



Monday 10 January 2011

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery

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Present

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

1 Apologies

RY, VR-C, BC.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 15 November 2011 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising

AB wrote to Len Smith at Glamorgan Cricket Club and Peter Hybart at the Cricket Board of Wales about the dispute with David Evans Agricultural over the outfield mower. The Cricket Board of Wales are supportive, but the issue has not yet been resolved.

Dave Ralphs of the Shropshire Cricket League told DT that league tables are supplied to the County Times at the same time as they are supplied to the Shropshire Star. NT will be raise the issue when mid-Wales clubs meet with the County Times to discuss reporting of cricket in the paper. Dave Ralphs can also supply league tables to the club on request.

JB suggested that photographs of the club in the snow taken just before Christmas could be used to make club Christmas cards next year.

4 Annual General Meeting

DT confirmed the meeting will be on Wednesday 16 February in The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery. Refreshments to the value of £50 will be provided. DT will notify members and circulate papers at least 14 days before the meeting in accordance with the Constitution. Two membership proposals were suggested – the introduction of 'social' members and the reduction of club subscriptions for members who have a coaching qualification and regularly take part in coaching sessions. This is to offset the membership costs of

membership of the ECB Coaches Association. DT will draft proposals for circulation with the papers.

All officers present agreed to be re-nominated for the following year, although team captains will enquire whether any other players are willing to put themselves forward. The appointment of Vice Captains will once again be left to the captains, but the progress of individuals who are likely to become captains in future years should be considered.

DT will enquire whether officers not present are keen to be re-nominated.

5 Tour

NT reported that plans are progressing well. A note advertising the tour will be included with the AGM papers when they are circulated, and further information and a 'signing-up' form will be available at the meeting and on the website.

Costs are close to being finalised and two of the four games have been confirmed.

6 Sponsorship

JB, JW, NT and DT met with Mark Michaels before Christmas to discuss sponsorship by The Dragon Hotel. In principal Mark is keen to support the club and NT is investigating costs for shirts with the Dragon's logo attached. In return for sponsorship the club will continue to use the hotel for after match refreshment and will publicise the sponsorship arrangements.

7 Correspondence

The Shropshire League circulated reports about recent thefts of equipment from isolated clubhouses. Although the gang responsible now appear to have been caught, it is of some concern because of the isolation of Lymore. AB says that all has been done to secure and insure the equipment, although a more secure lock will be provided for the tea room door. DT reported that the house opposite the ground is now occupied, and he will give contact details to the tenant so anything unusual can be reported.

The club made four applications for Montgomery Sports Awards – Colin Davies and Thomas Corfield for Volunteer of the Year, Keith Griffiths for Coach of the Year and the Under XI squad for Under 18 Team of the Year. The awards evening is on 28 January and tickets will be circulated to those who would like to go.

DT was approached by Mary Bunner about the possibility of using the clubhouse for the Show President's fund raising lunch in the summer. The Committee agreed to make it available in consideration of the support given to

the club by the committee in previous years and as a way of building relations with the town.

The club were contacted by Powys County Council about the Community Chest Funding Scheme. The scheme is under spent this year and they are still welcoming applications. KG and AB agreed to consider making an application for youth equipment.

8 Finance

AB tabled the accounts summary to 31 December and reported that final year accounts will be audited by Mark Cadwallader and circulated with the AGM papers.

AB highlighted the reserved and unreserved cash figures, noting the £1,115 unreserved cash sitting with the Post Office in readiness for a £400 matching grant. The £400 will be added to the £1,115 and £1,515 returned to the club in due course.

JB enquired why the total reserves at 31 December were nearly £2,000 down on the figure for 1 January 2010. AB replied this is because of overspend on the development plan, the extra cost of insurance and the high electricity bill incurred over the winter when building work was carried out. He is confident the reduction in reserves will not put us in a difficult position going forward as the programme of fund raising events will cover the shortfall.

JB asked AB to make clear to members the true cost of running a club at the AGM so that the importance of fund raising activities is recognised.

9 Fund Raising

Plans for the casino night on 5 March are progressing well – Llandyssil Village Hall and the casino organiser have been booked. Anne Griffiths will speak to a team of ladies about providing refreshments, NT will organise the bar and a team of students from Llanfair Caereinion studying for a baccalaureate qualification are organising posters and printing tickets. The tickets will be available at the AGM. KG asked for volunteers to help set up the hall and run some of the tables. Table sponsors and prizes are also being sought. The cost of entry will be £5 and between 60 and 80 people are expected to attend.

Plans for the golf day on 27 May at Mile End Golf Course are also progressing well. CD has identified sponsors for some of the holes and a source of good quality prizes. He is working with DT on application forms and a poster. JB agreed to present prizes on the day and CD is hoping that John Jones will also be involved.

10 Ground Issues

There were no ground issues

11 Captain's Issues

There were no captain's issues.

12 Child Protection Issues

There were no child protection issues.

13 Youth and Coaching Issues

AB and Gareth Griffiths will be taking the Level 2 coaching course and KG is seeking people who want to take the Level 1 course.

Seven of our youth players are involved in regional squads which start training this month, and six are involved in development centre training.

The coming season's fixture list is awaited and once again we will be entering the Shropshire competition. There is no mid Wales competition.

14 Communication Officer Issues

JB thanked DT for producing the winter newsletter. There were no more communication officer's issues.

15 Any Other Business

AB noted that our claim to be the first club in mid-Wales to gain accreditation needs to be qualified by adding that we are the first to achieve it through the Cricket Board of Wales. Alberbury, who play in Wales but represent a village in England, achieved accreditation before us but did it through the England Cricket Board. DT will re-word text on the website.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday 28 March in The Dragon Hotel.