

MONTGOMERY CRICKET CLUB**Minutes of the Committee Meeting****Monday 1 September, 2008****Lymore Cricket Ground, Montgomery****Present**

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

1 Apologies

Mark Cadwallader, Rob Yewdall

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 4 August 2008 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

Jonathan Williams noted that although the gate now closed properly sheep were still getting on to the ground. The permanent replacement for the electric fence clicker has been installed.

John Barker noted that Wrekin did not fulfil their fixture against us and had missed other games, although they had played on 30 August. The points situation was unclear but John thought that the matter would be resolved at a league meeting in two weeks time.

John Barker noted the success of the knock-out final and thanked all those involved.

David Thomas reported that the club had entered the Daily Telegraph's 'Willow Walks' competition but we had not heard whether we were successful. He agreed to display a copy of the entry on the notice board.

4 Correspondence

David Thomas tabled a questionnaire from the league about the quality of cricket balls used this season. The committee agreed to respond and would recommend purchasing balls costing between £9 and £11 each.

5 Financial Update

Andrew Black tabled the year to date accounts and noted that the financial situation was very good. The knock-out finals had been a success and a number of outstanding subscriptions and Vice Presidents contributions had been collected. The club expects to receive a £1000 grant from the ECB now that accreditation is likely to be achieved.

Andrew expected there to be a surplus of £1,500 to £1,700 by the end of the year once outstanding and expected expenditure is settled.

Keith Griffiths enquired whether Youth section subscriptions were included in the figures, and Andrew told him that they were included in the overall subscription figure.

6 Development Group Report

Andrew Black and John Barker reported on a successful visit by Peter Brett to the club, as a result of which Peter Brett will be recommending the club for accreditation.

John Barker noted that there were a couple of minor issues to be resolved, including an update of forward planning on the on-line Cricket Board Management System (CBMS). The information needs to be entered before the end of September and Andrew Black agreed to discuss the requirements with relevant officers of the club. It was noted that the CBMS plan only covers the next two years, and that our own five year plan needs to be updated with our actual achievements measured against our original aspirations at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

Keith Griffiths enquired whether the parents of youth members had signed consent forms relating to changing facilities when they were selected for senior teams. Andrew Black replied that they had, and passed him the relevant forms.

Keith Griffiths asked whether some of the business of the Development Committee could be passed to the Youth Committee now that the accreditation process was nearing completion. This was agreed.

7 Ground Issues

Andrew Black reported that Tom Till was happy with plans to lop overhanging branches and that he had spoken to Andrew Bronwen who has been felling trees elsewhere in Lymore Park. Further discussion is required but the Committee agreed that if the work is to cost less than £500 then Andrew Bronwen should be asked to go ahead. If he quotes more than £500 then a second quote will be sought.

Stan Davies confirmed that Mike Beadle will provide scarifying and loam spreading tools in the week leading up to the working party on 28 September. Andrew Black agreed to organise the hire of a hollow tiner and Neil Tuffin agreed to pick it up and deliver it to the ground in the same week. Jonathan Williams agreed to speak to Mr Morgan at Castle Farm about an aerator for the outfield and to liaise with Rob Yewdall about a quad bike to pull it.

8 Captains Issues

The Committee offered congratulations to Neil Tuffin for the club's appearance in the Shropshire League 20/20 final. Although the club lost, Neil reported on a very successful day.

Neil Tuffin agreed to liaise with David Jones about arrangements for a Sunday fixture against Willey on 6 September.

Jonathan Williams noted the 2nd XI's consistency in the fourth division. John Barker agreed that the season had been a very valuable learning experience.

9 Child Protection Issues

John Barker raised the issue of under-age drinking by club members at end of season events and the Committee agreed that no committee member should buy an under eighteen a drink at any time. The club will contact the parents of all youth members likely to attend the events to remind them of our policy, and Committee members will quietly monitor the situation on the nights in question.

10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported that Ann Griffiths and Vicki Ruff-Cock wanted to go on a child protection course and the Committee agreed.

Keith then reported on another successful youth season with the Under 15s finishing third in the Shropshire group and likely to win the mid-Wales group. The Under 13s were successful in the Shropshire group and should be competing in a play-off final as they finished in second place. Keith was chasing the organisers to clarify the situation as they had not received an invitation to do so. The Under 11s had also been successful even though some very young players had been involved. An end of season celebration is planned for the last coaching night on 4 September.

Keith reported on a possible re-organisation of youth cricket at a regional level with more emphasis being put on development at club rather than regional level.

Keith asked for nominations for level 1 and level 2 coaching courses. There were also 'Young Leaders' courses for players over 15 who still wanted to be involved in youth coaching.

Andrew Black agreed to contact the administrator of the Community Chest to check whether she would be happy if there was a re-allocation of funds to different coaching courses than those originally specified.

11 Communication Officer Issues

John Brown reported that the Town Crier newsletter was willing to include a piece about the cricket club.

Neil Tuffin agreed to co-ordinate a table at Whittington's 150 anniversary celebration. David Lloyd is expected to be the guest speaker.

David Thomas and John Barker agreed to attend a training session for updating the club website. Andrew Black will set a date with Adam Cusack.

12 Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held on November 8th and Neil Tuffin agreed to lead arrangements for the bar. The cost per head for catering is expected to be between £12 and £14. 'Up all Night' have been booked as the band and will charge around £500.

The Committee agreed to look at ticket arrangements at the next meeting but expected them to remain at £20.

John Barker agreed to co-ordinate the collection of trophies and to ensure that they were engraved with the winner's name before the dinner. He would also make sure that previous winner's names were engraved where this has not been done.

The committee agreed that the usual over-13 policy should be continued.

13 Any Other Business

Keith Griffiths reported on a trial purchase of tea aprons with the club logo and the Committee agreed to meet the £15 set up cost. The purchase of further aprons will be discussed by tea ladies on their annual night out.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 October at 8pm in the Institute.