



## Present

John Barker (Chair), Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, Keith Griffiths, Stan Davies, Mark Cadwallader, Neil Tuffin,

## 1 Apologies

Brian Corfield, Andrew Black, Rob Yewdall and Rob Kinsey.

## 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3 June 2009 were agreed.

## 3 Matters Arising

David Thomas reported that Andrew Black investigated erecting a sign at the end of Lymore Lane and was told it requires planning permission. Stan Davies added that it would probably require permission from the AA as well. Mark Cadwallader suggested all that is required is a simple sign along Lymore Lane to assure visitors that they are on the right track. The committee agreed to consider the alternatives at the next meeting.

## 4 Correspondence

John Barker tabled a letter from the Lords Taverner's offering us the £3,000 grant we applied for. The Committee agreed to accept the offer and David Thomas will pass the letter to Andrew Black to complete an attached response form.

David Thomas reported that the league sponsor's logo has been added to the Play Cricket website in response to a request from the League.

Dave Ralphs has asked for an explanation of Thomas Corfield's involvement in the second team's game against Stourbridge because he is an unregistered player. David Thomas has responded and explained it was an unfortunate oversight by the club because Thomas Corfield was a late replacement for another player who could not play because of illness. He asked whether his

registration with the Shropshire Youth could be taken into consideration and is awaiting a response.

## 5 Financial Update

In Andrew Black's absence the financial update was tabled by Mark Cadwallader. He commented that funds are as expected at this stage of the season, although the grant situation means that the figures are slightly skewed.

There was concern that senior subscriptions are slightly down on last year's figures even though the fees have gone up. Mark commented that there are some subscriptions are still outstanding, and John Barker noted that two had been received from second XI players at the weekend.

John Barker thanked all those involved in the coffee morning on 20 June, especially Caroline Black and Anne Griffiths He noted that cake sales had been particularly good.

## 6 Fund Raising

John Barker thanked Mark Cadwallader for circulating the fund raising newsletter, and noted that involving the whole club in the proposed plans is essential. A questionnaire will be circulated in the next few weeks asking members to sign up for involvement in particular activities.

Mark Cadwallader reported that the Fund Raising Group met just prior to the Management Committee, and added that plans are progressing well. A planning application for the proposed work has been submitted to Powys County Council and the club expects a response in four to six weeks. Tom Till of Powys Estates has written a letter of support.

Neil Tuffin reported the best time to begin building work on the clubhouse is immediately after the end of the season. The club intends carrying out as much of the work as possible itself and a number of working parties will be created to ensure that work is co-ordinated. Work on the nets will also be carried out following the end of the season.

Mark Cadwallader then described some of the specific fund raising schemes.

### *Youth Section Activities*

Keith Griffiths reported that the Youth Committee will be considering activities for junior members at their meeting on 2 July, and suggestions for a casino night in late November have been made in addition to the sponsored bowl out. The sponsored bowl out will need to be carefully planned to co-ordinate the availability of the ground and players.

### *e-Bay Account*

Mark Cadwallader is to co-ordinate creation of an e-bay account with the help of more computer-literate junior members. Keith Griffiths noted that care needs to be taken if junior members are to be in control of funds, and Mark Cadwallader agreed.

#### *Annual Dinner*

The committee agreed that this year's Annual Dinner should be thought of as a fund raising exercise, and measures for cutting costs are being considered. These include catering the event ourselves and using an alternative to a band for entertainment. Keith Griffiths enquired whether the cost of tickets would be reduced if other costs are reduced and members are expected to contribute. The committee agreed that this should be considered at a future committee meeting. John Barker suggested that decisions about entertainment should be made at the next committee meeting to ensure we can book who we want.

#### *Sportsmans Dinner*

The biggest fund-raising event being planned is the Sportsman's Dinner. Neil Tuffin described how such events have been run by Berriew Football Club, and commented that they expected each event to raise between three and four thousand pounds. He stressed the importance of spending money on high quality entertainment to attract a good audience and maximise the amount of money raised. The events usually include a promise auction and a sale of memorabilia. The memorabilia is often bought specially for the auction from sources such as e-bay.

Mark Cadwallader asked the Committee to consider venues for the event. They are often held in specially erected marquees, but other alternatives should be considered, including the Town Hall. The Committee asked the Fund Raising Group to consider the matter.

### 7 Ground Issues

The issues with the outfield mower have yet to be resolved and payment has not yet been made. The Wales Cricket Board are aware of the situation and Stan hopes it will be settled soon.

Jonathan Williams was concerned about the amount of moss encroaching on the square. A cassette to pick up cuttings would help this, but the cost was considered prohibitive. Instead the square and surrounding areas will be well scarified at the end of the season.

John Barker reported that the ground will be used for a mid-Wales Under 14s game against north-east Wales on 22 July. Keith stressed that it is important that senior nets are cancelled on that evening and asked the captains to inform players.

### 8 Captains Issues

Neil Tuffin reported recent difficulties with availability in recent weeks and hoped that things will improve as the summer goes on.

Jonathan Williams will be returning to captain the second XI this week and intends to remain with the team as much as possible for the rest of the season.

The committee agreed that despite occasional difficulties in raising Sunday teams it was a good opportunity to give younger players a chance to play.

#### 9 Child Protection Issues

There were no child protection issues.

#### 10 Youth and Coaching Issues

John Barker thanked all those involved in the accreditation award night for their help on what was a very successful evening for the club. The committee thanked Adam Shantry and Chis Ashling of Glamorgan Cricket Club for their enthusiastic help training junior members. Press coverage had been good and a full article was published in the Shropshire Star.

The Under 15s have continued their successful season and remain unbeaten. The Under 13s have won two games and lost a close game against Ludlow, while the Under 11s have only lost one game so far this season. Keith suggested that the club buy medals for the Under 9s Cricket Festival and the club agreed. A raffle and other fund raising activities were suggested for the day.

Six out of seven youth trophies have attracted sponsors and Neil Tuffin agreed to ask PR if he was keen to sponsor the remaining one.

Keith Griffiths informed the committee of the mess in the clubhouse on Tuesday night. He did not know who caused the mess but asked that all members be aware of the need to clean up after using the clubhouse. Stan Davies echoed Keith's concern and reported that it was a common occurrence. The committee agreed to remove the key from the outside hiding place, and asked David Thomas to create a list of keyholders before the next meeting.

#### 11 Communication Officer Issues

John Barker thanked David Thomas for his work in producing the newsletter. David Thomas reported that photographs from the accreditation award night have been added to the website.

#### 12 Any Other Business

Neil Tuffin reported that Bernie, the Secretary of the Montgomeryshire Cricket Association, will be contacting David Thomas about the dates for the next round of the Montgomeryshire Cup.

### 13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 22 July at Lymore.