

**MONTGOMERY CRICKET CLUB****Minutes of the Committee Meeting****Monday 6 October, 2008****The Institute, Montgomery****Present**

John Barker (Chair), Andrew Black, Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, John Brown, Keith Griffiths, Stan Davies, Brian Corfield, Neil Tuffin, Mark Cadwallader.

**1 Apologies**

Rob Yewdall

**2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2008 were agreed.

**3 Matters Arising**

John Barker reported that the league have clarified the situation relating to Wrekin's cancelled fixtures. They have been deducted five points for every cancelled game and 20 points have been awarded to the opposition for every game in the second half of the season. As a consequence Wrekin have finished bottom of the division. John added that promotion and relegation decisions across the league have yet to be finalized.

John Barker reported that the ball survey conducted by the league had been inconclusive. However, the league has decided that next season better quality balls will be used in the first and second divisions with other divisions using the same ball as this season.

Andrew Black reported that a quotation for lopping the overhanging branches is still awaited. Brian Corfield agreed to contact Mr Boundy for information about a contractor who had recently felled one of his trees.

Andrew Black has contacted Adam Cusack about training for updating the club website. David Thomas and John Barker have yet to follow this up.

David Thomas reported that the club had not been successful in the Daily Telegraph's 'Willow Walks' competition.

#### 4 Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

#### 5 Financial Update

Andrew Black tabled the year to date accounts and estimated that there should be an operating surplus of between £750 and £1000 by the end of the year. The club is eligible for a £1000 grant from the ECB now that accreditation has been achieved.

The Committee noted that the figure for match-day subs is down on last year. Andrew Black explained that this was due to the number of junior players included in the senior teams and the cancellation of several games due to bad weather.

#### 6 Development Group Report

John Barker announced that accreditation has been achieved and thanked all those involved. He noted that we are the first club in mid-Wales to achieve the standard, and that Peter Brett was keen on marking the event with a formal presentation of a certificate and plaque.

The committee agreed to the following proposals from the Development Group for a programme of grant application and expenditure:

- Purchase of a new or re-conditioned gang-mower using the single item grant to cover 75% of the costs.
- Purchase of a wicket mower using the small machinery grant to provide £1000 of the cost.
- Capital purchases to include an artificial wicket, two bay nets and an extension to the club-house. Total costs were estimated at around £20,000 and grants would be sought to cover 50% of the expenditure. The other 50% would be raised from existing club funds and fund-raising.

Mark Cadwallader agreed to co-ordinate fund raising events over the next two years and he estimated that around £7,000 - £7,500 would be needed to provide the necessary match funding. Other club members would be contacted to help with estimating costs for machinery and building work.

#### 7 Ground Issues

Stan Davies reported that end of season maintenance work was now complete and he thanked all those involved, particularly Mike Beloe who had provided much of the machinery and given up a day of his time to help. Stan agreed to check on the condition of the ground following recent heavy rain.

## 8 Captains Issues

John Barker thanked both senior captains for their hard work during the season. Neil Tuffin was pleased with the third place achieved by the first team in the second division. Jonathan Williams felt that the second XI's position in the division was probably a fair reflection of the way the team performed, but noted that the final day win against the division's top side illustrated the potential of the side.

## 9 Child Protection Issues

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

## 10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths noted that awards won by the youth teams will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

Keith then reported on a re-structuring of the mid-Wales youth cricketing structure. Under 12, 13, and 14 representative teams will be retained, but at under 11 level a series of districts will be established, including Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire.

Keith will be attending a level 3 coaching course in the next few weeks.

## 11 Communication Officer Issues

John Brown reported that the Town Crier newsletter had included a piece about the cricket club. No invoice had been received to date.

The last club newsletter of the year will be issued towards the end of November.

## 12 Annual Dinner

Andrew Black reported that the cost per head for the meal has been reduced to £13.50. There was an opportunity for booking a cheaper band, but the Committee agreed to stay with the band already booked. A 'purple' theme for the evening was agreed. The tickets will state a start time of 7.30 and a 'late' finishing time. Awards will be presented, but no formal speeches will be made.

The ticket price will be £20. Specific invitations will be sent to Tom Till, Wynford, Eric Whittingham, and Mike Culley. Members of the club will be approached to make up tables of 10 and Keith Griffiths urged members to contact parents of youth players.

Neil Tuffin agreed to make arrangements for the bar and Andrew Black agreed to organize a raffle and ask members for prizes. Members were also urged to think of other fund raising ideas for the evening.

### 13 Awards

The Committee agreed that eight innings will be the minimum eligibility requirement for the batting awards. Twenty overs and ten wickets will be the requirement for bowling awards.

Committee members submitted their votes for the Clubman of the Year award.

Keith Griffiths enquired whether there should be a youth cricketer award, and the Committee agreed in principle.

John Barker reported he had collected most of the awards so they can be engraved prior to the dinner. David Thomas agreed to contact Rob Kinsey, and Ed and Rob Bennett for the awards presented to them last year.

### 14 Any Other Business

John Barker noted that the club will receive prize money at the League Annual Dinner on 17 November. The Committee agreed that someone should attend because if no-one attends the money will be forfeited.

### 15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was provisionally set for 5 January. David Thomas will contact Committee members closer to the date to confirm.