

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NEYLAND CRICKET CLUB HELD IN THE RED ROOM OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB ON THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2009.

Present: J P Edwards
R Bellerby
S Hannon
M C Jones
A Miller
P Miller
J Milne
B Phelan
A L Smith
M J Rees

Apologies: None

At the outset of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Jason Milne on his return to the Committee.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2009 were read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Net Insurance – Paul Miller to progress. It was noted that children had been observed attempting to scale the security fencing.

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

The Hon Secretary indicated that on the 1st occasion since he had taken the post of Secretary there was no correspondence.

Ground & Maintenance

Discussions took place in relation to the programme of autumn work to the square with particular regard to the application of loam, grass seed, fertiliser and worm repellent.

At the previous August meeting there had been considerable discussion in relation to the need to improve the condition of the outfield. Some aeration works such as those undertaken by the Cresselly and Carew Clubs would it appear cost in the region of

£160. It was agreed that the Club should obtain quotes/ canvas the views of the other sporting bodies and possibly seek funding from the Athletic Club.

Net Installation:

- 1 two sets of wickets had been taken in.
- 2 It was noted that the nets required regular brushing and that the existing single brush was inadequate for purpose.
- 3 Hand roller was required – R Bellerby indicated that he would be able to obtain a roller.
- 4 Additional tree cutting was required – Athletic club to be approached for funding.

Mobile Net – discussion took place with regard to the whether to retain or dispose of the mobile net. It was eventually determined to attempt to sell the net with the Pembroke County Club and Pembrokeshire Sport web-sites suggested as appropriate advertising forums.

The access to the grounds by dogs remained a problem despite the presence of signs. It was suggested that attempts should be made to encourage the Athletic club to include in any lease agreement with the Local Authority a stipulation requiring them to maintain hedges.

Athletic Club Development

Paul Miller gave a brief report referring to the plans which had been discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the Athletic Club and which had subsequently been displayed in the Club. The field required to progress the development had finally after 6 years in limbo been completed and was now in the ownership of Pembrokeshire County Council. The hedges etc would be removed once funding for the project had been secured at which time ownership of the field would be transferred to the Athletic Club. A decision was due in October on the outcome of the bid for well in excess of 50% of the funding required. In this regard he indicated that the budget is tight and that this had been reflected in the need to amend the original design to incorporate within the building a day centre and youth club. The latter in particular was likely to impact on other sporting bodies rather than the Cricket Club but would be likely to prove controversial however it was considered that their inclusion was essential if the required additional funding for the project was to be forthcoming.

B Phelan warned of the need to ensure that the new facility did not become a “white elephant” and made a comparison with a similar development at St Ishmaels which had seen the sporting bodies involved saddled with a considerable debt. His disquiet was shared by several members present and it was agreed that the project should be the subject of careful scrutiny.

Club Development Plan

Paul Miller distributed a report (copy attached), the main points from which were:

Scoreboard/Machinery Shed – the plans had been approved in principal by the Local Authority some weeks ago and the budget agreed should prove sufficient for the Club to realise all of its key objectives. The one remaining issue related to the provision of

a water supply however Paul was investigating options designed to secure a supply. Otherwise the deadline for submission of bids had been set for midday on Monday 14th September 2009 and shortly after that plans were to be finalised for dissemination to the three user groups.

Electronic Scoreboard Face – Representatives of Electrovista, a supplier of Daktronics Scoreboards) had visited the Club that afternoon to give a demonstration of their product. The score face was impressive, the digits and board being visible from a wide angle reaching from the existing machinery shed to the North East corner of the ground. The remote control was less convincing however and although probably suitable enough to satisfy our needs nevertheless left room for improvement. FSL Electronics were scheduled to pay a similar visit during the week commencing 21st September 2009 following which a comparison could be made.

Dome Wicket Covers – a quotation had been received in the sum of £4760.85 to acquire three domed units with 2 pneumatic and 2 fixed castor wheels per unit. Of that sum £162 constituted the 1st year insurance premium. In an effort to fund this purchase the Club would need to secure approximately £2500 from corporate sponsors. NPower had already been approached with a view to sponsoring the Club to the tune of £2000. The likelihood of that application being successful was questionable however it was hoped that sponsorship to some degree would be forthcoming from that quarter. It was proposed to similarly target South Hook LNH, Dragon LNG and Chevron and should that £2500 target be reached it was hoped that it would be possible to sports match the same. Should there be a shortfall other organisations including the Town Council would be approached.

Entrance to 2nd Field – work had been completed to improve access through the entranceway linking the main grounds with the 2nd XI cricket field and football field/rugby training ground. Those works appeared to have been completed without causing significant damage to the main cricket field however any effect on drainage would have to be monitored.

Indoor Cricket School – whilst proposals were at an embryonic state a meeting was to be held in coming weeks with Officers of the Pembrokeshire County Club with a view to including an indoor cricket school on the Athletic Club site. The County Club had been looking for such a site for a number of years and the location of such a facility in Neyland would be of considerable value to the Club both in terms of potential use of the facility and from a prestige point of view.

Youth Cricket Organiser's Report

Martin Jones provided those present with a brief report on the season.

The Under 11 and Under 13 age groups had both enjoyed relatively successful seasons which in each case had seen them in the running for honours. The Under 11 side had been particularly unfortunate not to earn a place in the final due to some idiosyncrasies of the points system rather than any deficiencies on their part.

Club Child Welfare Officer's Report

Martin Jones provided a brief “end of term” report and confirmed that he would be conducting a full review of his record system during the winter months.

Presentation Evening

The evening had gone ahead as planned and had been reasonably well attended although for various reasons it could have been better organised. The Secretary was of the view that the current format was becoming rather stale and questioned whether some form of alternative format should be considered for 2010. The award winners were:

Billy Lloyd Trophy - Clubman of the Year – Sean Hannon
J H Preece Trophy - 1st XI Player of the Year – Andrew Miller
C E Morgan Award - 2nd XI Player of the Year – Peter Burton
Players Player – Andrew Miller
1st XI Batting Award – Andrew Miller
2nd XI Batting Award – Gareth Virgo
1st XI Bowling Award – Andrew Miller
2nd XI Bowling Award – Peter Burton
1st XI Fielding Award – Sean Hannon
2nd XI Fielding Award – No Award
Ladies Awards
Martin Jones Trophy – Julie Garlick
Batting Award - Katie Norrie
Bowling Award – Naomi James
Fielding Award – Emily Griffiths
Most Improved Player – Lucy Neale
Players Player – Julie Garlick
Best Newcomer Award – Nicole James
Captain’s Salver – Katie Norrie

Special congratulations were extended to Andrew Miller whose own outstanding season with both bat and ball had been reflected not only in an almost clean sweep of the Club awards but in his capturing of the County bowling award.

AOB

- 1 It was suggested that to encourage recruitment and emphasise the efforts being made to improve facilities thought should be given to publishing some form of newsletter.
- 2 Caps had still to be ordered – it was suggested that these should form part of the kit order submitted to Kukri in 2010.
- 3 Although there had been an increase in subscribers to the Club’s “60” club the target of 50 members had still to be reached and those present were encouraged to identify potential members.
- 4 Coaching Courses – applications for community chest funding closed on 17th September following which the Club’s £1000 bid would be determined. It appeared that a deposit of £400 would be required.

At the close of the meeting the monthly 60 Club draw was held – the winner was Mr. I. Charles.

There being No Further Business the meeting was declared closed after confirming the date of the next meeting for Thursday 8th October 2009.