

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 13th MAY 2010.

Present: R Bellerby
H Durrant
M C Jones
A Miller
J Milne
I Milsom
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: J P Edwards (due to the delayed start) & P Miller.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2010 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 1 The suggestion made by Paul Miller at the previous meeting in relation to the machinery fund had been raised at the RFC Committee meeting and that body felt that the three constituent sporting bodies should continue to contribute to the machinery fund.
- 2 A new set of stumps (and heavy bails) had been purchased.
- 3 The Junior Presentation Evening had gone ahead as planned and had proved to be an enjoyable evening.

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 An invitation had been received from Haverfordwest Cricket Club to participate in the 2010 Steve James Memorial Six-a-Side Tournament to be staged on Sunday 4th July 2010 – Secretary to write to confirm acceptance.
- 2 Details of the Umpiring appointments for the period May and June had been received and passed to Andrew Miller.
- 3 The Welsh Cricket Association Year Book 2010 had been received and passed to A Miller.
- 4 Promotional Literature had been received from Cricket Coaching Mats Limited
- 5 Promotional Literature had been received from D W Sports Limited
- 6 Promotional Literature had been received from Lords International
- 7 Promotional Literature had been received from Punkcricket.com

8 Correspondence had been received from the St Helens Balconiers regarding the Swansea & West Wales Cricket Festival 2010 and in particular "Cricket Club" Carvery Lunches and Afternoon Teas which were to be held during Glamorgan fixtures staged as part of the festival.

9 Ian Charles and his wife to be Emma had kindly extended a general invitation to Club members to attend their evening reception on Saturday 12th June 2010. Those present offered Ian & Emma their best wishes.

10 The Club had received correspondence from the Pembrokeshire Association of Cricket Coaches enclosing raffle tickets for a draw to be held at Carew Cricket Club on 31st May 2010 – closing date 24th May 2019.

Ground & Maintenance

1 The square mower had now been fixed. In its absence Hook Cricket Club had kindly allowed the Club use of their mower and it was agreed that the Club should write to Hook thanking them for their kind gesture.

2 An incident last week when metal lying in the outfield had caused the blades of the new mower to jam and was a reminder to all of the need for vigilance where operation of the new mower is concerned. Fortunately on this occasion thanks to the quick-thinking of Gregg Miller no permanent damage had occurred and the blades had been reset within 40 minutes.

3 It was agreed that players (including visitors) should be reminded to take greater care when accessing the nets and follow the boundary edge rather than merely walk across the outfield/square.

Athletic Club Development

Martin Jones had discussed the issues which existed between the Local Authority and the Athletic Club in relation to both the execution of the licence for the North field and also the agreement relating to the demolition of the existing storage shed and associated purchase of land with Mark Lewis of Pembrokeshire Council. It appeared that some agreement had been reached in relation to certain areas of dispute:

1 drainage – in the deed for the sale of the land the Council had agreed to indemnify the Club against any damage

2 Boundary Wall/Offence – the Council had agreed to build a wall/fence behind the "bowlers arm" at the car park end

3 Agreement had been reached in relation to certain payments due to the Project Manager

4 the concerns raised by AFC representatives in relation to access to the football field for maintenance purposes during term time had been recognised and access would be permitted

5 Mr Lewis had also given an undertaking to sort out the planning issues – members were reminded that without planning permission the Athletic Club would not be in a position to apply for grants.

Although Paul Miller was no longer involved in the main Development Project, he was to continue to manage the storage shed element. The Council would be submitting a contract in relation to the construction of the new machinery shed on completion of which the existing shed would be demolished. The contract for construction of the new shed had been awarded to John Greggain & Sons.

Reference was made to an e-mail which had been received from Paul Smith of Pembrokeshire County Council regarding the construction of a footpath through club grounds to allow pupils safer access to the proposed new school. Following discussion it was decided that such a footpath would cause significant potential damage to the playing fields and would encourage trespassers. As a result the request was considered unacceptable and the club's views were to be made known to the Athletic Club.

Discussions in relation to the Club Development were taking up an increasingly large proportion of Committee meetings and in future it was agreed that discussions of this nature should be the subject of separate meetings which would allow more time for careful consideration of proposals which were after all vital to the club's future.

Club Development Plan

In the absence of Paul Miller no report was available.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones reported that junior games had commenced. Unfortunately there had been one or two defectors to other clubs however the numbers attending training nights were nevertheless encouraging and indeed such were the numbers of Under 9 players in attendance that Ian Milsom required assistance. Fortunately Alex Kemp and Henry Durrant were available to assist Ian and Sean Hannon where required. Keys to the equipment shed were required by Lyn Rees and Chris Hooper whilst some bats and balls were also required.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones reported that packs had been issued to the two Senior Captains – Under 11 players had been issued with disclaimers.

AOB

1 It was reported that the Club's participation in the Chance to Shine Scheme had been an extremely successful exercise and although the scheme was in temporary abeyance it was hoped to provide some coaching during June. In addition Henry Durrant had accompanied 48 children from Neyland Junior School to a Glamorgan fixture at the Swalec Stadium. That outing had been enjoyed immensely by the children concerned and had been well received by the Headmistress.

2 A L Smith reflected that sadly some of the traditional rivalries had not withstood the passage of time citing the demise of the annual fixture against Pembroke Cricket Club for the Colin Davies Memorial Cup as an example.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 10th June 2010.