



Present

John Barker (Chair), Rob Kinsey, Stan Davies, Jonathan Williams, Neil Tuffin, Andrew Black, Keith Griffiths, Jack Williams, Colin Davies, Brian Corfield, Richard Blayney, Sam Davies, Aaron Ruff-Cock, Patrick Fletcher, Phil Betts, Ieuan Griffiths, Ned Hayes, Thomas Corfield, Gareth Griffiths, David Thomas, Andrew Barker.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Swanson, Lee Davies, Vicki Ruff-Cock, Caroline Black, Rob Yewdall, Andrew Bullock, F. Glyn Davies and Robin Ainsworth.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 12 February were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

2 Chairman's Report

John Barker thanked the members and congratulated the club on an extremely successful season in 2009, both on the pitch and off. He commented on the contrast with his report at the 2009 AGM, particularly the slight trepidation about the first XI re-entering the first division after finishing third in the second division in 2008, and the disappointment of the second XI's relegation from division 4. In fact, the first XI were described as the 'surprise package' of the First Division in 2009 after finishing sixth, and the second eleven led Division 5 almost from the start of the season and finished as champions. The Sunday XI has also been re-invigorated under the captaincy of Ed Davies and it now forms an important bridge between the youth teams and the senior sides. The youth section has continued its strong position amongst clubs in mid-Wales and Shropshire.

Success off the pitch has been equally noteworthy. The fund-raising programme has allowed us to complete the construction of the new nets, and building work on the clubhouse extension is well under way, as are plans for pitch covers.

He concluded his remarks by asking members to thank their families for all their hard work organising events, preparing teas and assisting on match days.

3 Secretary's Report

David Thomas asked members to fill in the senior membership forms circulated at the meeting. He noted that the forms have to be completed every year as they represent the member's commitment to the constitution and code of conduct. He asked members to include e-mail addresses where possible as this is the easiest way to circulate information about club and league events, and is the preferred method of communication for the club.

The Shropshire League Newsletter is still awaited, but the fixture grids for the coming season have been circulated. There is a later than usual start to the season, on 1 May, when the First XI travel away to Frankton and the Second XI host Chelmarsh at Lymore. The season finishes on 25 September. Although the 2010 newsletter has yet to be circulated, there were indications of two changes in last year's newsletter that may be introduced this year. The first is a tightening of the requirement for clubs to enter their results on the league website, and the second a review of the minimum number of overs necessary to conclude a game.

The merger between the Premier League and our own league is no longer being pursued, but the club have been asked to comment on proposed changes to the Shropshire League structure, including allowing clubs with a single team promotion to the first division. The club supported this, but did not support third XIs playing in the first division or the creation of a separate league for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th XIs.

David concluded by reporting that Anne Griffiths was awarded the Clubman of the Year Trophy and Jack Williams the Young Player Award at the Annual Dinner.

4 Treasurer's Report

Andrew Black circulated the annual accounts. These were presented in a different format to previous years to separate issues relating to the annual running of the club from those relating to the development programme on the income / expenditure account. The accompanying balance sheet is needed to identify new assets created through the development programme.

Turning to the income / expenditure accounts, Andrew highlighted the total surplus figure for the year of £4744.52. This represents an increase from last year, partly because of the increase in match fees and subscriptions, and partly because of the hiring out of the pitch on two occasions - for a mid-Wales game and for the Shropshire Twenty/20 knock-out final. He also highlighted the surplus of £1152.82 from the annual running of the club – the

figure obtained by taking away the funds raised from special development-related events. This is particularly satisfactory as it represents income that can be expected in future years. The balance sheet indicates that we have reserves to carry forward of £19,126.34 when the assets of the club are added to the bank balance.

John Barker enquired whether the pavilion was included as an asset. Andrew replied that only the new extension was included as the rest of the pavilion is over thirty years old and would not be recoverable by the club if our lease on the ground ended.

5 Update on Accreditation, Development Plan and Fund Raising

John Barker asked for a brief summary of the fund raising programme, particularly in relation to the target of £72,300 stated when the development programme was first put to the club at the AGM in 2008. Andrew replied that the club still has to find around £5,400 to cover the full programme. The item for which funds still have to be found is the non-turf pitch. Funds may be raised in the coming year, and two grant applications are still in progress, but in eighteen months time the club will be eligible for a further Lords Taverners' Grant.

Neil Tuffin reported that the new nets have been completed and that work on the extension to the clubhouse is progressing well, despite the delay caused by the bad weather in January. Volunteers will be needed in the coming weeks to carry out tasks such as decorating, widening paths and laying concrete. David Thomas agreed to inform members when such work was required.

Andrew Black sought, and obtained, the agreement of members for a small cupola, or clock tower, on the roof of the pavilion.

6 1st XI Captain's Report

Neil Tuffin summarised a successful season where the team had competed well in every game apart from one or two. Despite the wet weather only three games were lost to the weather, but practise evenings had often been disrupted.

Highlights included the double over local rivals Alberbury and two wins and a winning draw over Llanidloes. The win away at Llanidloes had been particularly satisfying as it seemed to represent a 'changing of the guard', with Jack Williams opening the bowling for the first time for the first XI. He noted an improvement in the fielding, partly the result of Lee Davies' return to the club. He thanked those players who were prepared to turn out for the team at short notice, particularly Dave Jones who had done so on a number of occasions. He also thanked Stan Davies, Harry Williams and Jonathan Williams for their help in preparing the ground, and Colin Davies for umpiring.

Colin Davies commented that it had been a pleasure to umpire a team that always played the game with good spirit.

Next season Neil hopes the improvement in availability seen last season continues, and that the new facilities mean more active participation on training evenings. He also expects a more prominent part to be played by emerging young players such as Jack Williams and Caspar Mould.

The First XI's record for the season was as follows:

Won 7, Lost 6, Drew 7. Finished sixth in Division 1 of the fbc Manby Bowdler Shropshire League

The Awards were won by:

Batting: Rob Kinsey

Bowling: Neil Tuffin

Performance of the Season: Rob Yewdall, 6-15 vs Market Drayton

7 2nd XI Captain's Report

Before Jonathan Williams began his report John Barker handed him the Division 5 Champions Trophy.

Jonathan then conveyed his thanks to all those involved in playing and running the Second XI. He was particularly pleased with the mix of youth and experience in the team, singling out John Barker for his batting and Jack Williams and Mike Williams for their bowling. He also thanked Thomas Corfield for scoring and Ian Gourdie for umpiring.

He admitted that next season will be difficult in Division 4, but he expects the team to be stronger than 2008.

The Second XI's record for the season was as follows:

Won 12, Lost 4, Drew 4. Champions of Division 5 of the fbc Manby Bowdler Shropshire League

The Awards were won by:

Batting: John Barker

Bowling: Jonathan Williams

Performance of the Season: Mike Williams, 7-34 vs Bridgnorth

8 Sunday XI Captains Report

In the Captain's absence, Andrew Barker read out Ed's report. He started by saying how much he had enjoyed captaining the Sunday XI, particularly because of its important role in bringing on young players. He thanked all those who had assisted him, including Andrew Barker, Sam Davies, Aaron Ruff-Cock and Rob Bennett.

The quality of cricket was good and it was satisfying to see the progress made by the younger players in terms of cricket technique as well as match awareness. All games were played in a good spirit and were enjoyed by all involved. Notable performances came from Jack Williams, Ned Hayes, Ping Mould, Jacob Sharman, Aaron Ruffcock, Roger Davies, Rob Bennett and Steve Gibbs.

The batting award was won by Sam Davies.

Jonathan Williams asked if there is bowling award, because he remembers one being given in the past. The committee agreed to investigate its whereabouts so it can be awarded next year.

9 Youth Section

Keith Griffiths once again reported on a very successful season for the youth section, the only disappointment being the cancellation of the Under 9's Festival because of bad weather. There were no mid-Wales competitions in 2009, but the other three age groups all played in Shropshire competitions, with the Under 11s and Under 15s both winning the South Shropshire sections. Unfortunately the North Shropshire sections of both age groups failed to complete their games so neither side had the opportunity to challenge for the overall Shropshire trophies. The Under 13 team finished mid-table in the South Shropshire section, but showed considerable improvement in their performances through the season.

Nine players across the age group have been selected for mid-Wales squads. Keith also noted the emergence of youth players into the senior teams and the Sunday XI, and also their contribution to the club as a whole, with three members taking 'Young Leaders' courses and Thomas Corfield taking an umpiring course. The Youth Section has also taken an active part in fund raising activities, and Keith noted the success of the 'bowlathon' held in July.

2009 was the first season that awards were given to Youth players. They were awarded to the following:

Under 11s

Batting (sponsored by Andrew Black) James Corfield

Bowling (sponsored by John Jones) Patrick Fletcher

Under 13s

Batting (sponsored by Stan Davies) Harry Wilkinson

Bowling (sponsored by Neil Tuffin) Alec Jones

Under 15s

Batting (sponsored by Steve Clinton) Jack Williams

Bowling (sponsored by Jonathan Williams) Rupert Sheppard

Outstanding Performance (sponsored by John Barker)

Ethan Lewis for his hat trick and five wickets in two overs against Bishops Castle for the Under 11s.

Most Improved Player (sponsored by Keith Griffiths)
Eogan Jones

Keith concluded his report by thanking all those involved in the Youth Section, particularly the managers of each age group.

10 Election of Officers

Harry Williams was proposed as **President** by Colin Davies and seconded by Richard Blayney. He was duly elected.

John Barker was proposed as **Chairman** by Robert Kinsey and seconded by Colin Davies. He was duly elected.

Stan Davies was proposed as **Vice-Chairman** by Richard Blayney and seconded by Brian Corfield. He was duly elected.

David Thomas was proposed as **Secretary** by Colin Davies and seconded by Stan Davies. He was duly elected.

Andrew Black was proposed as **Treasurer** by Brian Corfield and seconded by Colin Davies. He was duly elected.

John Barker is unwilling to continue as Child Welfare Officer. No one present at the meeting was willing to take the role, but candidates will be approached over the coming weeks. The meeting agreed to allow the Management Committee to appoint the officer.

Stan Davies was proposed as **Fixture Secretary** by Andrew Black seconded by Neil Tuffin. He was duly elected.

Ed Davies was proposed as **Sunday XI Captain** by Andrew Black seconded by Stan Davies. He was duly elected.

Neil Tuffin was proposed as **1st XI Captain** by Colin Davies seconded by Richard Blayney. He was duly elected.

Jonathan Williams was proposed as **2nd XI Captain** by Brian Corfield seconded by Stan Davies. He was duly elected.

Keith Griffiths was proposed as **Youth Manager** by Richard Blayney seconded by Neil Tuffin. He was duly elected.

David Thomas was proposed as **Communications Officer** by Neil Tuffin seconded by Colin Davies. He was duly elected.

John Barker informed the meeting that Mark Cadwallader had resigned from the Committee during the course of the year. **Brian Corfield, Rob Yewdall, Colin Davies and Rob Kinsey** were proposed as **Committee Members** by Richard Blayney and seconded by Stan Davies. They were duly elected.

Mark Cadwallader was proposed as **Accounts Certifier** by Colin Davies seconded by Jonathan Williams. He was duly elected.

11 Subscriptions

Colin Davies, seconded by Stan Davies, proposed no change to subscriptions, and this was agreed by the meeting. They will therefore remain at £30 per year (£15 for students), and £10 for juniors. Vice President's subscriptions will remain at £30.

The meeting agreed to set a date of six weeks after the start of the season by which all subscriptions should be paid. In response to queries about whether members were covered by insurance before they had paid, John Barker replied that the committee has the ultimate say, and referred the meeting to article 3.5 of the constitution, which states:

No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for any club team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

Colin Davies, seconded by Stan Davies, proposed no change to match fees and the meeting agreed. They therefore remain at £5 per game (£3 for students), and £2 for under 15s. £35 will be given for home teas and opposition teams will be charged £40.

12 Any Other Business

Keith Griffiths enquired whether there will be an opening event to celebrate the new nets, covers and clubhouse extension. Neil Tuffin suggested President's Day as a good opportunity for such an event, and the meeting agreed.

The meeting agreed with Stan Davies' suggestion of expanding the number of vice-presidents. The Committee will draw up a list of candidates from local businesses and ex-players. Stan Davies also asked anyone who had suggestions for sponsors to contact him as soon as possible.

Keith Griffiths informed the meeting of changes in the bowling directives for young players.

Stan Davies was concerned that there had been unauthorised use of the new nets. This was of concern because they need to be properly rolled and swept

before use. Andrew Black agreed to erect no-entry signs and to put up barrier tape.

Indoor nets have been booked at the Shrewsbury School Cricket Centre for three Sundays commencing on 28 March. The Coffee Morning is booked for 19 June.

The meeting concluded at 9pm.