

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2011**

**Present:** J P Edwards  
S Hannon  
M C Jones  
A Miller  
J Milne  
I Milsom  
B Phelan  
J Seaton  
A L Smith  
M J Rees

**Apologies:** R Bellerby & P Miller.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

1 J Seaton pointed out that the proceeds from the fun day comprised £133.00 (share of the funds set aside by the Brunel Committee through Neyland Town Council) and £167.50 (raffle and sale of key rings) and not 167.50 (share of the funds set aside by the Brunel Committee through Neyland Town Council) and £133.00 (raffle and sale of key rings) as suggested in the minutes.

2 M C Jones apologized for not having sent out his customary reminder by mobile phone that the meeting was to take place.

**Financial Report**

Although the Treasurer was not available he had provided the meeting with a note detailing the club's finances. This indicated that the club's current balance stood at £[REDACTED]. That figure took into account payments made in respect of teas, orange cricket balls and £[REDACTED] paid to P Miller for kit and £[REDACTED] collected from supporters attending the Harrison Allen Bowl Final. Other payments which remained outstanding included:

- 1 £[REDACTED] – bus for Harrison-Allen
- 2 £[REDACTED] – ties for Harrison-Allen
- 3 £100.00 – July 60 Club
- 4 £100.00 – August 60 Club (to be drawn)

**Correspondence**

1 Permission had been sought through Andrew Miller for employees of the Pembroke Power Station to hold a rounders training night on the club grounds. Permission had

been granted by Officers of the Club on the basis that it was in the club's interest to foster alliances such as this however the weather had sadly intervened.

2 All other items of correspondence were specific to other agenda items and were discussed accordingly.

### **Ground & Maintenance**

In his written note R Bellerby reported that he had ordered to 2 tonnes of loam and 2 bags of grass seed via the County Grounds Advisor, Brian James. He had added that due to his incapacity he would not be in a position to carry out any further preparation in advance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI fixture on Saturday.

The Hon Secretary indicated that he had raised the proposal of purchasing a new mower and strimmer from the machinery fund at the recent RFC committee meeting and there had been no objection thereto. As it appeared that all three sporting bodies were now in favour preliminary enquiries had been made at a potential supplier in Steynton.

P Phelan reported that the grass seed applied to the ground adjacent to the newly constructed perimeter wall appeared to be taking.

### **Athletic Club Development**

The Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Club had taken place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Officers had been re-elected en bloc although J Milne had accepted the role of Assistant Secretary with a view to eventually taking over the role of Secretary from Mal Jones in 2012.

Issues which had been raised at the meeting and which had subsequently been taken up with the County Council included:

- 1 a reminder that in previous discussions Mark Lewis had agreed that the Vaughan Trust Land would be handed over contemporaneously with the signing of the lease for the North field
- 2 concern over a possible misunderstanding regarding the release of parking spaces to Athletic Club users and the erroneous suggestion in a letter to school users that the car park would be traffic free and thus safe for pedestrian access
- 3 agreement to allow access to the North Field via the cricket field pending the removal of the boundary hedge between the school and field subject to there being proper supervision, clarity of route and acceptance by the Local Authority of liability for any consequent damage.



### **Club Development Plan**

An application to the Swalec Community Fund for £300.00 towards the purchase of a waterhog had proved successful. In the circumstances it had been decided to proceed with the purchase of the machine from Bowdry. In the light of the funding received the club's contribution to the purchase price would be £294.00.

In terms of perimeter advertising it was agreed to impose a charge of £ [REDACTED] per calendar year (exclusive of any costs for providing the board). Those interested would be given the option to have the board on permanent display throughout the year at their own risk or alternatively the board would be placed in secure storage.

### **Youth Cricket Organiser's Report**

Martin Jones reported that with one exception all sides had now completed their fixtures and all three had enjoyed a successful season.

The Under 11 team had won their zone and had qualified for the play-offs on a date to be determined.

The Under 13 team had also won their zone and were due to meet Kilgetty in the final at Cresselly on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

The Under 15 side had one game outstanding against Llangwm and although losing three fixtures had performed well for a young side.

### **Club Child Welfare Officer's Report**

Martin Jones reported that the planned Child Welfare Course to be run at Haverfordwest Cricket Club had been postponed.

### **End of Season Presentation**

Arrangements were in hand and the venue had been booked. Tickets were priced at £16.00 per person and as agreed at the previous meeting all monies were being received up front. The majority of the awards to be presented on the evening were determined either by reference to the batting and bowling averages, at the discretion of the respective Captains or by vote among the players. Of those awards that remained to be determined by the Committee the awards were decided as follows:

Billy Lloyd Trophy for Clubman of the Year – Sean Hannon (after a vote - honourable mentions – Paul Miller, Jenny Seaton, Ian Milsom, Andrew Miller & Robert Bellerby)

1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year – Nicholas Koomen.

### **Harrison Allen Bowl Final**

The Chairman congratulated Andrew Miller and his team on their success in the capturing the Harrison- Allen Bowl following their victory over Haverfordwest in the Bowl Final. Congratulations were also extended to Nicholas Koomen on winning the Man of the Match Award on the back of his hat-trick and match winning 81 not out.

As in their losing effort two years previously the players had put on a very creditable display holding their nerve at times when the match looked likely to slip away from them and ultimately recording a relatively comfortable success. It had been a memorable day for the club and indeed the town and was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

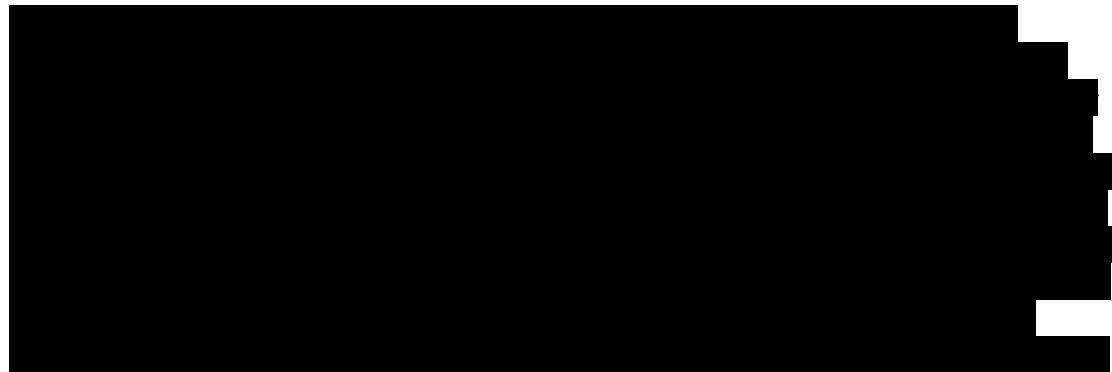
It was agreed that letters of thanks should be sent to:

- 1 Ian Milsom of the Haven Fish Café for ball sponsorship during the early rounds through to the final and for sponsoring the polo shirts/warm-up gear for the final
- 2 The town's Premier and Co-operative stores respectively for their donation of energy drinks for the final
- 3 John Henderson for his contribution to the post match bar bill
- 4 Milford Haven & West Wales Mercury for their general coverage of the club during the season and for their reporting of the final in particular
- 5 Joseph Kiff for the photographic coverage of the final.

Efforts to obtain club ties for the final through the original suppliers Maddox and Dick had not proved successful however Ian Milsom had stepped into the breach and had managed to obtain a limited quantity of ties. In doing so he had been forced given the short notice to base the design on the black base with a white wicket/fern motif rather than the more traditional design of green/yellow bearing the town crest.

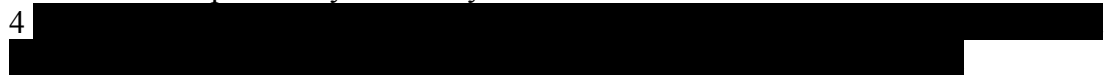
Given that the Club now had a stock of the former it was decided on a vote that any ties purchased in future should be based on the black and white version purchased for the final.

It was agreed that photographs of the Final Winning Team and Man of the Match Nicholas Koomen should be displayed in the Club together with that of Andrew Miller in recognition of his Man of the Match winning performance in a losing cause in 2009.



#### **AOB**

- 1 It was reported that a 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit was required for the storage shed.
- 2 J Seaton announced her intention to organise a sponsored walk for later in the year.
- 3 It was suggested that the Club should seek to organise a fund raising player auction similar to that operated by Lawrenny CC



There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.