

**THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011**

Present:

A L Smith  
J P Edwards  
R Bellerby  
S Hannon  
M C Jones  
A Miller  
J Milne  
I Milsom  
J Seaton  
M J Rees

Apologies:

P Miller

The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

- 1 Purchase of cricket balls - the position in terms of existing stock had still to be determined
- 2 Sadly the Club's run in the National Indoor cup competition had come to an end at the hands of the Wiltshire representatives however on a brighter note the side had gained considerable compensation by capturing the Pembrokeshire Indoor League title for the third year in succession.
- 3 the Secretary indicated that he had still to write to Steven Evans and Nick Harwood thanking them for their efforts during the recent escape of horses

**Financial Report**

The Treasurer reported that the balance in the club accounts as of 5th March was £[REDACTED]. Outgoings since the previous meeting included £91.00 (affiliation fees to County Club), £100.00 (60 club prize money), £[REDACTED] (repayment of ECB loan) and £[REDACTED] (machinery fund.)

**Correspondence**

- 1 Promotional literature had been received from the St Helen's balconiers regarding the Swansea & West Wales Cricket Festival 2011
- 2 Promotional Literature had been received from 3 D Sports
- 3 Details of the League Fixtures had been posted on the County web-site. It was noted that the 1st XI's opening home league fixture was due to be played on Saturday 30th April 2011 which would clash with the RFC 1st XV's fixture against Betws. This

would pose certain logistical difficulties in terms of changing facilities and spectator/player safety however it was anticipated that if both clubs adopted a flexible approach it would prove possible to overcome those difficulties.

### **Ground & Maintenance**

1 the damage occasioned to the square as a result of the horses was being patched up and seeding had taken place whilst the square itself was now fenced off. Payment of the electric fence which had been purchased at a cost of £■■■■ was authorised.

Enquiries had established that the damage to the grounds was not covered by the Athletic Club's insurance and the matter was now in the hands of the Athletic Club Solicitors.

2 it transpired that due to work commitments Robert Bellerby might not be able to attend a ground maintenance course due to be held on 17th April 2011. Should that prove to be the case Andrew Miller had agreed to deputise.

### **Athletic Club Development**

1 Colour of boundary railings - M C Jones to discuss with Maria Jones and point out that the design etc should conform to that set out in the agreement signed by the County Council. The Club's 1st choice was black and the 2nd choice dark green

2 Damage to Square and surrounds - M C Jones had written to the 5 largest companies in the area (Murco, South Hook LNG, Dragon LNG, Chevron & RWE ( Power Station) explaining the club's plight and enclosing a copy of the quotation received from Jonathon Boot.

3 members of the steering group had attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the development project with Mark Lewis and Kevin Shales. It was clear that whether or not the project would proceed would depend on whether external funding would be available from the big lottery and similar bodies. A meeting of the steering group was scheduled to take place on the following Sunday at 11.30am. Also to be discussed was a letter received from Deborah John requesting clarification of her and Martin Gale's position vis a vis the proposed development and the resignation from the group of Mal Jones.

### **Club Development Report**

1 Scoreboard Signage - Waiting to go through Athletic Club although it was anticipated that any signage would not be permanent but erected on match days only

2 The planned fixture against a County XI might have to be deferred due to the damage to the square; it was suggested that the subject be discussed further at a later date

3 sadly it appeared that due to off the field issues the Ladies XI may have disbanded although the rump of the team may have reformed under the aegis of Johnston Cricket Club - clarification to be sought

### **County AGM**

Members were provided with a report on the outcome of the Annual General Meeting of the Pembroke County Cricket Club held at Haverfordwest Cricket Club on Wednesday 23rd February 2011. Details of the Officers elected to the various

available posts and committees were outlined and the outcome of notices of motion proposing amendments to County rules confirmed. It was noted that in the event Paul Miller had cast votes on behalf of the club rather than Jason Milne as had been originally intended.

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

M C Jones indicated that as yet no details of the junior fixtures had been received however net sessions had been booked for the Under 13 and Under 15 age groups together with one or two of the more precocious under 11s. Training nights had still to be confirmed - it was hoped that Sean Hannon, Andrew Miller and Patrick Bellerby would be able to assist.

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

M C Jones reported that he was conducting a trawl through his records identifying those instances where self declarations had to be renewed and also identifying those players registered with the club by the County but who realistically were unlikely to play in 2011. Insofar as the latter are concerned he proposed to write to the County Club requesting that their names be expunged from the register of Neyland players.

### **Any Other Business**

1 J Seaton indicated that she would like to organise an Easter Fare aimed at the community and comprising the usual stalls associated with such events (bric a brac, cakes, books etc). Light refreshments would also be available. The proposed date was Saturday 23rd April from 10.00am to 1.00pm and it was suggested that all items collected should be dropped off at the club by 19th April.

2 I Milsom provided members with details of the scheme operated by Lawrenny Cricket Club whereby individual players sought personal sponsorship from local businesses.

3 Enquiries regarding playing resources in 2011 revealed that a number of junior players had expressed interest in playing.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 14th April 2011.