

those present offered their congratulations and thanks to Jenny Seaton on organising the event and securing sponsorship for the raffle prizes.

The Hon Treasurer did however express concern at the failure to hold raffles following either of the first two senior fixtures of the season. He commented that whilst the 60 club continued to produce a steady flow of revenue the Club must continue to be pro-active in terms of fund raising and take advantage of all opportunities which were available.

Reference was also made to the demise of the Ladies' XI and in particular the fate of any monies held in their account as it was considered that any such monies should revert to the club and not follow those former team members who now played under the aegis of Johnston CC.

Correspondence

1 An invitation had been received from Haverfordwest Cricket Club to participate in the 2011 Steve James Memorial Six-a-Side Tournament to be staged on Sunday 5th June 2011 – Secretary to write to confirm acceptance.

2 Correspondence had been received from Neyland Town Council extending an invitation for a club representative to attend an afternoon tea to be held at the Council Offices at 3.00pm on Saturday 28th May 2011 to welcome representatives from Sanguinet in Aquitaine (Neyland's proposed twin town).

3 A cheque to the value of [REDACTED] had been received from the Welsh Cricket Association in reimbursement of travel costs to Wiltshire to represent Wales in the National Indoor 6 a side competition.

4 Correspondence had been received in relation to the Community Chest Scheme – documentation passed to Andrew Miller.

Ground & Maintenance

1 it was noted with some concern that the horses which had caused so much damage earlier in the year were now being grazed in the top field.

Athletic Club Development

1 Deb John had met with Kevin Shales on Tuesday and it was proposed to hold a meeting of the revamped steering group to discuss the outcome of that meeting and plot the way ahead.

2 The Steering Group had met previously and had given the green light to the draft licence subject to some form of accommodation being reached between the Local Authority and the AFC in relation to the netting constructed to prevent the escape of footballs

3 It did not appear that the club would be able, as had been hoped, to obtain a water supply to the machinery shed and cricket field via the school.

4 The seating that was to form part of the new boundary wall had been initially priced as a continuous length but as it had been determined to build a wall with pillars it had been suggested by the Council that the Club consider having separate benches between the pillars rather than a continuous one positioned in front of the pillars

although the former would have cost implications for the club – details of the costs involved to be obtained.

Club Development Report

Pitch Mower - In the last week Paul Miller had been progressing a small grant application with the ECB for a pitch mower but sadly had been informed on Monday that the grant had been unsuccessful due to previous support afforded to the club. The application had been progressed on the basis of a new mower c.£4k but good second hand machines are also available and all the machines the club have had so far are second hand and had yet to give us any major problems.

Paul was of the view that it would be possible to pick up a second hand pitch mower for c. £█k (See some examples below) and expressed the view that the club should purchase such a machine.

Paul added that if it was decided to proceed he would progress in earnest the provision of sponsorship deals such as through advertising boards etc and some other requests in an effort to raise an additional c. █ towards the purchase but he believed a mower was needed and that the club was in a position to buy it, albeit second hand.

With this in mind he proposed that the committee set a maximum budget (to be topped up by additional sponsorship arrangements etc) and delegates to a small number of officers (to include the Treasurer and himself) to purchase a suitable machine, providing one can be found within that budget. Paul suggested that a budget of c. £█ be set and then target █ sponsorship to give a █ purchase budget.

In response Robert Bellerby indicated that if the club had been eligible for a grant he would have supported the proposal but that he saw no need to commit funds to such a project at this stage particularly as his working arrangements with the Bowls Club were such that he felt that he would be able to arrange use of their machinery in the event that the club ran into problems. As an alternative he suggested that the Club should take no action this year but revisit the position in 2012. In the event the matter went to a vote with the majority view being that the Agency should not proceed with a purchase this year but revisit the situation next year.

In the general discussion it was suggested that given the amount of equipment which had been acquired in recent seasons the club should consider introducing a rolling maintenance programme over the next 3 years.

Repair and Improvement Works to Outfield - All the works had now been completed. An invoice had been received recently for the final works (the weed spraying) which would be sent on to the Athletic Club as agreed.

Advertising / Sponsorship - Ian Milsom was progressing a board for Haven Fish Café and. Paul Murray's Company had expressed interest (via Paul) in having a board at the ground. Paul indicated that if someone is willing to progress costs of the boards, sizes and potential locations there was money to be made.

Scoreboard Signage – Jenny Seaton indicated that at present there was nothing to report.

Harrison-Allen Semi Final Bid - the permission of the rugby club was to be sought to use the edge of their pitch for parking in the event that the club were awarded the event. The Hon Secretary indicated that relations with certain members of the Rugby Club Committee were strained in that at the meeting of that body held the previous Monday concern had been expressed that cars had been parked and in one case driven over the rugby pitch notwithstanding that the rugby field itself was rock hard. This had led to relevant section of the field being roped off to prevent vehicular access. AS such he felt that any request to use the rugby field as a quasi car park might not meet with whole hearted support however it was agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Rugby Club management committee.

Club Kit – it was anticipated that the outstanding kit would arrive either this week or next week. 1 further item has been sold from stock meaning this year, as in every year since 2008, kit will make a small profit.

Club Mark Accreditation - No progress but a reminder a site inspection will need to be held, probably in June / July. Details to follow.

Covers - Ian Miller has installed attachments to the covers which allow for the easy connection of side sheets, bowlers run up sheets etc to the covers. There was one side sheet and a number of other smaller pieces which it was intended to use as bowlers run up covers. Ian had supplied the materials etc for this at no cost.

Keys for the Scoreboard / Machinery Shed & Nets - All coaches now had access to the nets, shed and cupboard. A number of others had also been given keys for the nets.

Proposal from Alex Kemp - Alex Kemp is proposing to run cricket coaching sessions during the summer as a small business venture and had requested we consider allowing him to use the club facilities. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] . It was agreed to offer Mr Kemp use of the facilities [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

M C Jones reported that all age groups had thus far enjoyed an unbeaten start to the season

Child Welfare Officer's Report

M C Jones reported that he was continuing to update records to reflect the playing staff in 2011.

Any Other Business

1 J Seaton indicated that she proposed to draft letters of thanks to all those businesses who had donated raffle prizes to the Easter Fete. She added that any surplus Easter eggs would be distributed amongst the children of the town.

2 J Milne suggested reviving the Pub 6-a-Side tournament previously held by the Club. He had made preliminary enquiries and it appeared that there was a groundswell of interest. To offset the decline in the number of public houses within the town it was proposed to extend the invitation to other businesses. It was agreed that the club would make the grounds available and in terms of dates any Sunday save for 3rd July was likely to be convenient.

3 J Milne indicated that the fixture leaflets were available. He was thanked for his efforts in producing the same.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 9th June 2011.