

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2011

Present:

J P Edwards
K Edwards (in his capacity as a Life Member of the Club)
S Hannon
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
J Milne
I Milsom
B Phelan
J Seaton
G Virgo
M J Rees

Apologies:

R Bellerby
A L Smith

Election of Chairman

This being the first meeting since the AGM nominations were accepted for the post of Chairman. Mr. A L Smith was proposed by B Phelan and seconded by S Hannon. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Secretary advised members that due to pressure of work the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th November 2010 were not available.

Matters Arising

As there were no minutes of the previous meeting available there were no matters arising.

Financial Report

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

Correspondence

1 Correspondence had been received from the County Club to the effect that the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Cricket Club was to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Properly proposed and seconded nominations for Officers and places on the Executive/Finance

Committee together with resolutions and amendments were to be submitted to the Hon. Secretary 28 days before the date of the AGM. Vacancies included the position of Vice Chairman. Hon Secretary and places on the Senior Selection Committee. This correspondence had been accompanied by a pro-forma inviting entries to the various Senior Cup and Junior League & Cup competitions. It was agreed that the Club should enter all competitions although in the case of the Ormond Cup competition this would not as in previous years be in conjunction with Johnston CC and as the Club was not in a position to field a team in its own right no entry would be submitted in relation to that competition.

At this point Andrew Miller reported on the outcome of the survey on proposed rule changes which he had canvassed of fellow Club Captains in late 2010 and advised members that in the light of the responses which he had received Andrew would be tabling a number of motions at the forthcoming AGM. It was agreed to discuss the minutiae of these proposals at the February Committee meeting when discussing the agenda for the County AGM as a whole.

This led to further discussions following which it was agreed that the Club would submit a nomination for Andrew Miller to serve as Vice Chairman of the County Club with that nomination to be seconded by the Hon Secretary. In addition the circumstances surrounding the postponement of the Ormond Cup Final between Carew and Narberth and the resulting dispute between the two clubs was discussed.

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Information on the above available by request.

2 The club had entered one side in the forthcoming Indoor League Competition. All fixtures were to be staged at the Meads Leisure Centre, Milford Haven on Sunday afternoons and that full details of the fixtures had been communicated direct to Gregg Miller. As winners of the 2010 competition Neyland would also once again represent Pembrokeshire in the Wales Indoor League Final which in 2011 were to be held at the Meads Leisure Centre on Sunday 30th January 2011.

3 The Secretary confirmed that he had responded to the correspondence which had been received from the Assistant Hon. Secretary to the County Club inviting Club requesting confirmation of the Club's playing arrangements for the 2011 season.

4 The Secretary conformed that the club had entered the WCA Gwalia Cricket Cup Competition 2011.

5 Promotional literature had been received from Notts Sports

Ground & Maintenance

Paul Miller had discussed proposed improvements to the outfield with Jonathon Boot who had recommended that spiking and the application of weed killer would be required in April. In this regard he had quoted the same prices as in 2010 i.e. £ [REDACTED] in relation to the application of weed killer to all the sports grounds and £ [REDACTED] in relation to the vertical spiking of the outfield.

The connection of a water supply to the equipment shed had been left in abeyance as the budget for the project had been exhausted. The possibility of connecting to the water main serving the new school was discussed without any firm determination being made.

Athletic Club Development

Brian Phelan drew members' attention to an article which had appeared in the Milford Mercury which had reported that there were hopes that 2011 would see real progress in moves to redevelop the Athletic Club and in particular to a quote attributed to a Council spokesman which suggested that the Council still envisaged providing assistance to the project. The spokesman had continued, "The Council is still negotiating with the Athletic Club as to what is actually going to go on the site, so obviously until those details are finalised there is no start date. We envisage providing some financial assistance for the development with the Athletic Club responsible for the remainder as they are able to access grant funding from bodies such as the Big Lottery Fund". Mr Phelan enquired as to the source and indeed provenance of the article however those present were in ignorance of it although to a limited extent it did reflect the current position.

Discussion then passed to the future of the car park area. Members were informed that due to a quirk of history responsibility for this area of land rested with the Stand Committee rather than the Athletic Club committee. The Local Authority were anxious to access the land as part of the school construction project however the Stand Committee were reluctant to give the Council "carte blanche" to continue pending consultation with the Athletic Club Committee and as a result it was proposed to call a meeting of both bodies to discuss the position. This topic generated considerable discussion on the short and long term effects of the construction works on the Athletic Club and the access to parking out of school term time. It was agreed that M C Jones, S Hannon, A Miller & J Milne would attend the meeting on behalf of the Cricket Club.

Club Development Report

Andrew Miller reported that arrangements were in hand to host a game against a County XI to mark the opening of the equipment shed/ electronic score board. Paul Miller raised the question of sponsorship and Ian Milsom quoted the example of other clubs in the area and in particular Lawrenny CC. It was agreed to make enquiries of other clubs to establish whether similar fund raising methods might be adopted in Neyland.

3 Infrastructure improvements for 2011 were discussed and it was agreed that the Club should prioritise the acquisition of a square mower followed less urgently by sight screens, a warthog and protection/covers for the bowlers' run-ups.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

As it was the off season there was nothing to report.

Child Welfare Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business

1 Player Recruitment – it was agreed that given the difficulties which the Club had experienced in fielding a 2nd XI in 2010 the recruitment of players for 2011 should be given a high priority.

2 Ken Edwards reported that the Brunel Committee hoped to stage a Family Fun Day at the athletic Club grounds on either Sunday 3rd July 2011 or Sunday 10th July 2011 and was seeking an assurance that this would not clash with any cricket fixtures. As fixture dates for all competitions were not available it was not possible to give a 100% assurance however members felt it unlikely that there would be a clash and in the event that there was a clash would seek a resolution which did not hamper the planned fun day.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after fixing the date of the next meeting for Thursday 10th February 2011.