



Present

JB, DT, KG, NT, SD, CD.

1 Apologies

BC, RY, VR-C, AB, JW, RK.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28 June 2010 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

John Barker noted the success of the President's Day and thanked all those involved in its organisation, including AB, NT, DT and Anne and Hayley Griffiths.

4 Montgomeryshire County Knock-out Finals and County Game

The Committee agreed that the uncertainty about the finals day had been frustrating. Neil Tuffin has spoken to Rob Jones of Llanidloes, who has agreed that the competition is worth concluding and a provisional date of 22 August has been suggested. Lymore is free on this date, and Rob Jones will contact Newtown Cricket Club about their availability. Arrangements for a bar will be put in place once the date has been confirmed. DT will inform Joe Birch of the arrangements.

Neil Tuffin has obtained a bar licence for the County game on 8 August, and will confirm that arrangements for the barbecue are in place. Alice Thomas will provide teas, leaving the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to organise tea for two on 7 August.

5 Correspondence

President's Day generated a great deal of correspondence, including apologies and best wishes for the day from the Earl of Powis and Robert Hanratty. Peter Swanson wrote after the event to congratulate us on the day

and all the achievements of the development programme. Former players have also contacted the club in response to Andrew Black's request for memories and memorabilia, including Des Mellings who played for the club in the 1950s and now lives in Eastbourne. DT has written to Glyn Davies thanking him for opening the facilities.

Dave Ralphs asked for an explanation why we fielded an unregistered player in a recent league match. DT has replied that it was an oversight and that the player in question is registered for our youth teams. He has yet to receive a response to this explanation.

The editor of a new website called 'mywelshpool.co.uk' is writing an article on the lost generation of cricketers between 22 and 35. DT responded and listed the factors that he believes have led to this at Montgomery.

AB and DT received an e-mail from the Dragon Hotel informing the club that they would no longer be catering for teams on Sundays because on a couple of occasions teams have failed to go back to the hotel after games. DT has spoken to Sue and Mark Michaels and agreed that catering on Sundays will only be provided if requested by the club. DT noted that otherwise the Dragon and the club have been very happy with arrangements this season.

## 6 Financial Update

AB tabled accounts at the begin of the meeting but was not able to stay. In his absence John Barker noted that the amount raised on the President's Day was £637. A cheaper quote for insurance has been obtained and this likely to save the club between £200 and £300 over the year. Discussion about future finances were deferred until the next meeting.

## 7 Fund Raising

AB has applied for three grants on behalf of the club, from Tesco, the Millennium Trust and Montgomeryshire District Trust, for funds totalling £8,000. The likelihood of success in obtaining the grants is not known.

## 8 Ground Issues

The Committee agreed that once again the ground was looking very good this season. SD noted that the pitches will need heavy scarification once the season has finished because moss is becoming established. The amount of loam required will have to be decided at the next meeting.

Unauthorised use of the mobile net has been noted in recent weeks and the Committee agreed to turn it around to prevent this. In its current position over the newly laid turf it is dangerous and will affect the growth of the new grass.

## 9 Captains Issues

NT commented on the recent bad run of results and hopes that the next few weeks bring an improvement. Unavailability of key players has been the main factor. The team lies third from bottom of the table, but the teams above have a similar number of points.

## 10 Child Protection Issues

KG is concerned that clubs visiting the ground have fielded under age players this season despite the ECB's clarification of the matter at the beginning of the year. DT agreed to write to the ECB for clarification about who has the responsibility of care in these situations. DT will also write to the Shropshire Cricket league to raise our concerns.

## 11 Youth and Coaching Issues

The Under 11 and Under 13 teams have both qualified for the Shropshire finals of their respective age groups, and if the Under 15s win their remaining match they will also qualify. The Committee agreed that this is a tremendous achievement for the club and once again thanked all those responsible.

Three players from the club joined the Under 12 regional squad in a competition in Swansea. Despite losing all three games the players gained valuable experience.

KG is concerned that senior players have been using junior kit. DT agreed to put up posters and notices to make clear which kit is for juniors and that senior players must not use it.

## 12 Communication Officer Issues

DT has had a request for generic e-mail addresses for members of the Committee and agreed to investigate with Adam Cusack about whether this is possible under the 'montgomerycricketclub.co.uk' domain.

## 13 Any Other Business

CD asked that the Annual Dinner is added to the agenda for the next meeting. DT will enquire about availability of the Town Hall in October.

## 14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday 16 August at Lymore.