



Monday 16 August 2010

Lymore Cricket Pavilion, Montgomery

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Present

JB, DT, KG, NT, SD, CD, AB, VR-C, JW, NT

1 Apologies

BC, RY, RK.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 26 July 2010 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

DT reported the league will not be deducting points from the 2nd XI for fielding an unregistered player.

AB will remind the County club that they have not reimbursed us for paying the umpires for the County game.

4 Montgomeryshire County Knock-out Finals and Local Knock-out Competitions.

NT reported that the format for the day has been settled and the event will start at 10.30. The club has a licence for the bar, but will not be running a barbecue. The two away teams will be given the changing rooms and the Montgomery players will use the umpire's room. AB will provide teas. CD will not be umpiring so Ian Gourdie will be approached to stand. No representative from the county will be available, so John Barker will present the cup to the winning team.

The local knock-out will start at 12 o'clock, and BC will make sure the teams drawn for the first game are able to arrive on time. The club has a licence for the bar and NT will organise the barbecue. CD will organise trophies for the winning team.

The committee agreed to review the rules of the local competition before next season to tighten up on the balance of 1st and 2nd team players, the use of under age players, and the appearance of cricketers from other clubs.

5 Annual Dinner

DT has made a provisional booking for the Town Hall on 16 October, but the Committee felt that a change of venue would be welcome. DT will make enquiries with the Dragon Hotel for the same date and will circulate details.

6 Correspondence

The league queried the qualifications of John Jones when he stood in the match against Ellesmere. The committee accepted he is not properly qualified and we will not get the point we claimed on the team sheet.

The captain of Lilleshall circulated an account of a dispute with between his side and Condover to captains of all 1st Division clubs.

The club has written to Corvedale Cricket Club about their behaviour in the recent 2nd XI game regarding comments made to our young players.

7 Financial Update

AB tabled a summary of this years accounts to date. Three grant applications have been made – to Tesco's, the Millennium Trust and the Montgomeryshire District Trust – towards the construction of the non-turf pitch.

AB has obtained a cheaper quote for insurance, but we are locked into the present policy until March next year. The cash forecast is slightly higher than last month's, but we will not achieve the usual surplus of around £1000 at the end of the year if no further fund raising projects are undertaken.

JB asked why electricity and water costs are higher this year and AB replied that it was largely due to the building work over the winter. The new showers are slightly more expensive to run, but in the long run this will not make a big difference.

8 Fund Raising

The committee talked about fund raising events for next year. Some of the events held last year are repeatable, including the Casino Night and bowlathon. CD will organise a golf day next summer. KG will make enquiries about the Casino Night, and a date in February was suggested.

9 Ground Issues

JW is concerned that the fence is in need of attention and he has already patched it in two places behind the clubhouse. The electric fence is a single strand along the top and does not stop sheep leaning against it. The netting is not strong enough to resist a determined sheep.

SD and AB have agreed a budget of £750 for loam at the end of the season.

10 Captains Issues

There were no captain's issues.

11 Child Protection Issues

DT wrote to the ECB for clarification about who has the responsibility for under age players when they play for opposition teams on our ground. The ECB stated that the club the individual is representing has the responsibility. DT also wrote to the league about concerns with young players. The league stated that there are no Under 12 players registered to play.

JB has spoken to the captain of a local knock-out team about fielding an under-age player. The captain has assured him that the player will not play again in the competition.

12 Youth and Coaching Issues

The Chairman congratulated the youth section on the remarkable achievement of getting all three age groups through to the final of their respective Shropshire competitions. The dates for these finals have yet to be confirmed.

The regional Under 15 team lost a play-off to Gwent in the Welsh competition, but the representatives from our club acquitted themselves well. In the regional Under 13s competition Harry Wilkinson scored over 100 runs in only four innings.

The youth awards will be presented to players on 26 August.

13 Communication Officer Issues

Adam Cusack is able to set up e-mail accounts for the club's officers and DT will provide him with the necessary information.

14 Any Other Business

KG is concerned that the number of occasions when tea for two is necessary has steadily increased over recent years. Committee members agreed to make enquiries about more volunteers.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday 20 September at Lymore.