

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE SNOOKER ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 2010.

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

Apologies: R Bellerby & A Miller

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 M C Jones. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Before the meeting continued members present observed a minute silence as a mark of respect in memory of the late John Isaac. Mr Isaac had been a tremendous servant to cricket in Pembrokeshire both on and off the field having been a long serving umpire and Treasurer of the County Club. His son David had also represented the Neyland club with distinction.

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2009 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 1 Although one or two more players had reimbursed the Club in relation to the Harrison Allen Souvenir ties a worrying number had still to do so. It was agreed that efforts to recover the monies owed from the individuals in question should continue.
- 2 Indoor net sessions had commenced. Three sessions had been held thus far and attendances had been encouraging.
- 3 Attempts were to be made to sports match the sponsorship received from Murco and N'Power.
- 4 The Secretary confirmed that the club had been entered in the 2010 WCA Cup competition.

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.

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 24th 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 not later than 28 days before the date of the AGM. Vacancies included the position of County Secretary, one place on the Executive & Finance Committee and two 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 Ormond Cup side, this would likely be in conjunction with Johnston CC.. (NB following the meeting it was determined that the Club would be unable to field a side of any description in the Ormond Cup competition and that information together with confirmation of the other senior entries were conveyed to the County Secretary by e-mail).

Paul Miller expressed interest in standing for election to the County Executive & Finance Committee and it agreed that the Club should nominate Paul whilst the Secretary would formally second the nomination in an individual capacity.

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. In addition details of the fixtures appeared on the County Club Website.

3 Correspondence had been received from Phil Tallett regarding a meeting to be held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on 11th January 2010 to discuss all aspects of junior cricket – it was likely that Martin Jones would be unable to attend but Paul Miller agreed to attend in Martin's absence.

4 Promotional literature had been received from Punkcricket.com regarding humorous cricket based t-shirts.

Ground & Maintenance

Maintenance Program for the Athletic Club Fields - After discussing for a long time all the work that would be done in an ideal world Paul Miller had taken it upon himself in December to convene a meeting of the three outdoor sporting bodies (Rugby, Football and Cricket) to discuss the recommendations of Jonathon Boot who he had asked to visit the ground the previous week.

As a result of this meeting the various bodies agreed on the various works that would be required and Paul had subsequently put together the following 2 year program.

Year 1

Verti-draining of the 2nd XI rugby and football pitches

Solid Tine Aeration of the cricket outfield

Weed killer application to the entire site

Seed and Feed of the 2nd XI rugby and football pitches.

Year 2

Solid Tine aeration of the cricket outfield
Weed killer application to entire site.

This program is priced at £2727.83 Inc VAT however Paul was hopeful that it would be possible to remove the VAT from that price giving a cost of £2318. This may be reduced further if chemical weed killer is obtained at a discount through Steven Evans who is looking into this.

Paul provided a spreadsheet for full details but in summary the projected expenditure was as follows;

Year 1: £1936.69 Inc Vat (1648)
Year 2: £791.14 Inc Vat (673)

Cricket: 28.5%
Rugby: 35.7%
Football: 35.7%

Paul proposed that a joint letter be written to the Athletic Club on behalf of all three bodies, requesting that the Athletic Club pay for these works. If the cricket committee agree on the above then Paul sought permission to sign on behalf of the cricket club.

Also at that meeting, it was agreed that the front tyres of the tractor would be replaced and paid for from the tractor maintenance fund.

Whilst it was hoped that the Athletic Club would feel in a position to grant the application some concern was expressed that the recent damage to the Athletic Club roof might impact on future funding from the Athletic Club in the short term at least.

Cricket Outfield - In relation to the cricket outfield and based on the assumption that the Club would have a new mower in time for the start of the season Paul had prepared a maintenance schedule designed to rapidly improve the outfield (copy attached). This work is desperately needed if the outfield is to become even of reasonable standard for the 1st division.

Athletic Club Development

There was little to report other than that the County Council had agreed to pay the Architect's fees for the amended design of the proposed building and the revised plans were about to be submitted for planning approval.

Club Development Report

Machinery Shed / Scoreboard Construction - The agreement regarding this was very near completion. Paul provided copies of the land sale and the fence specifications for the cricket committee's approval. Following this approval the solicitors will be instructed to complete the land sale for a pre-agreed price of £**,***. As NAC

Project Manager, Paul considered this to be a competitive price and would allow the construction of new machinery shed with dimensions of 12m x 8m. This represents around a 40% increase on the current building size but more crucially the usable space will be far larger.

The new electronic cricket scoreboard is included in this price with a cost of approximately £**** and a water supply and electrics will also be included in the build.

Outfield Mower / Wicket Covers - After receiving in excess of 7 quotations the total cost for the provision of a used, outfield cylinder mower is approximately £8,800 and new wicket covers £4700. This gives the project a total cost of £13,500.

If the Club was successful with all its funding applications the club would need to contribute £500 to the project in addition to the c. £180 for the first year's insurance for the covers.

Not being successful with the SITA trust application would obviously render the project unfeasible and require the Club to prioritise for a cheaper outfield mower, but should the SITA application be successful the club should be able to recognise the project, with the club contribution ranging from £3650 - £500. With SITA money, Paul was optimistic that the Club's contribution would not exceed £2000.

Nets Insurance - The nets have been insured by adding them to the Athletic Clubs policy. This has cost £112.63. Payment needed to be forwarded ASAP.

Chance to Shine 2010 - While the Club should have had our budget for 2010 before Christmas this had been delayed. The budget for 2010 should be received in the next few weeks but neither an increase nor reduction is expected. With the same budget as last year the club should make £650 as a result of running the chance to shine scheme in 2010.

Advertising Hoardings - After investigating some best practise from other clubs in the UK Paul suggested that starting this 2010 season the Club should attempt to make some use of advertising hoardings. If the Club was to sell them at £200 each (with an estimated production cost of £100) then he believed that the Club should target 5 hoardings for the start of the 2010 season. This would secure a £500 profit in the first year and hopefully most companies investing would continue to invest at £100 per annum there-after. If the Club was then to aim for a further 5 in the second year and aim to keep all 10 in the 3rd year this would represent a net gain of £2500 over 3 years.

Paul added that not only are hoardings a potential revenue source but they could, possibly, also go some way to solving certain problems regarding where people walk across the ground. Placing the hoardings in the right places could alter the directions people take across the cricket field and move the traffic off the field.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones reported that four Neyland players had been elected to attend County training and that Alex Codd's interest in the game appeared to have been revived which would considerably strengthen the age group.

No post season presentation had taken place and Martin indicated that he was favouring some form of pre season event as a substitute.

He queried whether any fresh kit would be available to the youth sides. Paul Miller noted that under the terms of the Club's agreement with Kukri the Club would be making some additions to existing stock and it had already been decided to order 50 cricket caps of the one size fits all category.

Martin indicated that he had still to decide whether to arrange indoor net sessions particularly in view of the costs involved. The proposal that these sessions should be combined with senior sessions was determined to be impracticable.

Outdoor training nights were likely to take place on Wednesday evenings.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones gave members a brief update on the current position.

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1 It was suggested that some form of pre season function be arranged in advance of the opening of the season.

2 It was noted that due to the recent bad weather the rugby season was likely to extend further into the cricket season than would normally be the case and this might lead to fixture clashes. The Hon Secretary reported that the RFC 1st XV had two home fixtures to arrange but revised dates had been fixed in February and March. There was a possibility that if the Club were to secure a home tie in the 1st round of the Welsh Cup, on the first Sunday in May, this would clash with a Youth tournament scheduled to be hosted by Neyland RFC that same Sunday however it might be possible to switch the fixture.

3 It was agreed that the RFC should be asked to ensure that their line marker is no longer emptied near the entrance to the changing rooms.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Wednesday 15th February 2010.