

MONTGOMERY CRICKET CLUB**Minutes of the Committee Meeting****Monday 5 January, 2009****The Institute, Montgomery****Present**

John Barker (Chair), Andrew Black, Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, John Brown, Keith Griffiths, Rob Yewdall, Neil Tuffin, Mark Cadwallader.

1 Apologies

Brian Corfield, Stan Davies

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2008 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

John Barker reported that the league have finalised promotion and relegation issues and tabled the fixture grids for the 2009 season. The first team have been promoted to the first division and the second team have been relegated to the fifth.

David Thomas reported that he has received training from Adam Cusack and is actively updating the website.

The Committee expressed thanks to all those involved in organising the club dinner and agreed that it had been a very successful event. Mark Cadwallader noted that the organisation had, as in previous years, been left to a small number of individuals and the Committee agreed that a fairer sharing out of tasks was needed next year. Neil Tuffin still has the fielder of the season award and will get it engraved and pass it on to Rob Bennett.

The Committee expressed sadness at the death of John Rees, the former League Chairman.

4 Correspondence

David Thomas reported on correspondence from the Shropshire League – the club has entered the Sunday Village knock-out competition and will host the final of the 20/20 cup. The club have not entered the Welsh knock-out cup.

Keith Griffiths enquired whether the club were obliged to enter the Welsh Cup as a condition of accreditation. Andrew Black agreed to investigate.

5 Financial Update

Andrew Black tabled the draft Annual Accounts Summary and highlighted an operating surplus of £666.17 once already committed funds are taken into account. The Committee noted that the operating surplus was lower than in previous years, but were satisfied that the year had seen unusual expenses due to the accreditation process, including the cost of website design. The league fees also increased from last season because junior team fees are now included. The club bore the cost of hiring the venue for pre-season nets as no money had been collected from players at the time. The expected profit from the Annual Dinner is around £340.

The Committee agreed that for future accounts a net profit or loss figure for complex events such as the annual dinner or knock-out final will be included in the summary accounts alongside a note detailing individual items of income and expenditure.

6 Development Group Report

The Development Group reported significant progress towards grant applications now that accreditation has been achieved.

i Update on Grants

In the next few weeks the club will purchase a wicket mower with a small machinery grant of £1000.

Peter Brett will inform us when the single item grant is available to cover 75% of the cost of a new or approved re-conditioned gang mower.

Peter Brett has also informed us of a Cricket Board of Wales Facilities Grant which will cover up to 65% of the cost of facilities development. The Development Group will investigate the scope of this grant and how we can use it.

Mark Cadwallader reported on discussions about the extension of the clubhouse and tabled sketch plans of the proposed development prepared by himself and Neil Tuffin. The committee agreed in principle to the design, but asked them to consider extending the new garage area by a further two metres. Neil Tuffin agreed to pass the plans to a Quantity Surveyor for detailed costs prior to the Annual General Meeting in early February.

Andrew Black agreed to follow up contacts he has made to obtain costs for an artificial wicket and a two-bay net. These will also be prepared for the AGM.

Fifty percent of the cost of re-designing the pavilion, laying the artificial wicket and constructing the two-bay nets can be met through grant payments, with the remaining match funding coming from the club.

ii Fund Raising

Mark Cadwallader tabled proposals for a programme of fund-raising and noted that with current projections the club will need to find an extra £10,000 over the next two years. He stressed that the whole membership of the club needs to buy into the fund-raising to prevent the same people being asked to donate money over and over again. The Committee welcomed the proposed involvement of the youth section and parents.

The Committee will seek the support of club members for the principles of the fund-raising programme at the forthcoming AGM.

7 Ground Issues

There has been no progress towards the lopping of overhanging branches as Andrew Bronwin has failed to get back in touch with the club.

8 Captains Issues

John Barker congratulated Neil Tuffin for the 1st XI's promotion to the first division.

9 Child Protection Issues

John Barker, Anne Griffiths and Vicki Ruff-Cock attended a Child Protection Course on 13 October.

10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported that members of the club will be attending regional sessions starting in mid-January. There are Under 11, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 15 squads, with news about an Under 13 squad awaited.

There will be a Level 1 coaching course in March for which funding is available. Neil Tuffin, Ed Davies and Mike Williams have agreed to attend and Keith Griffiths asked for any other interested members to contact him. No club members will be attending Level 2 courses in February.

Keith drew attention to the 'Chance to Shine' scheme being run in the area this year. Participation in the scheme was mentioned in our development plan, and we are intending to work in Abermule and Montgomery schools with

Cricket Board of Wales funding. Dafydd Llwyd School is already involved in the scheme. Newtown Cricket Club also intend to take part in the scheme.

Keith Griffiths is now Child Welfare Officer for the region and is also running the Under 15s regional squad as well as coaching other age groups. He is also undertaking a Level 3 coaching course and has six months to complete it. As a consequence he does not intend to be as heavily involved with the club's youth programme as he has been over the past few years.

The youth coaches will be meeting in the next few weeks to plan the forthcoming season, and the Youth Committee will also be meeting. Keith wants to organise an early season friendly fixture on 26 April or 3 May.

Jonathan Williams enquired whether the club intends to have a fuller season of Sunday fixtures. This will allow a larger number of players to get a game, particularly younger players who are now too old for the youth squads. The Committee agreed that this was desirable and agreed to seek an appropriate manager and captain.

11 Communication Officer Issues

John Brown reported that the club newsletter will be available soon.

12 Heritage Lottery Fund Application

The Committee agreed to support John Jones' bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for a series of bound volumes of newspaper cuttings relating to cricket in Montgomery and the surrounding area.

13 Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on 12 February in the Dragon Hotel. David Thomas will organise the venue and refreshments. He will also produce an agenda and notify members at least 21 days before the date.

The meeting will include a presentation on the development programme and fund raising strategy.

14 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on 23 February in the Institute.