

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2010.

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
K Edwards (as Life Member)
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
J Milne
P Murray
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: S Hannon & G Miller

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2010 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising other than Brian Phelan pointed out that there was an error in the minutes in that the revised plans for the Athletic Club Development were to be submitted to the Planning Authority rather than had been submitted as indicated. The relevant entry was amended by hand.

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 Notice had been received that the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Cricket Association was to be held at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on Sunday 28th March 2009 at 11.00a.m.
- 2 Promotional Literature had been received from Notts Sports
- 3 A booklet had been received from Sport Pembrokeshire providing details of all funding streams available to Cricket Clubs in Wales.
- 4 Promotional Literature had been received from Punkcricket.com

Ground & Maintenance

- 1 The square had been topped.
- 2 The mower was now in working order
- 3 The cold weather had severely limited grass growth on the outfield.

4 New front tyres had been fitted to the tractor.

5 The issue of whether the repairs to the Athletic Club roof would be met by the Insurers had still to be resolved although quotations had been received and submitted.

Athletic Club Development

There was considerable discussion in relation to this matter and in particular in relation to what appeared to be an attempt by the Local Authority to use the threat to abandon the proposed school project as a means of coercing the Athletic Club and the Trustees to allow the use by the School of the North field lest they become scapegoats for the failure of the school scheme. Attempts by the Steering Group to obtain certain guarantees in relation to the development had prompted these veiled threats. In the interim however negotiations were still ongoing and a draft licence was being drafted in relation thereto. That licence was to contain a requirement for the Council to contribute to the maintenance of the field. It remained uncertain whether the revised plans had been submitted for planning approval or were still with Mark Lewis of the Council.

Club Development Plan

Outfield Mower and Covers – Paul Miller reported that he was delighted to announce that every application submitted for this project had now been approved.

In summary, his recommended course of action was as follows;

Purchase the outfield mower immediately, the maximum NCC contribution will be £*.

Should the scoreboard/machinery shed deal be completed covers should be purchased as well at which point the club contribution would drop to £* including the mower and the new covers which also includes insurance for the covers.

Outfield Mower – Paul had visited PowerCut in Carmarthen, our most local supplier of such machinery, and the mower originally used in the quote for grant funding seems to be the ideal choice. At £* + VAT it is exactly on budget (there is no benefit in reducing this cost as the grant would be reduced proportionally) and would be fully serviced and overhauled before sale. It also is sold with a limited 12 month warrantee on major components.

The mower is a 5 unit ex fairway mower approximately 6 years old. The mower would be approximately £40,000 new. Estimated time to cut the entire outfield: 20-30 minutes.

Cutting Width = 2.5 m
Cutting Heights = 13mm – 70mm
Transport Width = 2.2m

Engine: 32HP Diesel
Model no: 3235B
Age /Hours: c.7 / c.2000

Covers - £* + VAT - 1 person can easily move a section. Sections are 7.31m x 4m:
Total Area Covered = 22m x 4m

Outfield Remedial Works – Paul had confirmed with Jonathon Boot the Club's intention to have all of the fields sprayed for weeds and the cricket outfield spiked. It was likely that these activities would be carried out in April / May. It was also to be hoped that in the near future it would become clear whether or not the Athletic Club will be required to pay for the repairs to the roof. If not, then they have indicated that they would fund the full, 2-year program.

Scoreboard - No movement other than contracts have been prepared and the matter is with the solicitors. A lot will depend on the outcome of negotiations regarding the schools use of the North Field.

Sale of Mobile Net - As per the instructions of the Committee the mobile net had been sold and delivered. After fees and the delivery expenses the club made £150 on the sale.

SportsMatch Application - the application to the Sports Council for Wales for Sports matching was rejected on a technicality.

At the conclusion of his report Paul was formally thanked for his efforts (Proposed R Bellerby: Seconded B Phelan – carried unanimously).

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones reported that he was conscious that no end of season presentation had taken place in 2009. He indicated that he was mindful of organising a pre-season get together which would include not only the adult section but also the senior sides.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones reported that he would be contacting David Loosmore to establish whether he was required to attend any further child welfare courses or refreshers.

County AGM

Andrew Miller provided those present with a report on the outcome of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Club held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on 24th February 2010. Details of the Officers elected to the various available posts and committees were provided and the outcome of proposed amendments to County rules confirmed. Andrew was congratulated on his own election to the County Executive & Finance Committee.

It was noted that the Club's fears that the County Club would seek to introduce the 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 had proved unfounded.

AOB

1 Caps – Paul Miller indicated that the Kukri sponsorship had expired and he would therefore be exploring other options.

2 It was noted with pleasure that the Indoor League side currently boasted a 100% record and hopes were high that they would retain their title. The Club had finished runners-up in the Welsh Regional Finals. They had lost their opening fixture to eventual winners Ynystawe and had then comfortably defeated Radyr. Although by no means disgraced it was felt that had the fixtures been reversed and the side had been given an opportunity to acclimatise to the new playing environment they may have won both games. The Club was likely to receive £50 from the County Club towards travel expenses.

3 The Club would seek to obtain 6 tickets for the one day international to be staged at the Swalec Stadium in 2010, the cost of some of which would be recouped through sponsorship.

4 Following a meeting with Peter Hybard of the CBW it appeared that the Chance to Shine Scheme would resume in 2011 albeit with reduced funding in recognition of the difficult economic climate.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Wednesday 14th April 2010.