



Present

JB, DT, VR-C, NT, AB, JW.

1 Apologies

SD, RY, RK, BC, CD, KG.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 23 May were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

DT clarified that the age limit for young players taking part in the local knock-out was set at Year 9 following feed-back from Anne and Keith Griffiths on the draft circulated on 1 June. This is one year older than the ECB guidelines recommend and the change was made in line with the ECB's recommendation that the circumstances of games are taken into account. The unstructured nature of the cricket, the difficulty in obtaining parental consent last year, and the fact that the games are often played in wet weather were contributory factors in the decision.

AB confirmed with the supplier that the nets can be tied to the poles by the bottom thick strand of netting, but that other strands shouldn't be used below 1m. JW noted there has been further ripping this year and AB will investigate.

Weed killer can be used on grass that has grown on top of the net surface and grass can then be brushed off.

JB noted that a photograph of President's Day showing Mark Michaels of the Dragon Hotel handing a sponsored shirt to the club had been used in the Shropshire Star.

NT confirmed that the Montgomeryshire Knock Out competition is underway and that the club beat Alberbury in the preliminary round. The semi-finals and final will be played on Sunday 31 July at Welshpool.

AB has not yet had an opportunity to speak to Tom Till about the change in tenancy at Lymore Farm.

The meeting on 20 June was cancelled because a number of committee members were unavailable.

4 Forthcoming Events.

1. Tour

Tour plans are in place and fourteen players are attending. The club agreed to pay for caps and shirts to be given to the teams hosting us. NT will take cricket balls for use in the games.

2. North Wales T20 Competition

DT will contact members of the Montgomeryshire Committee and the North Wales County League to enquire about the format of the day and responsibilities of the host club. NT will organise a bar and DT will contact RY about the barbecue. Teas will be provided and members will be asked to lend a hand. NT hopes there will be good representation from the club in the Montgomeryshire team.

3. Local Knock-out

The committee confirmed the date for the finals day as 28 August. The competition is progressing well. NT will organise the bar and DT will contact RY about the barbecue.

4. Date of the Annual Dinner

A provisional date of Saturday 15 October was set for the dinner. DT will ask The Dragon Hotel whether the date is available.

5 Oral History Project

Twenty-one of the forty-one interviews have been completed, twelve have already been planned and a further 9 remain to be scheduled. A supplier has been identified for the re-print of John Jones' book on the first 100 years of the club and the first draft of the second volume, covering 1940 to 2000, has been completed. The school project has been completed and editing and summarising the interviews is in progress. The project is due to be completed by the end of March 2012.

6 Re-accreditation

The three year review of our accreditation falls this year and AB has been collecting evidence to present to the Cricket Board of Wales. Steve Watkins of the board will visit the club during August. AB does not expect any difficulties in fulfilling the requirements.

AB has been keeping the on-line development plan information up to date, but JB suggested it was time to think about a strategy for what the club might want to achieve over the next three to five years. The Committee agreed to consider this in the Autumn.

5 Correspondence

JB received two complaints about the behaviour of Brian Corfield at a recent youth coaching evening. He discussed the incident with Brian who accepted he had behaved poorly and he offered his apologies to John, the club and the committee. The apology was accepted by the committee and it was decided that no further action should be taken.

DT received a letter from F. Glyn Davies saying how much he enjoyed watching the 2nd XI match against Wroxeter. He has just recovered from a period of illness.

DT was contacted by someone who intends holding a wedding in a marquee close to the ground on 27 August. He has requested use of the club's water supply. The committee agreed that an outside tap would be put in, which would also be of benefit to the club.

6 Financial Update

AB tabled a summary of this years accounts to date. He noted that annual subscriptions were up on last year's figures, but that a number of vice president's and sponsor's funds were still awaited. The golf day had raised £2,228.19 for the club. JB offered his thanks to Colin for all his hard work in organising the event.

The club has been offered a grant of £1,500 by the ECB towards the purchase of a second hand mower to replace the current one. This will include a scarifier and a comber and will be a considerable improvement on the current model, which could then be sold. The offer from the ECB was accepted by the committee.

AB noted that £3,396 currently with the treasurer means that we are in a good financial position.

7 Fund Raising

VR-C reported that the likely date for the bowlathon is on the last youth coaching evening of the year.

8 Ground Issues

JW reported that John Jones has had limited success in reducing the mole population on the ground.

9 Captains Issues

NT reported that because of a mix-up with the tea rota no teas were provided for the game against Cound on 16 July. Neil had explained the situation to the visiting captain before the game and they agreed that, because the game would be shortened because of the weather, the innings would follow on from each other and tea would be provided at The Dragon Hotel afterwards. CD had objected to this and had raised concerns at the time and subsequently with AB. AB reported that CD wants the club to write to Cound to apologise, but the Committee agreed that the visiting team had been content with the arrangements on the day, and the apologies then given, and that no further action was necessary. Cound were not charged for the tea provided by The Dragon, the cost of which will be recovered from the match fees paid by the home players.

NT informed the committee of his decision to step down as captain at the end of the season. The Committee recognised his hard work as captain over a number of years, initially of the 2nd XI and then of the 1st XI, and thanked him for all his efforts.

JW is concerned that younger players in 2nd XI have not progressed as he had hoped. He thought a lack of cricket may have contributed to this and asked that organisation of Sunday cricket be improved to give youngsters a chance of playing more regularly.

10 Child Protection Issues

JB drew the Committee's attention to the ECB Guidelines on young players in open age cricket. The Committee agreed with the approach taken for the knock-out, where a higher age limit was set, but saw no reason why the club should set a minimum limit higher than that recommended by the ECB for Saturday and Sunday fixtures. The recommendations state that the player 'should not be younger than the U13 age group, be in Year 8 at school and be 12 years old on 1st September of the preceding year'. VR-C commented that all captains should be fully aware of the 'Safe Hands' policy and the measures in the policy for the safe-guarding of children. The duty of care clause in the ECB regulations should also be noted and the skill of the players and the circumstances of the match should be taken into account. The advice of the youth coach should be sought with regard to the duty of care clause.

VR-C suggested youth membership forms be kept on site in a locked cabinet so that medical information is available in the event of an accident. The committee agreed and AB will investigate.

AB noted that two under 18s were going on tour without their parents. He will write to their parents and ask them to sign consent forms that set out how the duty of care will be exercised by responsible adults during the tour.

11 Youth and Coaching Issues

The two unbeaten Under 13 teams in the region, Montgomery and Bishops Castle, are meeting in the final game of the season. The game will be treated as a final with the winner being declared champions.

JW has had difficulties with availability for the Under 15 team because some of the players have been studying for exams.

12 Communication Officer Issues

DT has been contributing articles to the Crier newsletter distributed in the town and thinks this has raised interest about the club.

The club's youth training evening was filmed by the BBC for Derek Brockway's 'Weather Man Walking' television programme which is due to be broadcast in January 2012. JB is a fan and reported that Derek's blog already features a story about the club.

13 Any Other Business

The Committee agreed to ask non-players who have teas on match days to make a small contribution to the club.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on Wednesday 17 August at Lymore.