

**MONTGOMERY CRICKET CLUB****Minutes of the Committee Meeting****Monday 4 August, 2008****Lymore Cricket Ground, Montgomery****Present**

John Barker (Chair), Andrew Black, Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, John Brown, Keith Griffiths, Stan Davies

**1 Apologies**

Brian Corfield, Mark Cadwallader, Neil Tuffin, Rob Yewdall

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2008 were agreed.

**3 Matters Arising**

The Lads and Dad's XI beat the President's XI by one run on President's Day on 13 July.

Whittington were unable to play the club on Wednesday 30 July.

The gate no longer swings open and a temporary replacement for the electric fence clicker has been installed. A permanent replacement will be purchased.

The Committee congratulated the mid-week XI for reaching the final of the Shropshire 20/20 competition, which will be held at Wroxeter on 25 August.

The Veteran's XI lost to the club on 27 July.

**4 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**5 Financial Update**

Andrew Black tabled the year to date accounts. He noted that an apparent surplus was misleading because £920 was already committed and £1861 had come across from the Youth budget. However, he expected the club to make a surplus of between £500 and £700 for the year once the Knock-out Final and Annual Dinner events are completed. This is in line with surpluses made in previous years.

He also highlighted £620 from youth member subscriptions. The committee agreed that the youth programme has brought significant financial benefits as well as cricketing benefits for the club.

## 6 Development Group Report

The Development Group has not met since the last Management Committee meeting. However, the evidence file has been submitted to the ECB. Their initial response was favourable but they have raised a number of issues of which 4 or 5 are significant. Andrew Black and Keith Griffiths have arranged a meeting with Peter Brett on 5 August to discuss the outstanding matters, but Andrew felt that these were now in hand.

## 7 Ground Issues

The committee agreed to purchase 6 tons of loam for application by a working party on 28 September. Prior to this Jonathan Williams and Stan Davies will ensure that preparatory work, such as scarifying and tining, is complete.

Andrew Black agreed to discuss the lopping of an overhanging branch with Tom Till. He also agreed to discuss positioning a new gate in the fence to the wood. The current gate has decayed and is not in a convenient position.

## 8 Captains Issues

The committee were concerned that the fixture against Wrekin may not be played as they have not fulfilled a fixture for three weeks. Andrew Black agreed to ask Neil Tuffin to contact the club early in the week preceding our fixture with them on 16 July to confirm whether the game would go ahead. This will allow time for the cancellation of tea arrangements if necessary.

Jonathan Williams noted that the second team were struggling in Division 4 and suggested that though this was unfortunate the step between the fifth and fourth divisions had been greater than anticipated.

## 9 Child Protection Issues

The process of checking those members of the club who have to undergo Criminal Records Bureau checks is progressing. The Youth Committee do not need to undergo the checks.

## 10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported the success of the Under 9's Cricket festival on 3 August. Three teams from Montgomery and one from Alberbury took part and all involved hope that the festival will be repeated next year. The committee expressed its thanks to all those involved in organising the event, in particular Andrew Black, Keith Griffiths, Vicki Ruff-Cock, Anne Griffiths and Caroline Black.

Keith then reported that the mid-Wales Under 14 team that played in Cardiff had a number of representatives from Montgomery. Jonathan Williams reported that the Montgomery Under 15 team has recently beaten Newtown and Welshpool (twice).

The Youth Committee has met since the last Management Committee meeting. Keith Griffiths reported that an informal risk assessment undertaken by Steve Clinton had highlighted disabled access, signage and the condition of the nets as significant issues.

Members of the Management Committee were urged to read the club's Safe Hands policy. Keith Griffiths and Andrew Black agreed to raise issues about changing facilities with Peter Brett.

## 11 Communication Officer Issues

John Brown reported that the second new notice board will be erected in the next week or so. The committee thanked John and asked him to invite the builder of the notice boards to this year's Annual Dinner at no cost.

## 12 Knock-out Finals

The last preliminary game before the finals day will be played on August 5, weather permitting.

John Barker has been in contact with Eric Whittingham about the alcohol licence and this is in hand. The committee will ask Rob Yewdall, Stan Davies and Tim Swanson to make arrangements for the barbeque and food.

Keith Griffiths and Stan Davies will liaise about obtaining trophies for the winners.

John Brown agreed to put up a poster advertising the event, and committee members agreed to ask members of the club to assist on the day.

## 13 Annual Dinner

The event will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November. 'No Bones Jones' will be asked to provide the catering.

John Brown will liaise with Neil Tuffin about music arrangements.

#### 14 Any Other Business

John Barker agreed to organise a present for Neil and Lorna's wedding.

David Thomas agreed to enter the club in the 'Willow Walks' competition organised by the Telegraph newspaper and Buxton Water. A prize is offered for the club which submits the best walk that starts or ends at a picturesque cricket ground.

#### 15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 1 September at 8pm at Lymore.