



Present

JB (Chair), JW, DT, AB, RK, SD, BC. Colin Davies attended the meeting to give an update on building work and Anne Griffiths attended to report on arrangements for the Casino Night.

1 Apologies

RY, NT, KG.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman noted that Tom Sheppard should be corrected to Tony Sheppard under item 8.

3 Matters Arising

DT will apply for a June or early July slot for the Coffee Morning in 2010 at the signing-up session on 28 November in the Institute.

4 Correspondence

DT reported he has responded to a questionnaire from Montgomeryshire Sports Council and the club will be entered in their yearbook.

A letter has been written to Cadwallader and Co thanking them for their sponsorship of the covers and informing them of the plans for their construction. A letter has been sent to Ian Fletcher thanking him for the donation of the Manchester versus Liverpool tickets auctioned at the Annual Dinner.

JB enquired whether any news had been received from the League about a merger with the Premier League because there had been reports in the press that the plans were being shelved. DT replied that no correspondence had been received.

There has not yet been any notification about the league's AGM, which is normally held in November. JB will check the league handbook because the date is usually noted there.

5 Financial Update

AB tabled the summary of accounts to date, and explained that the surplus of £9,183 is misleading because much of it is already committed to ongoing building work.

He highlighted the Youth Capital Grant offer of £2,991 from PAVO and explained that we have been offered more money than we applied for. This was because PAVO were impressed by the money raised from the youth 'bowlathon', but they have insisted that the extra money is spent specifically on items directly related to the Youth Section. He added he still has to confirm that the grant is valid, given that work to which it relates had started before we were advised we had been successful. He has been given an indication that this shouldn't be a problem. The Committee recorded their intention to accept the grant award.

AB tabled an update on the grant situation, and concluded that the majority of the funds to realize the development plan had been secured, leaving only £1,166 to be raised by the club above current projected income. JB remarked that this was very satisfying as the development plan had seemed very daunting when the decision to follow it had been taken nearly two years ago. AB replied that the achievement was due to reducing the costs of work, the success of grant applications, and funds raised by club events. There have also been unexpected bonuses, such as the sale of the tractor and the funds from the removal of spoil from the construction of the nets.

AB concluded by tabling the cash forecast for November 2009 to October 2010. This suggests the club will have a surplus of around £10,600 at the end of the period.

6 Fund Raising

AG reported that plans for the Casino Night on 21 November were progressing well. The organising Committee of herself, Jocelyn Williams, Anne Kinsey and Louise Corfield were thanked by the Committee for all their hard work. Posters and tickets have been printed, and enquiries have been made with local businesses for sponsorship of the gaming tables. The Post Office have agreed to £200 worth of sponsorship, subject to conditions outlined by SD. Prizes have been promised by local businesses and club members. NT will be making arrangements for the bar, and cocktails will be served on arrival to all those attending. JB suggested that no-one under the age of 14 should be able to gamble, and the Committee agreed.

AG has circulated an e-mail to members of the Youth Section and has advertised the event on the club's Facebook group. DT agreed to circulate an e-mail to all senior members, and AG and AB will follow up with phone calls. Members not intending to come should consider a donation to the club.

Elin Yewdall has requested the use of the Lymore ground for her birthday celebration in September 2010. She would like to erect a marquee, and suggested that this could be linked to a Sportsman's Dinner on the following day. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea in principle, and agreed to Elin using the ground.

7 Ground Issues

CD reported that the nets have been completed. Work on the clubhouse extension is progressing well, and the shell should be complete before Christmas. A slight change in the specification was suggested – a partition wall in the storage area to separate kit storage from machinery storage. The Committee considered this sensible.

JB noted that the majority of the work to date has been carried out by CD and NT, and asked whether other members should be encouraged to lend a hand. CD replied that so far the work has required those with building experience, but that more hands will be required for jobs in the future, particularly decorating. This will take place in February, so a request for assistance will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee had hoped to discuss the plans for the flat roof and external staircase suggested at the last meeting, but detailed costs were not ready in time. The Committee agreed to authorise NT to extend the build costs to £23,000 (from the current £20,000), giving an overall budget for the extension of £25,000 (the extra £2,000 being contingency and administration costs). If these costs are likely to be exceeded the Committee will have to be consulted.

The Committee agreed that turves left over from the construction of the nets will be given to Tom Till once JW has taken those necessary for filling hollows in the outfield.

JW requested a cassette for the pitch mower at a cost of £300. The Committee agreed.

The Committee agreed to SD's request for £100 to join a syndicate of clubs for access to a soil spreader.

8 Captain's Issues

There were no captain's issues.

9 Child Protection Issues

AG and Vicki Ruff-Cock have attended a PAVO course for volunteers working with children.

JB enquired about recent news reports about CRB checks for those driving youth members. AG agreed to investigate.

10 Youth and Coaching Issues

Five youth members attended a course for Young Leader's during the half-term holiday in October, and once they have carried out six hours of coaching they will receive certificates. The Committee offered their congratulations on their achievement. Five senior members will be attending 'Development of Excellence' courses before Christmas.

KG's work towards his Level 3 coaching qualification has been completed and signed off by his tutor. He is now waiting for his assessment day.

11 Communication Officer Issues

DT has completed the autumn newsletter and has circulated it by e-mail and placed it on the website. He noted difficulties in circulating it to members or sponsors who do not have access to the web or e-mail. It was agreed to make it clear at the AGM that the preferred method of communication is via e-mail. E-mail addresses will be collected from sponsors where possible.

DT asked for photographs of the building work at the club so that a photo diary can be put on the website.

12 Any Other Business

AB suggested the club book net sessions at Shrewsbury as soon as possible because places are being taken up by other clubs. The Committee agreed to book two nets for three Sunday sessions in late March and early April.

13 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 February in the Dragon Hotel. The Committee will discuss the format and agenda at the next meeting.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 11 January in the Institute.