monday evenings and play their fixtures on Tuesday evenings.

Unlike in previous years where a charge of £1.00 per training session had been levied, it was now proposed to charge a one off payment of £10.00 per child.

The Junior Presentation Evening held over from 2009 was to be held on Saturday 17th April 2010. The function would also act as a pre-season gathering.

Paul Miller requested £25 in respect of the entry fees for the series of Under 9 tournaments to be held within the County during 2010. In doing so he reminded those present that each club, such as Neyland, that agreed to host an Under 9 tournament would receive £50 towards the cost of doing so although in return the Club would be required to set out the relevant pitches.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones had obtained a list of registered players and was checking his records to ensure that self-declaration requirements were all in order. He had also run-off registration/transfer forms in anticipation of the forthcoming season.

Robert Bellerby had agreed to provide a copy of his CRB check and where appropriate other Committee members were asked to do likewise.

AOB

1 Robert Bellerby indicated that he would not be in a position to produce fixture cards for the coming season – Andrew Miller indicated that he would look into this matter.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 13th May 2010.