



Present

John Barker (Chair), John Jones, Colin Davies, Rob Bennett, Rob Kinsey, Phil Betts, Ian Bapty, Stan Davies, Andrew Black, David Thomas (minutes), Jonathan Williams, James Corfield, Brian Corfield, Thomas Corfield, Vicki Ruff-Cock, Anne Griffiths, Neil Tuffin, Rob Yewdall, Richard Blayney.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Harry Williams, Tim Davies, Mike Williams, Keith Griffiths, Ian Fletcher, Adam Bowen, Tom Wilkinson, Andrew Barker, Gareth Griffiths, Hayley Griffiths, Sam Davies, Ned Hayes and Charlie Clinton.

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 16 February 2012 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

2 Chairman's Report

John Barker congratulated the club on their performances last season. Both senior teams faced difficult challenges in re-organised leagues but remain in the same divisions next year. He was particularly pleased that both captains were under 40 years of age – the first time this has been the case in many years.

The youth section was badly hit by the wet weather, but players continued to attend training sessions where possible and performed well in the games that were played.

Off the field he noted the success of the oral history project and he had enjoyed the launch at the President's Day on 3 July. The season also marked the completion of the development plan put in place in 2008 when the artificial wicket was laid before the start of the season.

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.

The first and second parts of the Manby Bowdler Shropshire Cricket league newsletter have been received, but the playing rules for the coming season have yet to be confirmed. The new season starts on 20 April with the 1st XI at home to Broseley and the 2nd XI away at Knockin. Both divisions have seen significant changes of teams because of promotion and relegation with Lilleshall, Shelton, Much Wenlock, Condover and Pontesbury being the different teams in Division One and Beacon IIs, Condover IIs, Frankton IIs, Madeley IIs and Willey IIs being the new teams in Reserve Division 2.

David then noted events for the coming year, including a fixture against another Montgomery Cricket Team. They are from Southend-on-Sea in Essex and are named after a ship wreck in the Thames Estuary. Colin Davies then described plans for the 2013 Golf Day on 3rd May and Neil Tuffin outlined plans for a possible tour to Yorkshire towards the end of July.

Andrew Black informed members of two forthcoming exhibitions on the history of the club. The first is in the Old Bell Museum in May and the second at the SWALEC Stadium between July and September. He asked members whether they would be interested in a club trip to the stadium to see the display and the majority thought that arranging this to coincide with a Glamorgan game was the best option.

David Thomas concluded by reporting that Neil Tuffin was awarded the Clubman of the Year Trophy and Harry Wilkinson the Young Player Award at the Annual Dinner.

4 Treasurer's Report

Andrew Black circulated the 2012 accounts and thanked Mark Cadwallader for acting as certifying officer. He noted that the figure of £6,553 for regular income was higher than last year, mainly because of a legacy from the estate of the wife of the former Secretary Gil Drake. Regular expenditure was broadly in line with the figure for 2011, although the increase in electricity costs could not be readily explained. Non regular income was below the figure for 2011, but this was because only one major fund raising event, the golf day, was run in 2012.

Andrew highlighted the figure of £6,162.50 as the current funds at the club at our disposal, but suggested that between £1,000 and £1,500 should be kept in reserve. He expects the club to accrue a further £3,000 to £4,000 over the course of the next few years. He noted the success of the golf day that generates over £2,000 per year.

John Barker thanked Andrew for his work and emphasised that members should keep in mind the current funds of the club in discussions about the development plan.

5 Future Development Plan

Andrew Black outlined five potential projects:

Drainage

The wet 2012 season highlighted the need for better drainage and plans to put this in place before the start of the 2013 season were described. The total cost will be **around £2,000**.

Electronic Scoreboard

Electronic scoreboards have been installed at some local grounds, and there is a suggestion we could put one by the tree close to the nets. This would cost **between £3,300 and £4,200** depending on how many numbers are chosen.

Club and Committee Room

An extra room could be constructed at the back of the score box that would act as a committee room. This would cost **around £10,000**.

Nets Refurbishment

The nets will need work in the next couple of years as it is recommended that they are refurbished every five years. This will cost **around £1,300**.

Outfield Mower

The outfield mower is not performing well and a replacement would cost between **£2,000 and £4,000**. This is the only item of the five that could be covered by a grant, but if we received a grant we would have to use an ECB supplier, and this caused us problem when the current mower was purchased.

John Barker then asked for the opinion of members.

The members agreed that drainage improvement was the most important item.

It was suggested that the club could not afford both the electronic scoreboard and the committee room, and the members expressed a preference for the latter as it was a traditional option in keeping with the nature of the club and its surroundings. Repair to the existing scoreboard to an acceptable standard should also be considered, and it was noted that this could be achieved under normal expenditure.

Replacement of the mower was also considered a priority, and Rob Yewdall noted that some money could be recovered by the sale of the current mower.

6 1st team Captain's Report

David Thomas read out the following report from Tim Davies:

Batting was impacted by the poor weather, which affected both the standard of the wickets and the ability of batsmen to 'hit form'. However, looking at other teams in the league (even lower down), they had at least one individual with an average in the 30s/40, and we should try to emulate this in the coming season. We have tried in previous years to increase the number of senior players attending net sessions but with limited success. The 'lower order' batted well in the main and saved us more times that I'd have liked. The performance of the bowlers last season was generally good and our fielding was much improved on previous years although there is still scope for improvement.

Andrew Barker conducted pre-match warm-ups at the beginning of the season but these were not sustained through to the end of season. Is it a coincidence that when we did these, we were winning? Decisions also need to be taken next season on how late someone can be for them to still impact on the match (i.e. if they miss an hour, they can't bowl for an additional hour, which is approaching over 30 in the innings). There is also concern about availability at the start of the season as many of the younger players started University in the Autumn and will not be available for the first few games.

Thanks are due to the usual suspects, but special mentions should go to Neil Tuffin for team organisation, to Stan Davies for carrying out work on the pitch despite the poor weather, and Colin Davies for umpiring in the bad weather and travelling to the majority of away matches.

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

Won 5, Lost 11, Drew 4. Finished tenth in Division 1 of the fbc Manby Bowdler Shropshire League.

The Awards were won by:

Batting: Rob Kinsey

Bowling: Rob Kinsey

Fielder: Rob Bennett

Performance of the Season: Neil Tuffin for his 5-15 against Broseley.

7 2nd XI Captain's Report

David Thomas read out the following report from Mike Williams:

On the whole I feel it was a successful year for the seconds. I was worried that as the last placed team in the old division four we would struggle in the new reserve league, but despite the horrific weather we still managed to play 15 games, winning 6, losing 7 and drawing 2, ending up finishing 7th. As it was such a close league we were just 1 win from 3rd position.

There were some particular highs: bowling Newtown out for 40, Tom Wilkinson taking 8 wickets, Ed Bennet's catch and Stan Davies scoring 45 not out to win the game against Albrighton. Defeating Alberbury twice in the same

season, winning with 10 men in Albrighton and of course Tom Corfield's 45 against Wellington.

I felt we coped admirably without having John Barker, Mark Cadwallader and Jonathan Williams, all three of whom have performed so consistently for the seconds for the last million years. Due to the loss of these three key players, it has been a pleasure to bring through some of the youngsters including Harry Wilkinson, Joe Haycock, Patrick Fletcher, James Corfield and Ieuan Griffiths who all performed well when they were called upon.

It is a bit of a shame that close neighbours Alberbury and Welshpool have been promoted into the league above but I look forward to the coming season. It will be good to play some new teams, and with a little bit of luck we could finish well up in the league table.

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

Won 6, Lost 7, Drew 2. Finished seventh in Division 1 of the fbc Manby Bowdler Shropshire League.

The Awards were won by:

Batting: Ed Davies

Bowling: Neil Tuffin

Fielder: Rob Bennett

Performance of the Season: Tim Davies, 78 against Knockin and Kinnerley.

8 Sunday XI Captains Report

David Thomas reported on behalf of Andrew Barker that Sunday fixtures had been affected badly by the weather, but that the games played had been very enjoyable with young players performing well. Thanks were due to the tea ladies and Stan Davies for preparing the pitches.

The Awards were won by:

Batting: Jake Wilkinson

Bowling: Ned Hayes

9 Youth Section

David Thomas read out the following report from Keith Griffiths:

Once again we entered three teams in the Shropshire youth league - Under 11's, 13's and 15's. Despite the shocking weather success was had in each age group. With only one match lost between the 3 teams. Unfortunately, because of the weather no finals or presentations were held by the league.

Thanks are due to all the team managers of the age groups – Rob Kinsey and Clive Jones for the Under 11s, Gareth Griffiths for assisting me with the Under 13s, and Andrew Black for the Under 15s.

During the season nine of the youth section were selected for their respective Mid Wales Regional sides, with Harry Wilkinson captaining the under 15's and Ieuan Griffiths captain of the under 13's.

Mid Wales is currently running winter training with a similar number of players from the club attending in readiness for the challenges of the 2013 season.

Finally, I would like to thank all the coaches for turning out on Thursday nights to look after the young players, and the Team Managers for their efforts on match days. We are also very lucky in Montgomery to have such collective support from all the parents, both on match days and during coaching sessions. Our aim is to continue with three teams in 2013 and welcome the continued support of all in this respect.

Under 11 Awards

*Batting (sponsored by Andrew Black) Charlie Kinsey
Bowling (sponsored by John Jones) Lennon Brian*

Under 13 Awards

*Batting (sponsored by Stan Davies) Ieuan Griffiths
Bowling (sponsored by Neil Tuffin) Will Rees*

Under 15 Awards

*Batting (sponsored by Steve Clinton) Joe Haycock
Bowling (sponsored by Jonathan Williams) Patrick Fletcher*

Other Awards

*Outstanding Performance (sponsored by John Barker) Harry Wilkinson
Most Improved Player (sponsored by Keith Griffiths) Chanel Willis and Ethan Bowen*

10 Election of Officers

Harry Williams was proposed as **President** by Stan Davies and seconded by Colin Davies. 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 Andrew Black and seconded by Neil Tuffin. He was duly elected.

David Thomas was proposed as **Secretary** by Thomas Corfield and seconded by Ian Bapty. He was duly elected.

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

Victoria Ruff-Cock was proposed as **Child Welfare Officer** by Andrew Black and seconded by Ian Bapty. She was duly elected.

The duties of the **Fixture Secretary** will be covered by the Secretary.

Tim Davies was proposed as **1st XI Captain** by Colin Davies seconded by Rob Bennett. He was duly elected. Rob Bennett will act as vice-captain.

Mike Williams was proposed as **2nd XI Captain** by Brian Corfield seconded by Ian Bapty. He was duly elected. Brian Corfield will act as vice-captain.

Andrew Barker was proposed as **Sunday XI Captain** by Thomas Corfield seconded by Stan Davies. He was duly elected. Adam Bowen will act as vice-captain.

Keith Griffiths was proposed as **Youth Manager** by Andrew Black seconded by John Barker. He was duly elected.

Andrew Barker was proposed as **Communications Officer** by David Thomas seconded by Stan Davies. He was duly elected.

Rob Bennett, Brian Corfield, Colin Davies, Rob Kinsey, Neil Tuffin and Jonathan Williams 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 Andrew Black seconded by Richard Blayney. He was duly elected.

11 Subscriptions

Neil Tuffin, seconded by Brian Corfield, proposed that annual subscriptions for senior members should remain at £30. Colin Davies, seconded by Rob Bennett, proposed increasing them to £35. The members voted to keep them at the current figure of £30 (£15 for students), and £10 for juniors. Vice President's subscriptions will remain at £30. Subscriptions should be paid by the end of the sixth week after the start of the season.

Rob Bennett, seconded by Brian Corfield, 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. Teas will remain at £40.

12 Any Other Business

Stan Davies will continue to gather sponsors for the club, who will pay a minimum of £30 for an advert on the score sheet. John Barker thanked him for this work, and commented that it brought in over £1,000 for the club.

The committee will set a date for a pre-season work party.

The rules for the local knock-out will be reviewed by the Management Committee.

The meeting concluded at 8.40pm.