



Present

JB, DT, KG, NT, SD, CD, AB, JW

1 Apologies

BC, RY, RK, VR-C,

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

No formal letter was sent to Corvedale from the club, rather the comments were made on the result sheet. These have been considered by the league committee but we have received no feedback.

3 Matters Arising

NT received a check from the County Club as reimbursement for umpires used during the county game and will pass it on to the treasurer.

4 Annual Dinner.

DT confirmed that The Dragon Hotel is the venue for the Annual Dinner on 16 October. A two course roast or vegetarian dinner with dessert and coffee will be available at a cost of £15. The committee agreed to set the cost of the tickets at £15 because there are no other expenses. AB and DT will organise tickets and will contact members. Up to 120 people can be accommodated, but around 80 are expected. All members will be encouraged to attend, and the age limit was set at 13.

DT will organise the retrieval of trophies from last year's winners and will give them to JB who will get them engraved. The 1st XI captain will choose the fielder of the year and the performance of the year for his team, and the 2nd XI captain will choose the performance of the year for his team. The young player award will be selected from players who are aged 21 and under, and the clubman will be selected by the Chairman in discussion with last year's recipient. Qualification for batting and bowling awards were provisionally set at 10 innings for batsmen and 10 wickets for bowlers, but it may be necessary

to reconsider this when the averages are worked out, particularly with regard to 2nd XI players who have played games in the 1st XI.

5 Accreditation

AB and KG will review the information on the Accreditation section of the ECB website and will amend where necessary before the 30 September deadline.

6 Correspondence

JB wrote to the league querying why the league gives the 2nd XI 200 points and not 204 points as expected. The league replied that on checking the team should have 201 and that the missing three points are because the umpire was not identified on the result sheet. JB accepted this explanation and that the club has no grounds for appeal.

DT received an invoice from the Institute of Groundsmen for unpaid membership fees. The Committee agreed to let the membership lapse because the club receives no benefit because of the lack of training courses in the area.

7 Financial Update

AB tabled a summary of this years accounts to date. He stated that the forecast for the end of the year was better than that reported at the last meeting because of planned fund raising events such as the Casino Night and Golf Day. He added that the club will need to stage a fund raising event every year to maintain its financial position.

DT noted that four temporary licences had been obtained for events this summer at a cost of £84. NT added that obtaining these licences was rather bureaucratic and that a certain lead time was required making it difficult to respond quickly to re-scheduled events. The Committee agreed that obtaining a permanent licence next year would be advantageous, and NT agreed to investigate.

8 Fund Raising

The favoured venue for the Casino Night is The Dragon Hotel, but KG and other members of the committee will investigate other options. A date in February is likely.

SD stated that further funds are available from the Post Office as long as match funding can be identified and he agreed to investigate.

9 Ground Issues

SD obtained grass seed at good cost from Wynnstay with the help of Richard Blayney.

SD has organised a scarifier for 5 October and will need a small group of four or five members to help him. The ground will also be spiked and, if the weather is good, loam will be laid. JW enquired whether the slitting machine used by the football club would be of any use, and SD agreed to ask the individual supplying the scarifier.

The dump of soil outside the fence will be investigated because Tom Till is concerned that it covers a drain.

The canvas part of the covers have been removed for storage. John Jones is adding extra anchoring points and CD will ensure that it is as 'tight as a drum' next season.

A plumber will be asked to adjust the showers before next season to improve the pressure.

10 Captains Issues

NT reported that the 1st XI have had a strong end to the season, and noted the win over Wroxeter as one of the best performances of the season.

NT is concerned that the on-line tables are misleading. DT agreed to write a note to the league asking that more effort is put in to making them accurate. If this is not done then he suggested that they are not displayed.

JW reported that the 2nd XI need to secure points from the last game of the season to survive in Division 4.

11 Child Protection Issues

KG is concerned that the 'Time to Listen' poster is misleading because V.R-C has only completed one of the courses rather than the two required. The club will investigate how she can achieve this qualification.

12 Youth and Coaching Issues

The Under 11s won their age group in the Shropshire competition and the Under 13 and 15 squads won runners-up trophies. KG commented that the Under 13s had had a very close game and that the Under 15s had lost to a side packed players who have represented their county. Charlie Clinton's 51 for the Under 15s was the outstanding performance.

KG will obtain extra trophies for squad members who were unable to attend the finals.

13 Communication Officer Issues

Adam Cusack has set up e-mail accounts for the club's officers on the montgomerycricketclub.co.uk domain and DT will circulate details.

DT will produce an end of season newsletter for circulation at the Annual Dinner.

14 Any Other Business

JW has talked to Mark Michaels about sponsorship. The Committee agreed to pursue this idea and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday 15 November in The Dragon.