



Monday 5 August 2013

Lymore Cricket Ground, Montgomery

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Present

JB, RK, KG, ABa, AB, DT, NT, RB, BC.

1 Apologies

VR-C, TD, SD, MW.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

JB thanked those who had helped organise the President's Day and ensured it was a success.

Forton are not prepared to start their match on 10 August at 12 o'clock.

Player lateness has not been a problem recently, and availability was better, as expected, in July.

The quality of tea for two continues to be variable, and the committee will seek more tea ladies next year. It may be necessary to improve the organisation of tea for two events in the future if the number of tea ladies can't be increased.

3 Events

Knock-out Finals

Only two games remain to be played, and they will be completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting.

For the finals day, NT will make arrangements for the bar, and it was stressed that senior members of the club should serve behind it. Rob Yewdall will be asked to buy burgers and sausages and AB will buy extras, including onions and cheese. DT will buy bread rolls and organise a 'guess the number of runs competition'. Members will be asked to bring various salads.

The DVD on the history of the club will be running in the bar area.

Annual Dinner

The dinner is booked for 21 September in the Town Hall.

Huw Jones has agreed to do the catering, and DT will telephone him to confirm arrangements. Nick Harrison's band 'All Fired Up' will provide music.

Tickets will be £20 each, with no concessions. DT will promote the event to the 2nd XI, ABa to the 1st XI and KG to the youth. No-one under the age of 13 can attend.

AB will calculate averages for the awards, but it was noted there may not be enough time to engrave the trophies. DT will collect the trophies before the last game to give as much time as possible. It was noted that the Eaton Cup and the Purslow Cup are in the SWALEC Stadium as part of the history exhibition until the end of September and therefore won't be available for the dinner.

3 Correspondence

The committee noted the requirement for a Third XI to qualify for promotion to the Premier League after 2015, but will take no action.

The T20 finals day for the Montgomeryshire Cup will be held at Alberbury on 8 September. The club have avoided the preliminary round and therefore go straight into the semi-final. The event begins at 11am.

DT has received a text from Colin Davies informing him of his resignation following an incident at the club on Saturday 3 August that followed an incident at the SWALEC Stadium a week previously. It was unclear whether Colin intends to resign just from the committee or from the club. JB will take the opportunity to enquire when he next sees Colin. The club noted its regret at his decision

4 Financial Update

AB tabled the years figures to date. He noted that most subscriptions have been paid, but that some sponsors have not yet contributed. The figure for the President's Day is only partial as not all the funds have been received, and a number of match fees have yet to be passed to him. The Coffee Morning was successful and made £304 despite the low number of customers.

There have been several small items of expenditure, including kit and first aid items. He expects the club to have around £7,000 in the bank at the end of the season.

5 Fund Raising

Apart from the Knock-Out Finals Day and the Annual Dinner, two other fundraising events were noted. The first is that the club will run the bar at SD's daughter's wedding on 10 August. NT will organise this, and asked members of the club to help with collecting and cleaning glasses.

The second is a Bowlathon for the junior section. The date for this is yet to be confirmed.

6 Ground Issues

The committee noted this year is the last of the three years that the groundsman from Shrewsbury School will be working on the ground. SD is pursuing an alternative arrangement through the Welsh Cricket Board.

7 Captains' Issues

RB commented on the poor turnout at practice evenings. It was suggested that some practice games be organised on Wednesday nights in the run-up to the county T20.

8 Child Protection Issues

DT reported on comments sent to him by VR-C concerning two incidents. In the first a visiting player from Welshpool was not picked up immediately after the game and one of the coaches had to remain with him until he was collected. Welshpool have apologised for the incident and informed us they will conduct an internal enquiry.

In the second incident a Nurofen tablet was found in a cup during the game against Church Stretton. This is of concern because of the potential harmful affects of the drug, but he tablet hadn't been consumed. In future, coaches will be vigilant when providing drinks and supervising breaks.

9 Youth and Coaching Issues

There are a handful of games left in the youth leagues, and Montgomery have performed well. It is believed that few games have been played in the other half of the Shropshire competition.

Peter Edwards, the Wales Community Cricket Officer, wants to improve the game's promotion in Mid-Wales. He has enquired about bringing a 'Cricket Skills' event to the club, accompanied by Glamorgan players. This may coincide with either the youth awards evening or the bowlathon. The committee welcomed this.

10 Communication Officer Issues

The committee noted the success of the Facebook Group.

AB will provide details of his problems in accessing the club's website to DT.

11 Any Other Business

The committee congratulated Hayley Griffiths on her OSCA (Outstanding Service to Cricket Award), awarded for her contribution as a young volunteer. She has been invited to the Glamorgan v Kent game, and has a chance of going forward to the main OSCA awards event at Lords.

Alice Thomas will provide informal advice about environmental health regulations as there is a possibility the club may be liable to an inspection.

NT informed the committee about the county's programme for this year. Montgomery players have represented the county at both colts and senior level. There is concern at the lack of commitment from other members of the North Wales County Cricket League, and the county's participation will be reviewed at the county's next AGM.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 16 September at Lymore.