



Present

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

1 Apologies

RY, VR-C.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 7 November were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

DT wrote to Brian Kitson, the secretary of the new Shropshire County Cricket League, about the incident reported by CD at Condoover. DT received a reply from Dave Ralphs who suggested that CD had been invited to comment on the issue back in September. CD stated he had not been contacted, but because of the change in the league and the time lapsed since the incident he decided not to pursue the matter any further.

KG attended the Mid Wales Cricket Roadshow at Newtown Cricket Club. He also informed the Committee about potential changes to the structure of cricket in Wales that could lead to the winding up of the mid-Wales section. He said that the region was under represented in the structure because of the number of clubs playing in cross-border leagues, and that if the mid-Wales section is to survive it will need more commitment from such clubs.

AB confirmed that the club's Constitution already makes reference to the ECB's Safe Hands policy.

4 Shropshire County Cricket League.

The club have received documentation about the new league structure, including the fixture list and draft constitution. Neil Tuffin had attended the inaugural meeting of the league and was disappointed, as were other clubs, that the constitution had not been circulated beforehand.

The First XI will play in Division 1 of the league and the Second XI in Reserve Division 2.

#### 5 Annual General Meeting.

DT has made arrangements with the Dragon Hotel for the meeting on 16 February. He will raise and circulate the necessary paperwork and will confirm which of the current committee wish to stand for re-election and collect any further nominations.

#### 6 Oral History Project

AB reported that the project is progressing well and that all the interviews have now been completed. He would like to hold more group interviews that look at specific topics, such as ground keeping and umpiring, but these are not in the scope of the project and will be held once the current project is complete.

#### 7 Future Planning for the Club

The document drawn up following the discussion at the last meeting was agreed, and the Committee will present it to the members at the AGM. Following this an action plan will be created.

#### 8 Correspondence

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DT received a request from Grasshoppers CC for a Sunday fixture. DT agreed to contact their captain, and to set other Sunday fixtures for the coming year as SD is not able to do it this year.

#### 9 Financial Update

AB tabled the draft accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31 December, which will be certified by Mark Cadwallader for the AGM.

He highlighted significant receipts since 7 November including the second payment of £5,880 for the Oral History Project, £250 from the Montgomery Street Fair and £720 from the Community Chest for Level 1 coaching courses. Significant expenditure includes that on the oral history project and £778 on loam.

AB noted the club is in a sound financial position with £4,328.56 of unreserved cash with the treasurer. He noted a slight deficit of £91 over year, largely due to exceptional costs of £500 for the Shrewsbury School groundsman and £459 for our contribution to the new club kit.

#### 10 Fund Raising

CD has not yet had anyone offer to help find sponsors for the Golf Day on 4 May, but the event will be promoted at the AGM. DT will liaise with CD about creating flyers and application forms.

#### 11 Ground Issues

The recent bad weather has caused slight damage to the clubhouse and a fascia board needs replacing. Sheep have managed onto the ground on at least one occasion, presumably because the gate was left open as the fence is now sound.

The club will seek an informal meeting with the new tenant of Lymore who takes over in late spring.

AB discussed arrangements for the non-turf pitch, and it was agreed to locate this on the far side of the square away from the pavilion. The pitch will take two days to lay, with the club having responsibility for removing the soil.

#### 12 Captains' Issues

NT and JW have spoken to potential candidates for the captaincy of both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. DT will confirm these as nominations for the AGM. DT has received an expression of interest about captaincy of the Sunday XI.

NT and JW are considering forming a selection committee to aid the new captains next season. This will be discussed at the AGM.

#### 13 Child Protection Issues

KG commented on concerns about child welfare during Sunday matches in the coming season. The Committee agreed that this was the responsibility of the captain.

#### 14 Youth and Coaching Issues

Twelve players from Montgomery have been chosen to train with the region and seven will be going to the development centre.

KG will be asking whether any Montgomery coaches are interested in participating in regional coaching.

The club will be entering the usual age group competitions in the coming season. DT noted the applications come out with the League newsletter.

#### 15 Communication Officer Issues

An article summing up the past season and promoting the club's exhibition at the SWALEC Stadium was published in the Crier.

The Weatherman Walking television programme featuring the club will be shown on BBC One Wales at 7.30 on 16 January.

#### 16 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

#### 17 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be set at the AGM.