



Present

John Barker (Chair), Jonathan Williams, David Thomas, Keith Griffiths, Neil Tuffin, Andrew Black, Rob Kinsey, and Stan Davies.

1 Apologies

Brian Corfield and Rob Yewdall.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 22 July 2009 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

Bernie Jones sent an e-mail to Neil Tuffin in response to the letter sent by David Thomas. Bernie's e-mail said that some of the first round games in the Montgomeryshire Cup had not been played. Stan added that he had spoken to Bernie recently and he had said that Rhayader had forfeited the game against Llanidloes and that Montgomery are therefore due to play Llanidloes at home. The Committee considered it too late in the season to arrange the match and decided not to go ahead with the game.

John Barker noted the success of the President's Day match on 2 August but suggested that the format needs to be looked at next year.

4 Correspondence

John Barker read out a letter from Mark Cadwallader that included his resignation from the Management Committee and Fundraising Group, saying that he could no longer devote the time that the position warranted and will find it difficult to attend meetings in the coming year. The Committee understood his decision and expressed their thanks for all his hard work.

John has also received, on behalf of the club, a card of thanks from Lorna and Neil Tuffin as thanks for the engraved Royal Doulton decanter presented to the couple on the occasion of their wedding last year. Lorna added that Neil gets it out every night to give it a polish.

David Thomas reported he has completed a ground audit required from all first division clubs in the Shropshire League. Mike Hall has also written to remind clubs of registration rules and the questionnaire on the balls used in the first division this year that needs to be completed at the end of the season.

5 Arrangements for the knock-out finals and the final of the Shropshire 20/20 competition.

Bunners, the Youth, The Upper House and Fairfield Flyers are through to the final of the local knock-out competition, to be held on 30 August. The Committee noted the need to review and tighten up on the rules before next year because at least one ineligible player had participated in this year's competition.

Andrew Black has obtained a lottery licence to enable the club to run raffles and 'guess the number of runs' lotteries over the weekend. Neil Tuffin has obtained a special event alcohol licence to cover both events. He has also enquired about a permanent site licence, but the Committee agreed that the one-off set-up cost and the annual fees mean that this is not appropriate for the club.

Stan has made arrangements for beer, wine and cider, and for sausages, burgers and baps. Andrew Black will get paper plates and napkins and forks, and Rob Yewdall will sort out the barbeque and tables and chairs. Stan will also obtain trophies for the winners of the local knock-out competition. Colin Davies will go shopping for fillings for the sandwiches for the teas for the Shropshire 20/20 final and various committee members agreed to provide cakes. David Thomas will devise a sheet for the 'guess the number of runs' lotteries.

David Thomas has spoken to Bill Hopkins about arrangements for the 20/20 competition. He said the league are prepared to pay £120 for teas rather than the £100 stated in their original letter. They also want a sign erected at the end of Lymore Lane so that spectators can find their way to the ground. The club will charge £3.00 for non-players and non-officials if they want teas, and will charge 50p for tea and coffee. Wroxeter and Frankton will be the competing clubs.

The practice net and the tractor and roller will be moved to the adjacent field over the weekend, and the boundary line will be re-painted.

6 Financial Update

Andrew Black tabled the summary of accounts to date. He noted that the small deficit of £106.11 was due to cash outflow for the purchase of the fine turf mower and the outfield mower. This deficit will be recovered in due course. We have received significant sponsorship from Cadwalladers for the covers. We have also been offered an ECB Facilities Grant of £17,795 for the two-bay net system, and a Health and Wellbeing Grant of £1,500 from PAVO. News is awaited on three other grants totalling £6,000.

The Committee voted to accept the offer from the ECB for a Facilities Grant of £17,975 and Andrew Black will write a letter of acceptance.

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7 Fund Raising

Andrew Black tabled a spreadsheet that set out the proposed spending plans against sources of income. He noted that plans are progressing well and highlighted the money raised by the very successful Youth Bowl Out. If the remaining fund raising plans go as expected he does not think the club will have to resort to member loans.

Keith enquired whether planning permission has been obtained for the proposed work. Andrew Black replied that it had not, but that he expected to hear in the next week or so. The application does not have to go before the full planning committee because it will be dealt with by the planning department under delegated powers.

Andrew Black will write to the ECB to explain that the grant money we have already received will not be used for the non turf pitch as originally proposed. He does not foresee any difficulty with the ECB accepting this as the full funds we applied for were not given.

The Committee agreed to defer detailed discussions about the Annual Dinner until its next meeting, but agreed that Huw and Jill Jones will be approached to do the catering and that Mark Cadwallader's firm will provide the karaoke equipment. Neil Tuffin will approach Mark Michaels about arrangements for the bar. Club members will be asked to make up tables of ten.

Keith Fletcher reported that Ian Fletcher from Abermule is disappointed that the Sportsman's Dinner will not be held until next summer because the opportunity to auction two tickets for the Liverpool vs Manchester United match on 24 October will be lost. The Committee agreed to hold an auction at the Annual Dinner, and to accept closed bids by letter. A reserve of £100 will be placed on the tickets. Keith will inform Mr Fletcher of the plans.

Andrew Black reported that two bids have been received for the tractor. The Committee agreed to accept the highest bid and Andrew will contact the person concerned.

8 Ground Issues

Stan has identified a source of loam, but has not yet placed an order.

9 Captains Issues

Neil Tuffin has been disappointed by lack of availability in August, but understood this was largely due to family commitments in the holiday season.

Jonathan Williams hopes that the new facilities at the club next season will encourage more structured practice sessions.

10 Child Protection Issues

Keith Griffiths was concerned that a primary school player had taken part in the local knock-out tournament. John Barker agreed this should be taken into account when rules are reviewed before next season's competition.

11 Youth and Coaching Issues

Keith Griffiths reported that the Under 15s and Under 11s have reached the finals of their respective competitions, but that bad weather means that the games may not be played. The Under 13s have not reached the final but have been much improved over the season. A notable event happened in the recent Under 11s game when Ethan Lewis achieved a hat-trick on his way to a five wicket haul from two overs.

Two fund raising activities are planned by the youth section – bag packing at the new Tesco's store in Newtown and a casino night in the Town Hall on 21 November.

A number of nominations from Montgomery have been made for the regional youth squads and Keith expects a strong representation from the club next season.

Keith noted that the ECB website needs updating with details of our forward plan, and Andrew Black agreed to do this.

12 Communication Officer Issues

David Thomas will produce a newsletter at the end of the season. He will also notify members of the date of the Annual Dinner and other events this autumn.

13 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 August in the Dragon Hotel.