

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2009.

Present: R Bellerby
S Hannon
J Milne
A Miller
P Miller
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: J P Edwards, M C Jones & I Milsom.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th October 2009 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

1 Letters had been drafted to the other constituent sporting bodies regarding access to the 2nd X1 field

2 A number of players had still to reimburse the Club in relation to the Harrison Allen Souvenir ties. P Miller indicated that he would chase up the individuals in question. It was agreed that in future such memorabilia should only be ordered with Committee approval.

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 Correspondence had been received from the Assistant Hon. Secretary to the County Club requesting confirmation of the Club's playing arrangements for the 2010 season. The Secretary confirmed that a response had been sent.

2 Correspondence had been received from the Welsh Cricket Association inviting the Club to enter the WCA Gwalia Cricket Cup Competition 2010. It was agreed that the Club should enter the competition.

3 Promotional; Literature had been received from Notts Sport in the form of a newsletter entitled "Full Pitch".

4 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 were to be communicated direct to Greg Miller or were otherwise available on the County Club website. Correspondence had

also been received from the County Club advising that it was the intention of the Welsh Cricket Association to organise a Welsh Indoor League Final to be played at Swansea. At present there are four cricket bodies in Wales that organise indoor cricket, and the intention is for the winners of each indoor league to meet for a play off in Swansea. The winners of this tournament will then go on to regional finals (probably in Somerset) and if successful to Lords to represent Wales. As Pembrokeshire stage their tournament later than other leagues it had been determined that as the 2009 league winners, Neyland would represent Pembrokeshire in the play offs.

5 Correspondence had been received from Neyland Town Council inviting the Club to send a representative to:

i the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Neyland - Brian Phelan was thanked for representing the Club in the wreath laying ceremony.

ii a Christmas Miscellany Concert

6 Correspondence had been received from the County Club regarding the recruitment of umpires

7 Promotional Literature had been received from Glamorgan County Cricket Club regarding 2010 membership packages.

Ground & Maintenance

It was noted that the grass seed appeared to be taking.

2 Spiking and cutting of the square had been delayed by the inclement weather.

3 Pembrokeshire County Council operatives had fixed the boundary seating.

4 An unknown third party had burned a tyre on the artificial wicket rendering the surface unfit for purpose. In the short term it was agreed that the incident should be reported to the Police and enquiries made regarding insurance provisions in the Athletic Club policy.

5 Insurance for the Cricket nets - The nets are still to be insured. It was agreed that this should be resolved as a matter of urgency particularly in the light of what has happened to the artificial wicket.

6 Outfield Maintenance - Jonathon Boot of Lydstep had visited the ground the previous morning to provide some advice on the requirements of the cricket outfield and rugby and football fields. He had suggested that while the Cricket Club possibly would not benefit from the verti-draining to the degree that the rugby and football clubs might the Club should be spiking the outfield regularly. He had also advised strongly against allowing the grass to grow to the length currently to be seen as this damages the root structure, and encourages the growth of un-desirable grass species. He had also stated that all the pitches were in real need of spraying with selective weed killer and that that with regard to the cricket this should ideally be done in March/very early April and then again in May. He will be providing quotes to complete all the necessary work which will go before the Athletic Club.

The final bit of advice he had given was that the tyres on the back wheels of the tractor looked excellent but that something ought to be done about the front wheels as they were likely to cause damage.

Athletic Club Development

Athletic Club Development – There was little good news to report. The SKIF funding application made by the council on behalf of the club had proved unsuccessful leaving the Club much short of the funding required if the original plans were to bear fruit. The steering group was now pursuing other avenues to raise the required funding however the project would not be able to proceed as envisioned and some cuts or reductions in facilities and scale would be inevitable. In addition the existing plans for the new building would need to be amended to reflect the financial realities..

The Club's concerns at the County Council's proposals to encroach slightly onto the main field to accommodate the road which was to be constructed as part of the development of the new school building and the potential effect on the drainage of the main field had been conveyed to the Council.

Club Development Report

Paul Miller gave a brief report on developments since the previous meeting.

N'Powers sponsorship of £200 has now been received. A sponsorship request has also been sent to South Hook LNG and Dragon will be approached in the coming days.

Machinery Shed / Scoreboard - A fee for the purchase of the land and existing machinery shed had been agreed with Pembrokeshire County Council. This fee will be approximately £*,*** and will allow for a shed of 12m x 8m. This cost includes the electronic cricket scoreboard, a water supply, an electric shutter to protect the scoreboard and garage doors at both ends of the building. The electrics will be done by Ian Miller (At no Charge) with the assistance of John Greggain (who will excavate the trench required) and this will save substantially on the cost of electrics. The shed is due to be constructed in the first quarter of 2010 however this is subject to an agreement being reached between the club and PCC regarding the boundary treatments on the southern boundary of the site.

Outfield Mower and Covers – Paul indicated that he was in the process of putting together an application to the SITA trust (a new version of the old landfill tax credits scheme) for £10,000 towards the two projects. Covers are priced at £4700 which then would leave £5300 for the outfield mower. This could be added to by further donations and/or possibly by the ECB's machinery fund although this would require conversation with the ECB as this method does not fit with the usual procedure followed in Wales.

As with the old landfill tax credits scheme the Club would be required to provide 11.5% of the funding awarded back to the landfill tax scheme and if the Club is successful in an award it is hoped that an application to Neyland Town Councils new development grant scheme will provide that £1150.

Club Members List – the franchisees were anxious to receive a completed membership list from the Club; such a list would also prove very useful in terms of the Athletic Club Development.

Club Kit for 2010 - Kit will need to be ordered from Kukri again this year. There are 8 items currently left in stock and Paul was of the view that there will need, to be a small replenishment in senior stock as well as the purchase of caps. £250 sponsorship was available again this year.

In addition to the senior stock however Paul proposed to collect any orders from senior and junior players and sought assistance in this regard. The kit available will be the same as 2008, i.e. shirts, trousers, fleeces, drill tops and now caps. Caps will be priced at less than £10 each and the rest of the kit prices have not changed from the website price.

Chance to Shine - On the 3rd November Paul had attended Bronwydd Cricket Club for a de-brief on the chance to shine scheme in Wales in 2009. The WCA seemed to view our scheme very favourably. We also had some good publicity in the fact that we were the only club not to have received any kit for the scheme. Despite this we produced numerous good results and Paul was of the view that the Club made a reasonably good impression on the new Director of Welsh Cricket – Peter Hybart. The WCA did confirm that the scheme is facing a budget shortfall next year but Paul remained confident that we should be spared from any cuts, although the chance of the club receiving the increase in hours we requested is negligible.

The club should also receive the final instalment of the £650 the club is paid to run the chance to shine scheme each year. Paul remarked that the scheme had not only provided £650 directly into club funds but had also paid out over £2000 to club coaches (encouraging them to become active in coaching at the club) and had delivered real benefits in terms of enthusing the local young people in cricket. It is believed the club could see a surge in junior members in 2010 as a direct result of our work in schools.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

In the absence of M C Jones no report was available.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

In the absence of M C Jones no report was available.

Annual General Meeting

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.45pm. It was proposed and duly seconded that the following Officers should be re-elected en bloc:

President – J P Edwards

Treasurer – R Bellerby

Secretary – M J Rees

Club Development Officer – P Miller

Youth Cricket Organiser – M C Jones

Child Welfare Officer – M C Jones

Auditor – Mrs Y Jones

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1 It was noted that Haverfordwest Cricket Club were offering use of their net facility to other bodies in exchange for a fee. It was agreed that Neyland should consider adopting a similar approach albeit on the basis that use by outside bodies should not be to the detriment of Club members.

At the close of the meeting the monthly 60 Club draw was held – the winner was Mr. Ian Miller.

There was no any other business accordingly the meeting was declared closed after confirming that the date of the next meeting would be fixed at the forthcoming AGM.