



Monday 15 November 2010

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery

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## Present

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

## 1 Apologies

RY, VR-C, JW.

## 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

AB clarified that the cash forecast under the financial report was for the end of 2011, not the end of 2010. Otherwise the minutes of the meeting on 20 September 2010 were agreed.

## 3 Matters Arising

AB and KG have completed the accreditation update.

JW needs to identify the location of the drain cover before it can be cleared.

The league replied to DT about the inaccuracy of the on-line league tables. They stated that the on-line tables cannot be definitive because they are open for editing by a large number of individuals. The requirement for clubs to provide complete and accurate information will be discussed by the league management committee at a forthcoming meeting.

## 4 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 16 February in The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery. Refreshments to the value of £50 will be provided. DT will put a notice on the website.

## 5 Heritage Lottery Fund Project

AB updated the committee on the Heritage Lottery Fund supported project aimed at collecting information, including oral testimonies, video clips and newspaper articles, relating to the history of the club since 1940. An important

aspect is the involvement of Montgomery School pupils in collating information and producing their own book about the club.

The total funding amounts to £14,700, payable in two instalments, the first of which has already been received. The second payment will be made half way through the project, as long as certain conditions are achieved and reasonable progress has been demonstrated.

AB has already held discussions with DT and Ian Bapty about how the project should proceed, and has also met with Andrew Hignall of Glamorgan Cricket Club and Emma Peplow, an MCC Research Associate responsible for the MCC's 'Taking the Field' oral history project. Both Andrew and Emma are very interested in the project and Andrew has offered to write a book based on the outcomes. Although this lies outside the scope of the project, he has offered to produce it at no cost to ourselves, although we would have to purchase our own copies. The Committee agreed to accept the offer as long as we can maintain some measure of editorial control.

## 6 Correspondence

DT has received an entry form for the Gwalia Welsh Cup. Although the club has not entered the competition in recent years, the committee felt that the Sunday XI has strengthened over the past two seasons and would welcome more competitive games. DT will ask Ed Davies and Andrew Barker whether they are interested in competing. DT will also enquire about the timing of the games, which are based on eight sections, two of which are in North Wales.

DT has received notification about the Shropshire Cricket League AGM on 22 November at the Lord Hill Hotel in Shrewsbury. CD is considering attending, but JB will go if CD cannot make it. With the papers a ballot was circulated seeking opinions on a change to game starting times. There are three proposals – the first to maintain the 2pm start, the second to start at 1.30 and the third to start at 1pm. The committee voted to maintain the current start time of 2pm, but to suggest a reduction in the number of overs to ensure completion at a reasonable time in the evening.

Two pieces of correspondence congratulated us on the Heritage Lottery Fund project – one by Mick Bates, Liberal Democrat AM for mid-Wales and one by Joyce Watson, the Labour AM.

## 7 Financial Update

AB tabled a summary of this year's accounts to date. He drew attention to a profit from the Annual Dinner of £222, and the Sky Coaching Subsidy of £250. The bid to Tesco's for a grant was unsuccessful, but he is more hopeful for a grant from the Millennium Trust for £2,500. A Community Foundation in Wales grant for £1,000 towards the non-turf pitch has been successful.

The unreserved cash forecast for the end of 2010, at £1,500, is slightly higher than at the last meeting because of higher than expected receipts - principally the Post Office grant of £200 and sundry 2010 match fees of £150. The cash forecast for 2011 suggests we can expect a surplus of £695, as long as we hold at least one fund raising event during the year.

AB has been pursuing an invoice from the supplier of the outfield mower. This was for repairs carried out by Bunners that the supplier had agreed to reimburse. The supplier firstly denied that he had received the invoice, despite it being sent recorded delivery and information from the Post Office recording its arrival, and then disputed the figure. AB will write to the Cricket Board of Wales informing them of the situation.

## 8 Fund Raising

The committee agreed to pursue the informal discussions JW has had with Mark Michaels of the Dragon. DT will set up a meeting as soon as possible to discuss proposals.

KG will start organising another Casino evening. The suggested venue is Llandyssil Village Hall and SD agreed to investigate the conditions of hire, including arrangements for the bar. A provisional date of 5 March was set.

CD has spoken to the Mile End Golf Club about a Golf Day on 27 May. They have been very helpful and have suggested the best format for the day. The committee agreed to support the project and members will seek sponsorship and publicise the event. The funds raised will be used for a cassette for the pitch mower, a flymo and to re-coup the overspend on the covers.

KG is considering holding another bowlathon following the success of the event in 2009.

## 9 Ground Issues

SD has carried out the end of season maintenance work, including scarifying and loaming the pitch.

## 10 Captains Issues

NT was dissatisfied with the answer from the league about the on-line tables, suggesting that the ways of communicating the tables should be improved. Possible solutions include posting the league's own version of the tables on the web and sending the tables to the County Times as well as the Shropshire Star. DT agreed to write to the league expressing NT's concerns.

NT would also like mid-Wales clubs to put pressure on the County Times to report cricket more fully and accurately. He suggested a meeting between the

clubs and the newspaper's sports correspondent. The committee agreed that the best time to address this will be after the Annual General Meeting.

#### 11 Child Protection Issues

There were no child protection issues.

#### 12 Youth and Coaching Issues

KG reported on a successful mid-Wales cricket roadshow in Llandrindod Wells that Gareth Griffiths and AB also attended. KG went to a regional coaching forum at the SWALEC stadium in Cardiff where Glamorgan coaches, including Robert Croft and Matthew Maynard, took part.

A mid-Wales Centre of Excellence is being planned in Llandrindod Wells. Previously there had only been centres of excellence in North and South Wales. Forthcoming coaching courses include a Level 2 course in February and a Level 1 course in April. DT agreed to promote these on the website and in a newsletter.

The club's accreditation status is due to be reviewed next year. All CRB checks and First Aid certificates need to be up to date, and all coaches need to be members of the ECPCA. Otherwise KG feels that the club will pass the review with little extra work.

#### 13 Communication Officer Issues

DT is updating the website with new information and events planned for the winter. He will produce a newsletter before Christmas – he did not produce one for the Annual Dinner because he did not have information about the award winners or the final league positions. KG agreed to provide an update on the youth section.

#### 14 Any Other Business

The Chequers Hotel is being re-furnished ready for opening in January. They have asked for prints from the club to put on their walls. The Committee agreed, as long as our contribution is recognised by a 'by kind permission of Montgomery Cricket Club' statement.

NT sought the committee's views on a tour to Newcastle next season. The committee were supportive and asked him to obtain more details and seek the views of club members. The proposed date for the start of the tour is Sunday 26 July.

#### 15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday 10 January in The Dragon Hotel.