

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2009.

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
S Hannon
A Miller
P Miller
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: S John, M C Jones, P Hannon, G Miller, P Miller & G Virgo

Election of Chairman

This being the first meeting since the AGM nominations were accepted for the post of Chairman. Mr. A L Smith was proposed by P Miller and seconded by A Miller. The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2008 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 1 The Secretary had written a further letter to Nick Evans querying whether the decision to award the Ladies League title to Hook Ladies was constitutionally correct.
- 2 The Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Club had agreed to part fund the acquisition of tyres with the balance of the cost involved to be paid from the machinery grant fund. In the event however the cost of acquiring the tyres had been much less than estimated and the sum in question had been paid in its entirety by the Athletic Club. The tyres had been fitted.
- 3 At the same meeting the Athletic Club had also agreed to pay the costs involved in removing the trees for the forthcoming net development.
- 4 It had been suggested that given the amount currently held in the machinery fund, future contributions should be suspended. Members present took the view that it would be prudent to ensure that contributions remained at their current level for the time being at least.

Financial Report

Information relating to club finances will not be available online. Members with any queries relating to this section should contact the club treasurer directly.
Please see the Management Committee section of this website.

Ground & Maintenance

Not a lot of work had been carried out as yet. Robert Bellerby was endeavouring to contact Brian James with a view to securing the use of the Aerator towards the end of January.

Additional fertiliser and worm suppressant to be applied to square subject to any advice received on the subject from Wayne Duggan.

Paul Miller had ordered a chain link for the blades on the mower in October/November but had heard nothing further to date – Paul undertook to chase up the supplier.

Robert Bellerby indicated that he hoped that it might prove possible to use the “topper” to cut the outfield..

It was suggested that the Athletic Club be approached with a view to funding the application of weed killer to the grounds during the spring.

Attempts to Contact Geoff Holmes in relation to the 2009 ECB machinery Grant scheme had still to receive a response – it was suggested that the acquisition of a rotary mower should be the Club’s first priority.

Correspondence

1 Correspondence had been received from the County Club to the effect that the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Cricket Club was to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 25th February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.. Properly proposed and seconded nominations for Officers and places on the Executive/Finance Committee together with resolutions and amendments were to be submitted to the Hon. Secretary 28 days before the date of the AGM. Vacancies included the position of County Treasurer and places on the Senior Selection Committee. This correspondence had been accompanied by a pro-forma inviting entries to the various Senior Cup and Junior League & Cup competitions. It was agreed that the Club should enter all competitions although in the case of the junior sides, this would in some cases once again be in conjunction with Johnston CC.

2 The club had entered one side in the forthcoming Indoor League Competition. All fixtures were to be staged at the Meads Leisure Centre, Milford Haven on Sunday afternoons and that full details of the fixtures had been communicated direct to Greg Miller. Correspondence had also been received from the County Club advising that although it had been indicated previously that the winners of the 2009 Indoor League would go on to represent Pembrokeshire in the Wales Indoor League Final, it transpired that the Wales Final was now to be held in February 2009. As the Pembrokeshire competition would not be completed by that date, it had been determined that the 2008 league winners, Haverfordwest A would represent Pembrokeshire in those finals with the winners of the 2009 competition participating in the 2010 Wales Final.

3 Correspondence had been received from Phil Tallett regarding a meeting to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on 22nd January 2009 to discuss all aspects of junior cricket – it was likely that Martin Jones had been contacted direct but the Secretary undertook to confirm with Martin that that was indeed the case.

4 The formalities surrounding the transfer of Kristian Bennett to Neyland from Herbrandston had been completed.

5 The Secretary confirmed that he had responded to the correspondence which had been received from the Assistant Hon. Secretary to the County Club inviting Club requesting confirmation of the Club's playing arrangements for the 2009 season.

6 The Secretary confirmed that the club had entered the WCA Gwalia Cricket Cup Competition 2009. The relevant formalities had been completed by e-mail.

7 The Secretary confirmed that he had belatedly responded to the request received on behalf of Whitland Cricket Club for copies of the score cards for the Pembrokeshire League Division 2 fixtures between Neyland and Whitland held on 5th July 1975 and 3rd July 1976 respectively, indicating that he had been unable to locate the score books for the relevant period.

Athletic Club Development

It appeared that the purchase of the land deemed essential if the scheme was to proceed was imminent. . At their most recent meeting the members of the Steering Group had considered tenders submitted by several parties in relation to the design of the building and had recommended that Fred Fisher and Associates should be awarded the contract (copy of minutes attached). That recommendation was to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the General Management Committee and after a discussion it was agreed that the Cricket Club should support the proposal.

2 Although the plans as designed reflected previously agreed arrangements Paul Miller suggested that the Cricket Club should seek to amend the design to enhance the viewing facilities. In this regard he envisaged the construction of a balcony similar to that at Carew Sports Club. Some concern was expressed at the potential disquiet which such a proposal would provoke on the part of the other sporting bodies but after a discussion it was agreed that the Cricket Club should at least "test the water".

Club Accreditation/ Club Development Plan

Although he was not present Paul Miller had prepared a report (copy attached) which was presented by Andrew Miller.

Net Facility - While the quotes submitted were awaiting final approval from the ECB it was believed they favour the quote from Dura Sport. An application was being made to the Communities First Trust Fund initiative for £5000 and the applications for the 08/09 financial year close on the 31st January. Paul had been informed that there is currently still enough money in the fund to support a £5k project however he had been led to believe that this round of application may be particularly competitive as the officers in Pembrokeshire have understandably been advertising this point to local community groups. With this in mind Paul was hopeful that the Club will secure some further funding for the project from this source, however in order to ensure that the project is a success and is completed on schedule he recommended to the committee that the Club accept an ECB offer of an interest free loan for the remaining £5775.89 of the project. This can then simply not be drawn down should funding be forthcoming however it will ensure the projects success should it not. He added that the loan could be extended to cover the cost of scoreboard.

Club Kit - the order for 2009 has to be submitted by the end of January. Prices are much the same as last year and are displayed on the club website.

Junior Coaching Programme - Contact details for each junior team needs to be received by the county by the 20th January.

Coach Education - the £1000 cheque from Community Chest has now been received and all but one of the courses have now been completed. It should be noted that Nicholas Koomen failed to attend his course and as a result the club will be left to shoulder the burden of 190 wasted pounds.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

In the absence of Martin Jones no report was available.

AOB

1 There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 12th February 2009.