



Monday 7 November 2011

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery

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Present

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

1 Apologies

RY, VR-C, BC, JB.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 19 September were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

DT sent an e-mail to Duncan Wright, the secretary of the league, about the incident reported by CD at Condoover. The message has been passed to Dave Ralphs, the results secretary, and Brian Gleeson, the chair of the disciplinary committee. CD has not been contacted about the incident and DT has not received a reply to a second e-mail sent to Duncan Wright asking whether the matter was being pursued. DT will write directly to Brian Gleeson to enquire whether the disciplinary committee has considered the matter.

4 Annual General Meeting.

The preferred date for the AGM is 16 February, although there may be a game in the indoor league on that date. RK will check the fixture list and let DT know if there is a clash. DT will make arrangements when the date is confirmed and sandwiches to the value of £50 will be provided.

*Note, RK later confirmed there is no game so the AGM will be held on 16 February.

5 Oral History Project

AB reported that the project is progressing well, with a small number of interviews left to do. Group interviews are being organised and transcription

work on completed interviews has almost been finished. The project is running a little behind schedule but AB is confident it will be completed by the deadline.

The club has been offered space at the SWALEC stadium next summer to display the results of the project. This coincides with the T20 finals day and a one day international between England and South Africa. It is therefore a huge opportunity for the club to promote itself and the Committee agreed to accept the offer.

6 Future Planning for the Club

The discussion about the future of the club was deferred to the end of the meeting, and is recorded separately.

5 Correspondence

The deadline for Community Chest funding applications is 10 November. AB reported that an application to cover the cost of funding four Level One coaching courses has been made and is being considered by the fund.

DT has received an update on merger plans between the Shropshire Cricket League and the Premier League. There are two critical meetings – the AGM of the Shropshire League followed by an SGM to wind up the organisation on 14 November, and the first meeting of the new league on 5 December. NT agreed to represent the club at both meetings, and he will contact JB to see whether he intends to attend either of the meetings.

The club has been asked for nominations for sports awards in two counties – Montgomeryshire and Essex. The club will not be nominating anyone for the latter, but DT will circulate the papers to the committee about the former. Any nominations will be sent to DT who will then draw up papers and forward them to the awards committee.

DT circulated information about a promotion to attract more members for Glamorgan Cricket Club.

6 Financial Update

AB tabled the year's accounts to date. He highlighted the figure of £769 for the bowlathon and also noted the grant for the purchase of a new mower. He estimates an unreserved cash figure of over £4,000 for the end of the year, which is higher than previous estimates.

AB also tabled the cash forecast for 2011 to 2015 taking into account the current spending pattern and allowing for some inflation. This suggests the club will accumulate a surplus of £5,396 between 2012 and 2015 and will have a closing cash balance of £9,485 at the end of 2015. These figures will

have a bearing on discussions about the future of the club over the next five years.

SD asked whether the club will be making an application to the Clos Tan-y-Mur Fund. AB will make enquiries.

7 Fund Raising

CD confirmed he is making arrangements for a Golf Day on 4 May 2012 following the success of the 2011 event. He is seeking another member of the club to find new sponsors and DT will ask for help via the website and newsletter. He asked KG for items that the fund raising could be targeted at, and KG suggested the non turf pitch and replacement kit for the Under 11s.

8 Ground Issues

Rabbit proof fencing has been put around the ground. JW noted there will be an accumulation of leaves through the Autumn and these should be cleared away to make sure the grass continues to grow.

JW has drained the clubhouse showers in preparation for Winter.

There was a debate about over plans for the non turf pitch. There was no unanimous decision, so a vote was held which resulted in five in favour of going ahead with the plan, two against and one abstention. It was noted that maintenance of the pitch was very important, and proper procedures should be established.

AB will ask for renewed quotes and will invite prospective contractors to the ground to look at the site. Contractors will be asked for a breakdown of costs and to state whether removal of spoil is included. AB will inform SD and any other members of the committee who wish to meet the contractors on site and decide on the location of the pitch.

9 Captains' Issues

The committee discussed options for the captaincy of the senior teams. Specific players will be asked if they are interested, and a captain / manager style arrangement would be supported if necessary.

JW suggested a change in the way teams are selected. The committee agreed that a weekly selection meeting should be held that will include the two captains and managers (if managers are part of the structure).

10 Child Protection Issues

V.R-C and Anne Griffiths attended a Safe Hands course. On their advice, AB will check the club's current Safe Hands Policy and update it if necessary and it was noted that all coaches will need to sign up to the ECB's Code of Conduct for Coaches. The club's constitution will be reviewed to ensure the Safe Hands Policy is referred to, and if it is not it will be amended at the AGM.

11 Youth and Coaching Issues

Cricket Wales are organising a road-show at Newtown Cricket Club on 9 November. KG will be attending and urged other members of the committee to join him.

There are four new Level One coaches – Charlie Clinton, Jack Williams, Clive Jones and Hayley Griffiths.

KG asked for nominations for Mid Wales squad training.

AB mentioned the possibility of video analysis, which would cost about £750, but it needs a Level 3 coach to manage. KG will consider the matter.

12 Communication Officer Issues

The article for the Crier was rejected for the current issue, but will be printed in the Jan / Feb issue.

DT will produce a newsletter once the structure of the new league has been finalised.

13 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Monday 9 January in The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery.