



Present

JB, DT, AB, RK, KG, NT.

1 Apologies

MW, TD, VR-C, SD, CD, JW.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

3 Matters Arising

AB reported that tankards are available from between £50 and £125. The committee agreed to purchase one around £50.

AB reported that sight screens costs upwards of £1350 each. The committee therefore thought it was something to be considered in future years as the current screen are adequate and funds could be better used elsewhere.

4 Oral History Project

The project ends on 20 April. AB is satisfied that the work required by the Heritage Lottery Fund will be complete, but other work on information collected during the project will carry on.

The launch event is planned for 1 July when the club is holding its President's Day.

The committee suggested 29 August as the best day to visit the SWALEC Stadium when the exhibition about the club is being shown at the stadium.

6 Correspondence

The committee agreed to sign the pre-season declaration issued by the Shropshire County League.

The date of our coffee morning clashes with the Street Fair and a representative of the Taste Montgomery group contacted the club because they want to run a stall during the fair. The Street Fair doesn't start until 12 o'clock so the committee agreed to go ahead with the coffee morning and to discuss the best way to hand the stall over when the coffee morning ends around 11am. DT will contact the group to confirm the arrangements.

The AGM of the Montgomeryshire Club will be held on 19 April. NT will attend on behalf of the club.

7 Financial Update

AB tabled the draft accounts for the year to date. He noted that, as is usual at this time of year, there is lots of money going out but little coming in. Over the coming weeks he expects subscriptions and sponsorship to start coming in.

The non-turf pitch has been laid, the cost of which was reserved in the club accounts. It can be used from early May onwards, but it needs to be rolled regularly.

8 Fund Raising

CD reported that arrangements for the golf day on 4 May are progressing well. There are currently 27 teams signed up and the only need is for raffle prizes.

9 Ground Issues

Upkeep of the artificial surface in the nets is still an issue, although it is rolled regularly using the hand roller. AB has asked the suppliers of the nets to run a machine over the surface to raise the nap when they are next in the area.

10 Captains' Issues

DT confirmed that subscriptions will still be collected for away games even though the away team doesn't have to pay for teas. Two new balls are required for home games.

Scanned result sheets will be accepted by the Results Secretary. It will be the home team's responsibility to make arrangements for the reporting of results.

11 Child Protection Issues

The committee agreed that in normal circumstances Under 13 players wouldn't play in adult or mixed age cricket. On Sundays there should be consideration of the opposition so young players would be eligible if the opposing team are expected to contain a number of youth players. If there are any queries the captain should contact the Youth Officer. The arrangements for the local knockout will be the same as last year.

12 Youth and Coaching Issues

Youth coaching sessions start on 3 May. Coaches must have up to date ECB coaching qualifications.

The committee agreed to consider hosting a youth representative match when dates are known.

13 Communication Officer Issues

The 'Weatherman Walking' programme featuring the club was shown again this week.

DT has again produced a brochure for the Dragon Hotel that highlights home fixtures and invites visitors to the ground.

14 Any Other Business

AB reported that Stuart Cowper of Shrewsbury School is interested in playing a mid week game later in the season.

KG suggested asking for more volunteers to do teas through the season.

15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 May at the Lymore cricket ground.