

MONTGOMERY CRICKET CLUB**Minutes of the Committee Meeting****Monday 23 February, 2009****The Institute, Montgomery****Present**

John Barker (Chair), Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, Keith Griffiths, Stan Davies, Brian Corfield, Mark Cadwallader, Robert Kinsey.

1 Apologies

Rob Yewdall, Andrew Black, Neil Tuffin.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 5 January 2009 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

Stan Davies reported he has met Adam Pepson, the tree surgeon that Sam Davies put in touch with the club, and that the overhanging branches will be lopped in the next two weeks. The Committee agreed to meet the £200 cost and Brian Corfield and Jonathan Williams will take the logs and give a contribution to the club.

John Barker reported that Ed Davies has agreed to run the Sunday XI for the coming season.

4 Correspondence

David Thomas reported on the recently received Shropshire League Newsletter and noted that a new ball – the ‘Readers County Match’ will be used in Division 1. He also noted that the league will pay up to £40 towards helmets for junior players (£20 for each senior team).

The draw for the Shropshire Star Village Cricket Cup has been made and Montgomery will play away at Knockin in the first round on 10 May.

The club has been nominated in the ‘Club of the Season’ category in the forthcoming Montgomery Sports Council – County Times Sports Awards. The club has received four tickets for the Awards Evening on 6 March at Theatre

Clera, Welshpool. David Thomas agreed to hold on to the tickets until it was decided who should go.

5 Financial Update

In Andrew Black's absence, David Thomas tabled the Treasurer's Report. This reported on progress towards grant applications which had to be made in the next few weeks.

Mark Cadwallader noted that the scope of the major ECB grant prevented it being used for re-furbishing the clubhouse. This means that the development plan will have to be revised, though it is possible that the funds can be met from other sources.

Plans for two-bay nets were also tabled and the Committee noted the use of the mobile net instead of a permanent net in the second bay. The Committee agreed to query this with Andrew, the preference being for a permanent net.

Jonathan Williams tabled a brochure and costs for the wicket mower. Mark Cadwallader expressed concern that the costs were higher than first estimated and Rob Kinsey suggested going back to Rob Yewdall to see if a better cost could be obtained. Stan Davies is keen for a demonstration. These issues will be raised with Andrew Black.

John Jones was successful in his grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and will receive £2000 towards producing a volume of newspaper cuttings about the club and other sporting matters in the county.

6 Development Group Report

The Development Group has not met since the last Committee meeting, but intends to do so in the near future to finalise grant applications.

7 Ground Issues

Jonathan Williams reported that John Jones has asked for a small gate into the wood. The Committee agreed to form a working party to carry out the work.

8 Captains Issues

The Captains meeting will be held at the Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury on 15 April.

9 Child Protection Issues

There were no issues raised by the Committee.

10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported that Peter Brett is keen on a formal presentation of the Accreditation Plaque to the club. A date will be sought early in the season.

He reported that NatWest Bank have offered to do some work on the ground as part of a community initiative. The club are also eligible for a small grant.

The now defunct Laura Ashley Cricket Club wish to donate their kit to the club, which includes bats, pads and wicket keeping equipment. The committee welcomed the offer.

The committee are in favour purchasing training kit for £110 and Mark Cadwalder suggested this could be an item for a one off sponsor.

Keith noted that a coaches meeting will be held in the near future.

11 Communication Officer Issues

David Thomas will write a press release including information about accreditation, the youth section, the forthcoming season and net sessions. He will circulate it to the County Times and the Shropshire Star.

12 Any Other Business

The Ladies Dinner is being held on 25 February in the pavilion at Lymore. The Committee asked Brian Corfield to thank Louise for all her hard work in organising the event.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 30 March at 7.30 in the pavilion at Lymore.