

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010.**

**Present:** J P Edwards

P Hannon

S Hannon

A Miller

P Miller

P Murray

B Phelan

A L Smith

M J Rees

**Apologies:** R Bellerby & M C Jones

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

1 Paul Miller had forwarded an e-mail to the ECB in relation to the outstanding bill for the net project but had yet to receive a response.

2 The Secretary explained that although Paul Miller had initially expressed interest in standing for election to the County Executive & Finance Committee and the Secretary had duly nominated Paul for that post and had formally seconded the nomination in an individual capacity, it transpired that Andrew Miller who had not been able to attend the Committee meeting was also interested in standing. On learning of his brother's interest Paul had graciously withdrawn and Andrew had been proposed and seconded in his stead.

3 Donation of £100 received from the Neyland Golfing Society - a letter of thanks had been drafted

**Financial Report**

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer there was no financial report.

**Correspondence**

1 Correspondence had been received from the Welsh Cricket Association in relation to the draw for the 2010 WCA Welsh Cricket Cup competition. In the first round, on 2nd May 2010 the Club had received a bye whilst in Round two they were due to entertain Ammanford CC on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010. The winners of that fixture would play host to either Llanelli CC or Gorseinon CC. on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

2 Correspondence in the form of an e-mail had been received from the Cricket Board of Wales inviting entries to the MCC Spirit of Cricket National 20/Twenty competition for Under 13 and Under 15 Age Groups – this had been redirected to Martin Jones.

3 Promotional Literature in the form of a catalogue had been received from 3 D Sports.

4 Promotional Literature in the form of a newsletter had been received from Technical Surfaces.Co.Uk

5 Promotional Literature had been received from the Cricket Shop, Narberth.

### **Ground & Maintenance**

It had been agreed that at a recent meeting of the Athletic Club that the whole site would be sprayed in the weeks prior to the commencement of the cricket season. A decision on the full maintenance programme discussed at the January meeting had been delayed pending resolution of the position in relation to the damage sustained by the roof of the main hall as it was considered that should the insurance cover be insufficient, repairs to the roof should take precedent over other expenditure. Paul Miller argued that the Club should nevertheless proceed with the proposed spiking of the outfield irrespective of whether the cost was ultimately met by the Athletic Club. This proposal was endorsed by those present.

### **Athletic Club Development**

The revised plans were to be submitted for planning approval.

The Council now proposed to fell and remove all the remaining trees on the Western side of the grounds adjoining the school field. The work was to be carried out exclusively on the school grounds and would involve no encroachment onto Athletic club grounds.

The Council had indicated that on ecological grounds it was no longer proposed to remove the hedge which separated the main cricket field from the rugby training ground/football ground.

The Athletic Club had sanctioned the sale of the thin strip of land extending from the existing storage shed to the changing rooms. As part of that project the Council would construct a wall.

It had been established that the Hon Secretary was now a Trustee of the Athletic Club.

### **Club Development Plan**

Machinery Shed/Scoreboard Construction – the sale of the old machinery shed had been agreed at the January Athletic Club meeting. It was hoped that contracts would be signed before the end of February with work scheduled to commence in March.

Outfield Mower/Wicket Covers – Neyland Town Council had granted the Club £500 towards the project. The outcome of the application submitted to South Hook LNG was due to be determined in the next week or so whilst the outcome of the SITA Trust application should be known on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Net Insurance – the Athletic club franchisees had been refunded and the policy covered the period December 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Chance to Shine 2010 – Due to poor management on the part of the CBW almost no chance to shine funding would be available in 2010. As a result the Club had been awarded only £500 compared to the £4000 made available in 2009. Due to the loss of

funds the Club would have to severely limit the amount of schools coaching conducted in 2010 and in the main would host a limited number of tournament days. This was an extremely disappointing development particularly given the success of the scheme in 2009 and it was agreed that Paul Miller should write to the Head teachers of the affected schools explaining the position and stressing that the reduction in coaching was entirely due to the deficiencies of the CBW and the consequent loss of funding.

Under 9 Tournaments 2010 – Commencing in 2010 there will be an entry fee of £25 per team for Under 9 tournaments. However each club that agreed to host an Under 9 tournament will receive £50 although in return they will be required to set out the relevant pitches and where realistically possible ensure that there is a facility available to serve both food and drinks on the day.

Sports Match Application –Paul provided those present with details in table form (copy attached) of the application which, subject to Committee approval, it was proposed to submit. If successful the application would allow the Club to purchase all of the kit listed and a full complement of league balls for the season for £641 as opposed to the list price of £1141. Essentially this would mean that the club would secure the kit and a much improved indoor pre season programme at a projected cost of between £50 and £100.

### **Youth Cricket Organiser's Report**

In the absence of Martin Jones no report was available.

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

In the absence of Martin Jones no report was available.

### **County AGM**

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Club to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 24th February 2010 was discussed, the Notices of Motion considered and the Club's representative, Mr Andrew Miller, mandated as to how the Club's votes should be cast.

It was noted that there was likely to be an item raised under Any Other Business at the County AGM in relation to a directive received from the ECB raising the age limit for playing senior cricket from 12 years of age at the relevant date to 13 years of age. It was unclear at this stage whether the County Club would be seeking to adopt the rule or simply treat it as a guideline. Members were concerned that the introduction of such a rule if it were constitutionally lawful to do so would severely hinder the development of a number of promising cricketers who were likely to break into the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in 2010 and it was agreed that if it was proposed at the AGM to adopt the ECB directive the Club should oppose the proposal.

### **AOB**

1 It was agreed that the Club should pay the £5.00 fee to enable all the Club's qualified coaches to join PACC.

2 £15.00 was received from Patrick Hannon in respect of his Harrison-Allen commemorative tie.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 210.