

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON FRIDAY 15th JULY 2011

Present: R Bellerby
S Hannon
M C Jones
P Miller
I Milsom
P Murray
B Phelan
J Seaton
M J Rees

Apologies: J P Edwards, A Miller & J Milne

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2011 were unavailable. As a result there were no matters arising.

Financial Report

The treasurer reported that the clubs balance stood at £ [REDACTED]. Income generated since the previous meeting included [REDACTED] (60 Club), £ [REDACTED] (Brunel Fun Day); £ [REDACTED] (Under 9 Festival – Bat Raffle/Barbecue/Shop); £ [REDACTED] (Junior Subs); £ [REDACTED] (Oakwood Tickets) whilst outgoings included £ [REDACTED] (June Teas); £100.00 (60 Club prize); £ [REDACTED] (Cricket Balls).

In the review of the various fund raising events which followed it was noted that the proceeds from the fun day comprised £ [REDACTED] (share of the funds set aside by the Brunel Committee through Neyland Town Council) and £ [REDACTED] (raffle and sale of key rings) and thanks were extended to Jenny Seaton and Kirsty Hughes ably assisted by Michaela Pritchard.

In terms of the Under 9 Festival thanks were extended to Ian Milsom for donating the raffle prize and food, to Brian Phelan for selling the raffle tickets and Paul Miller, Jenny Seaton, Sean Hannon and Kirsty Hughes for cooking/selling the burgers/hot dogs in which they were ably assisted by Ben Milsom and Ffion Bellerby.

Whilst the club's finances were in a relatively good position the Treasurer expressed his disappointment at the small number of raffles which had been held and at the number of 1st XI players who had still to pay their subscriptions. He added that the Club could not afford to become complacent as there would be a number of large bills on the horizon including the cost of winter preparation, teas, kit and costs associated with the Harrison-Allen Final.

Correspondence

- 1 Details of the Umpiring appointments for the period July & August had been received.
- 2 A letter of thanks had been received from Matt Freeman, Cricket Development Officer, Sport Pembrokeshire for organising the recent Under 9 Festival.
- 3 Promotional Literature had been received from Office Solutions Wales
- 4 Correspondence had been received from the St John Council for Wales in relation to a fund raising walk which had taken place on 26th June 2011.

Ground & Maintenance

Discussion took place regarding the autumn work and the quantity of loam and seed required. Whilst there was an obvious temptation to stock up with loam as a cost saving measure this had to be weighted against the limited space available in the equipment shed.

Otherwise Brian Phelan agreed to attempt to exchange some of the surplus seed in the club's possession for seed which is fit for purpose.

Brian Phelan pointed out that the plaster on the wall of the equipment shed to the right of the scoreboard was blown – John Greggain to be asked to inspect.

Athletic Club Development

The Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Club was scheduled to take place on Thursday 28th July 2011 and members were urged to attend. Recent meetings of the Steering Group had seen a shift of opinion on the part of some members who were of the view that the development as envisaged by the County Council was not sustainable and a better option would be to seek to refurbish the existing building. In this regard the individuals in question were firmly of the view that the Athletic Club should not relinquish control of the changing rooms. It was hoped that the AGM would give some indication of the degree of support or otherwise for this view whilst other issues including rent and the grounds would doubtless also be raised.

Club Development Plan

Various requests for funding had been submitted albeit that the current financial climate suggested that these appeals for support would fall on deaf ears.

It was likely that the Club would shortly be required to renew its accreditation.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones indicated that the various sides were up to date with all fixtures and that in the main had competed well at all levels

Under 9 level – this section had now completed their fixtures for the year and whilst there had been a mixed bag of results the team had effectively consisted of a new group of children

Under 11 – the team were currently unbeaten

Under 13 – the team had played exceptionally well particularly in the Welsh Cup and were well placed to make the play-offs.

Under 15 – the side had lost to both Burton and Haverfordwest but had otherwise enjoyed a good season to date.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones indicated he was continuing to ensure compliance with the regulations.

End of Season Presentation

It was agreed that the joint senior and junior presentation evening held in 2010 had not been a resounding success not least because it had finished rather too late for some of the younger children. As a result it was determined to hold two separate functions in 2011. In terms of the Seniors a desire had been expressed by several individuals to adopt a fresh approach this year in that whilst it was still proposed to meet at the Athletic Club on the final Saturday of the season it had been suggested that the Club hold a formal dinner at the Ferry House Inn on Saturday 10th September 2011. Whilst those present did not oppose this suggestion it was stressed that all monies should be received up front and that the Club should not be asked to make good any loss

Harrison Allen Bowl Final

Congratulations were extended to the 1st XI on reaching the Harrison- Allen Bowl Final for the second time in three seasons.

In terms of arrangements for the final correspondence had been received from the County Executive confirming that the match would commence at 12.00 midday on Saturday 30th July 2011 and in anticipation of the final the Club had been asked to provide the County Secretary with:

- 1 the final team with up to three reserve players with pen pics on each player
- 2 a "rough" batting order
- 3 some 100 to 120 words from our Club Chairman
- 4 some 100 to 120 words on club history
- 5 Details of Club Officers etc

The Secretary agreed to deal with this in tandem with Andrew Miller and Andrew Smith

In terms of other ancillary arrangements for the day it was observed that due to weather delays there had been a short gap between semi-final and final in 2009 and as a result arrangements for the final had been somewhat rushed. Members present were anxious to ensure that the mistakes made then and which had to some extent tarnished the occasion were not repeated.

It was agreed that breakfast should be taken at the club but at the cost of the individuals concerned.

It was agreed to provide a bus for the team and officials but that any supporters' bus would have to be self-financing.

It was agreed that club ties should be obtained for the final – some debate took place in relation to the design/colour of the ties - M C Jones to action

4 The Secretary had received a telephone call from a local business offering to sponsor shirts for the final. Paul Miller had spoken to this individual and indicated that the club did not propose to go down this route but would instead rely on the existing team kit. As an alternative consideration had been given to acquiring polo shirts or warm-up gear and the kind offer of Ian Milsom to sponsor said gear was gratefully accepted.

AOB

1 With the club approaching the 125th anniversary of its formation Brian Phelan indicated that some centenary memorabilia was still available.

2 Jenny Seaton reported that in a joint venture with the RFC it was proposed to run a series of twilight car boot sales at the Athletic Club.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 11th August 2011.