

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2008.

Present: R Bellerby
J P Edwards
P Hannon
A Hansen Snr
A Hansen Jnr
N Koomen
A Miller
M J Rees

Apologies: S Hannon, M C Jones & P Miller

Minutes

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2008 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

- 1 The application submitted to the Welsh cricket board via the machinery grant scheme for a 2yr old reconditioned roller had been successful.
- 2 The Club had finished as runners up in the 2008 Indoor Cricket League having suffered defeat at the hands of Haverfordwest.
- 3 The Secretary confirmed that he had written to both Neyland Town Council and the Neyland RAOB thanking those bodies for their respective donations to club funds/resources.

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

Wayne Duggan and Les Smith of Glamorgan County Cricket Club had attended the Club to carry out the square inspection and assessment which formed part of the Club's attempt to attain accreditation status. They had been accompanied by the Chairman and Andrew Miller. Their observations had been extremely encouraging in terms of the core samples taken however they had made several observations/recommendations including:

- 1 that loam had evidently been applied properly in the past
- 2 that the most significant problem with the square was the presence of worms
- 3 that vigorous scarifying and seeding was required in the Autumn
- 4 that the Club should become a member of the Pembrokeshire Groundsmen's Association.
- 5 that the Club should target an aerator/spiker as a future acquisition

A full report was to be received in due course but in the interim worm repellent was to be purchased.

Athletic Club Development

Nothing new to report.

Correspondence

1 Correspondence had been received from Antur Insurance Services Limited the new sponsors of the Pembroke County Cricket League offering all clubs in the County and their members an opportunity to earn £25 for their club every time a new motor, household or business insurance is purchased through the Company. That correspondence had been accompanied by a quantity of team sheets bearing the Company's legend etc.

2 The Hon Secretary confirmed that at the recent AGM he had obtained:

1 the fixture list for 2008

2 a supply of result and team sheets for both Senior and Junior League and Cup fixtures.

3 The Hon Secretary indicated that he had received a telephone call from his Pembroke Dock counterpart seeking to arrange a pre-season friendly fixture – details passed to Andrew Miller.

County AGM

A report was given by the Chairman on the outcome of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Club held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on 27th February 2008. Details of the Officers elected to the various available posts and committees were provided and the outcome of proposed amendments to County rules confirmed.

Club Accreditation/ Club Development Plan

Although he was not present Paul Miller had prepared his monthly Development report which was presented by Andrew Miller.

1 Machinery Grant - the Club had_ been allocated a roller through the CBW Machinery Grant Scheme.

2 Correspondents had been received from the CBW through Ben Field that the club should start preparing the following documents as the final stage to acquiring accreditation;

- Constitution
- Insurance - Ben Field had been asked to clarify what insurance this was and had undertaken to get back to Paul
- An account summary
- Bank Statements (photocopies of the most recent couple)

Club Kit - the Club had paid the deposit to Kukri (£1500) and were expecting to pay an estimated further £1000 in approximately May or June. Approximately £1500 had so far been collected from purchasers.

The contracts with Kukri sports had also now been signed and sent to Kukri. Their return was expected shortly and the kit order total would then be reduced by £250.

Net Re-development - Paul had applied to the Lords Taverners for a grant of £4000 but had still to receive a response from them.

He had also written an application to the Sports council of Wales for around £35,000. Although perhaps a little bold the band for awards is £12,500 to £50,000 whilst the Club also appeared to meet a number of the Council's key criteria for awards. Paul was therefore hopeful that the application would be well received although he indicated that anyone wishing and having time to review this application before he submitted it would be most welcome to do so. He had also sent the application to Cllr Simon Hancock who had generously agreed to read over it as he regularly applies to similar funding bodies and is somewhat of an expert on the application process.

Paul had arranged a meeting with County Council officials at the club on 18th March to discuss the boundary between the club and the school grounds. It was proposed to discuss a leasing / purchase agreement for the strip of land between the boundary line and the school fence, the idea being to avoid land being wasted between the two fences and also to reduce the club's building costs as it would then be necessary to only have to construct three sides of a security fence.

Women's Cricket Development - Paul had been in touch with the Neyland Ladies Section, Ben Field and the Ladies co-ordinator for Wales about the possibility of staging a competition, a sort of Welsh Cup for Ladies, to be played over a single day at Neyland. Discussions were at a very early stage at the moment but Paul saw the proposed competition as a real opportunity to stage a high profile tournament at the club. It was proposed that all the games (of 20overs per side probably) would be played on the same day with a final being held late afternoon. It is likely that two pitches would be required and he queried whether the Astroturf was in sufficiently good condition to render it useable. Although Paul accepted that the competition might require a good deal of work on the second field etc, he was of the view that it would worthwhile as, if nothing else, starting preparations on the 2nd field would afford the Club a head-start should it be decided to reform a 3rd team at any time in the next few years.

Regarding girls development the Neyland under 9's will be mixed this year.

General funding - Martin Jones and Paul were to meet next week to discuss potential projects that could be developed to use and sports match the money he and Yvonne have collected. Paul's personal preference was to use some of it for coaching equipment, specifically things to aid with LTAD work (Long Term Athlete Development), such as ladders, skills balls, wobble mats, etc. Packs were available from the ECB CA (Coaches Association), with a full kit costing approximately £800. He added that having these things would also prove of assistance on assessment day.

He asked that if anyone was aware of any other potential projects to advise him accordingly.

In Schools Coaching - Ben Field had confirmed he will be in a position to pay the Club for supplying coaches to schools (approximately £10 per coach per hour) and had asked the Club to contact the schools direct and then send him a list of coaches and the schools attended. He would then complete the necessary time sheets on the club's behalf. Martin Jones was taking the lead on this exercise.

Recruitment - Paul revealed that Alex Kemp would be joining the club this season. Alex has represented Wales at youth level, is also a level 2 qualified coach and had already agreed to assist Paul with coaching the under 9's when in a position to do so.

Pembrokeshire Fantasy Cricket, Paul's brainchild was set to commence – Paul expressed the hope that the majority of it's support would be coming from in and around Neyland and he hoped (dependant on the success of the venture) to be in a position to make a donation from the proceeds to the club at the end of the season.

Finally he advised that he might be up for re-election to the Town Council in April / May. He invited those present to spread the word and make sure of their eligibility to vote.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

In the absence of Martin Jones no report was available.

AOB

At the January meeting it had been announced that the Club had registered to take part in NatWest Cricket Force 2008. As part of the scheme the Club proposed to arrange some pre-season work to take place at the ground on the weekend of 4th, 5th, 6th April. Projects included the repair of the boundary wall seating and work to the nets and scoreboard. Insofar as the seating is concerned timber had been obtained at cost price from Manderwood and Gary Lloyd had agreed to carry out the work with it now transpired the assistance of a willing volunteer in Nicholas Koomen.

2 Andrew Miller was to take his Level 3 Coaches course at the end of the year.

3 The Hon Secretary was requested to ascertain the status of Alex Kemp in terms of any potential registration with Haverfordwest.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 10th April 2008.

SIGNED:.....

DATED:.....