



Tuesday 29 September 2009

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery

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Present

JB (Chair), JW, DT, KG, NT, AB, RK, SD, BC and RY. CD joined the meeting to discuss arrangements for forthcoming building work.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chairman noted that KG, not Keith Fletcher, had reported on the tickets for the Manchester United vs Liverpool football match at the meeting on 26 August. He also requested that minutes should include initials rather than full names when published on the web.

3 Matters Arising

JB confirmed that the Montgomeryshire knock-out game against Llanidloes had not gone ahead. He also thanked all those involved in arrangements for the knock-out events over the bank holiday weekend, particularly Anne Griffiths for organising teas.

4. Annual Dinner

The Committee confirmed that the event will begin at 7.30. AB will be collecting menu options over the course of the coming week. The Committee agreed not to include cheese and biscuits with the meal, but to offer a complimentary glass of wine or orange juice as guests arrived.

Arrangements for beer and wine are in place, and Mark Cadwallader has confirmed the availability of the karaoke machine. Huw Jones will provide a PA. AB will be co-ordinating the setting up of the room and asked for volunteers to assist him.

Club trophies will once again be collected before the dinner and engraved with the winner's names. There will be no Captain's reports on the evening, the only speech being that of the Chairman. The winner of the Clubman of the Year will be decided by the Chairman along with the previous winner. There will be a raffle and an auction for the Manchester United vs Liverpool tickets,

with NT acting as auctioneer. JB asked KG to thank Ian Fletcher for the tickets.

JB reminded Committee members that they shouldn't buy drinks for under-age guests, and the Committee agreed to keep the age limit to thirteen.

5 Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

6 Financial Update

AB tabled the summary of accounts to date. He noted the surplus was misleading because some grants have been received but not spent.

The Committee agreed to accept PAVO's offer of a 'Can Do Communities Grant' of £3,600. It also agreed to accept the 'Community Chest Grant' of £1,000. The Committee asked AB to update the ECB's website with the latest details of the development plan.

7 Fund Raising

AB summarised the fund raising activities to date. In particular he noted the success of the 'bowlathon' that raised over £1,300, and thanked the Youth Committee for their work.

NT congratulated AB on the success of his endeavours in securing grants, and JB added that the club will look a very different place at the beginning of next season because of all the hard work in obtaining the funds for the development plan. AB replied that there was still a way to go, and highlighted the Casino Evening being organised by the Youth Section and the e-Bay account as important forthcoming events.

AB agreed to provide JB with a brief summary of fund raising activities for the Annual Dinner.

8 Ground Issues

NT tabled the latest plans for the development of the clubhouse and highlighted an amendment to the previous plans. The new plan removes the staircase from inside the equipment store and allows access to the score-box via external stairs to a flat roof, which could also be used as a viewing area for games. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea, but JB enquired whether safety aspects had been taken into consideration. NT replied that the safety aspect will be covered by the Building Regulations inspection and KG agreed to discuss the new plan with Peter Brett.

AB enquired about the cost of the new plan and NT answered that it will cost around £1,000 more than the previous plan because of the cost of the external stair. CD queried this and the Committee asked NT to provide accurate costings for the next meeting. The investigation of cost will not slow up the timetable for the work because the majority of the ground work and blocking will need to be done before deciding on the roof and stair arrangement.

The work on the clubhouse extension and the new two-bay nets will begin on 19 October. JB enquired whether access arrangements had been made with Powis Estates and Wynford. AB said that plans have been discussed and that they will be told of the exact timetable and arrangements now they are known.

SD added that arrangements have been made for lifting the concrete from the old nets, but that the method disposal of this had not yet been agreed. AB agreed to enquire whether Wynford required it for gate entrances etc. The spoil from the groundworks for the nets and clubhouse extension will be laid around Lymore Pool as requested by Powis Estates. Tom Sheppard has offered to buy the net, but the Committee agreed to give it to him in return for the use of his trailer in shifting spoil from the groundworks.

SD reported that end-of-season work at the club has been completed, but that rain is needed to aid re-seeding.

9 Captains Issues

JB congratulated both captains on their performances during the season, and noted the success of the 2nd XI in bringing on young players.

NT reported his satisfaction at the way the season had gone, but was disappointed with availability at certain times in the season. He noted the importance of coaching for senior players and hopes that more structured practice nights take place next year. JW supported all NT's comments from a 2nd XI point of view.

10 Child Protection Issues

There were no child protection issues.

11 Youth and Coaching Issues

The Committee agreed that the standard of cricket played by the Youth this year has been impressive, including that of the Under 13s who had improved significantly over the course of the season. KG was disappointed that the Under 11 and Under 15 leagues had not been completed as it meant that our teams hadn't had the chance to compete for titles they were strong enough to win. Twelve of our players will be attending winter training sessions with the mid-Wales squad.

KG noted that organisation of the regional youth set-up was threatened by the retirement of several members of the Committee. He asked anybody interested in helping to contact him.

KG thanked all those who had sponsored trophies for the Youth, and there had been a very successful awards evening on 27 August

KG reported that a number of coaching courses were taking place over the winter. KG has just completed his Level 3 course work and is awaiting his final assessment. There is a Level 2 course for our current Level 1 coaches at Llandrindod Wells in January, and there is a Level 1 course for new coaches in April. Workshops are available in December and January for Level 1 and 2 coaches looking to improve their skills in specific areas. We also have three young players attending a "Young Leaders Course" during the half term holidays.

The e-Bay account is being organised by Jackson Hassanyeh and Charlie Clinton, and the Casino Night is planned for 21 November in the Town Hall. JB will publicize both events at the Annual Dinner.

12 Communication Officer Issues

DT is in the process of writing the Autumn Newsletter, and will circulate it soon after the Annual Dinner.

13 Any Other Business

JW informed the Committee that the date for claiming a Coffee Morning slot in the Town Hall is 28 November.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 9 November in the Institute.