

PENCOED CRICKET CLUB

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Treasurer: C Cole

Fixture Sec: R Gregory



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AGM Minutes Sunday 13th February, 2011

Total in attendance: 16

1. Apologies for Absence

Alex Gregory, Gareth Hendry, Michael Williams, Paul Morgan, Keith Redford, Layton Williams.

2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

A copy of the minutes from the 2010 AGM were made available to all those present. With no matters arising the minutes were proposed by Martyn Oram and seconded by Richard Gergory Snr as a true record. All were in favour.

3. Chairman's Report

Graham Davies stated that the majority of what he wished to include in his report had been included in his address at the end of season presentation evening.

He congratulated both the 1st and 2nd XI teams on retaining their position in the 1st division for the forthcoming 2011 season. Youth results were limited due to a number of withdrawals from other teams. G.D made it known that it was a criteria of the first division to run at least one junior team and so many teams would propose entering a side only to withdraw with various excuses once the season started. We were told that the league officials are aware of this and will be looking into it accordingly. That said, our intention that Pencoed will field an Under 13's junior team for the 2011 season was made known.

G.D mentioned that Richard Gregory had again been working hard as fixture secretary to arrange a number of pre season friendlies for April.

Sam Kennett was thanked for her hard work again during the 2010 season in her preparation of the teas.

The end of season tour was mentioned with a good time being had by all that had toured.

Feedback from the League AGM which had taken place a few months earlier was given. There will be no major changes for the 2011 season with all rules/limitations remaining the same, as well as a freeze on league entry fees.

The chairman concluded his report by mentioning that the 2011 season will see the introduction of new playing shirts, displaying the names of both main Club sponsors (S&T Tyres and R&D Tune) as well as new polo shirts for wearing after games and to other social events.

4. Treasures Report

Chris Cole, as Treasurer, made available to all present a copy of the balance sheet for the 2010 season up to the current date. Chris drew attention to a slight loss on nets but a marked increase in

sponsorship on previous seasons. Income from the payment of junior membership and match fees were also up significantly up on previous seasons.

R.J.G – asked what was covered by the “Miscellaneous” column on the balance sheet. Chris explained that this covered expenditures such as stationary and the cutting of additional keys for locks etc.

M.O – asked if all bills had now been paid for the 2010 season or was there anything still outstanding. Chris stated that everything, including fees and ground rent, had now been paid in full for the 2010 season and the balance was a true reflection of our financial standing heading into the 2011 season.

M.O – queried where the expenditure for the presentation night bus was documented on the balance sheet. Chris showed that this amount, as well as trophies and venue hire was encompassed under the “Presentation Night” debit on the balance sheet.

With no other queries arising from the presentation of the balance sheet, the balance sheet was proposed by Rhodri Owen and seconded by Richard Mort.

Graham Davies at this point made the meeting aware that as a club we had applied to the council for Community Chest funding 3 times since the last AGM. We had not been successful with any of the applications. Graham now has a contact for the council and will seek feedback on our application in order to make any necessary adjustments to our application to better our chance of securing funding.

5. Election of Officers

Chairman

Graham Davies, proposed by Martyn Oram, seconded by Martin Mills. Appointed unopposed.

Secretary

Alastair Gregory, proposed by James Smith, seconded by Rhodri Owen. Appointed unopposed.

Treasurer

Chris Cole, proposed by James Smith, seconded by Alastair Gregory. Appointed unopposed.

Fixture Sec

Richard Gregory, proposed by Alastair Gregory, seconded by Gareth Ward. Appointed unopposed.

Child Welfare Officer

Richard Gregory Snr. proposed by Martin Mills, seconded by Rhodri Owen. Appointed unopposed.

6. Election of Captains

1st XI Captain

James Smith, proposed by Rhys Morgan, seconded by Rhodri Owen.

RJ Gregory, proposed by Gareth Ward, seconded by Rhys Morgan. Not prepared to stand.

James Smith appointed as 1st XI Captain unopposed.

2nd XI Captain

Gareth Ward, proposed by Rhys Morgan, seconded by RJ Gregory

GD Davies, proposed by Alastair Gregory (not prepared to stand)

M Mills, proposed by Tony Kennett, seconded by James Smith

In the vote that followed the results were:

Gareth Ward - 10

Martin Mills - 1

Abstentions - 3

Gareth Ward appointed as 2nd XI Captain.

Sunday Captain

It was agreed that as in previous season, the Sunday Captain would be chosen by the selection committee. This was agreed unanimously.

Mid-week Captain

RJ Gregory, proposed by GD Davies, seconded by Alastair Gregory.

RJ Gregory appointed as Mid-week Captain unopposed.

7. Election of General Committee

Reflecting the constitutional change made as a result of the 2010 AGM, the General Committee will always consist of at least the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer, Fixture Secretary, 1st XI Captain and 2nd XI Captain. In addition to this, it was the consensus of the room that the general committee should be made up of at least one additional Club member.

Martyn Oram, proposed by Ali Waterhouse, seconded by James Smith
Gavin Davies, proposed by RJ Gregory, seconded by Alastair Gregory

Both nominated additional members of the committee will be part of the general committee for the 2011 season. It was agreed that no additional constitutional change will be made with regards to the make-up of the general committee and we will judge how well this format works for the forthcoming season

8. Election of Selection Committee

The chairman put forward a proposal that the selection committee be decided as it was for the 2010 season; being made up of the two captains, chairman and 2 representatives, one coming from the first XI and one from the second XI.

This motion was voted for unanimously and carried unopposed.

Expression of interest to be part of the selection committee was had from Martyn Oram and Rhys Morgan.

9. Removal of the position of Hnr President

The Chairman made all aware that the Club has had an Hnr President in place for a number of years but has received no input from him for a number of seasons. A proposal was put forward to remove Mr G. Oram as Hnr President of the Club and to leave the position vacant until anybody else is deemed suitable to fulfil the role.

Motion was carried unanimously and without opposition. The constitution and all Club documents will be updated to reflect this change.

10. Fees

In light of the Clubs current economic standing it was proposed that all membership and fees will remain the same as in the 2010 season. Those being:

Membership: £15 Snr / £7.50 Jnr (under 16 or under 18 in full time education)

Saturday/Sunday: £4 (home or away)

Mid-week: £2 (snrs & jnrs)

Motion was carried unopposed. All fees to remain the same for the 2011 season.

11. Match day teas

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Sam Kennett can not commit to making the teas as she did for the 2010 season.

James Smith mentioned that he would approach his partner about making the teas for the forthcoming season and would report back to the committee once he has done this. In the event that we are unable to secure the services of a regular 'tea-lady' it will be devolved down to the players to ensure all games are catered for on a rota basis.

12. Sponsorship

It was reported that things were looking good and that we were hopeful of retaining the two main Club sponsors for the 2011 season. Mentions were also given to smaller personal donations which had gratefully received from supporters of the Club.

13. Kit orders

Richard Gregory made all aware that it was the Clubs intension to introduce new playing shirts and polo shirts for the 2011 season to incorporate both major Club sponsors. It was agreed that due to price and quality, Hunts County would again be used as our supplier. Richard would now liaise with County to have samples made up of the new garments as well as ensuring that all garments introduced in the 2010 season are available for order if need be.

14. Fixtures

Richard Gregory as Fixture Secretary, made all aware that there were now very few remaining dates for fixtures and he was only waiting for a couple of contacts to get back to him with Sunday fixtures. Martyn Oram made all aware of the necessity of a 'double-header' league weekend due to lack on Saturdays in the season. Alastair confirmed this and assured all that these fixtures, along with any other confirmed fixtures were already published on the Clubs website and fixture cards would be made available to paid up members once all fixtures were confirmed.

15. End of season tour

Alastair Gregory gave a quick outline of how tour plans were going. September 2nd-4th had now been agreed as the proposed dates with the destination being Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Alastair gave details of fixtures and hotels that had already been confirmed and that deposit amounts and cut off dates would have been finalised by the first few weeks of the season.

16. Any other business

Alastair Gregory brought to everybody's attention the new membership and pricing structure in place at the Rugby Club since the 2010 season. Non paid up rugby club members, which is a separate entity to the cricket club, will now pay more for their drinks at the bar without a membership swipe card. After discussion, Alastair agreed to approach the rugby club committee with regards to a possibility of securing a concessionary rate for cricket club members in order to enjoy the same discount privileges on their drinks.

Rhys Morgan expressed concern that the BBQ that had been previously purchased by the Club had again not been utilised during the previous season. This was agreed by all as a valid point but also pointed out that it required additional commitment from playing members of the Club to run the BBQ should they wish to raise money by using it.

Alistair Waterhouse asked if there had been any discussion or plans for a 6-a-side tournament at the end of the season this year. Alastair Gregory confirmed that nothing had yet been arranged. Alistair Waterhouse suggested that the last Sunday of the season be kept free for an inter-club, fund raising game to the affect of a Chairman's XI vs Captains XI or similar. This was agreed and Sunday 28th August will now be kept free for the progression of this idea.

Martyn Oram expressed his concern and frustration at the quality of scoring during the last season having had to calculate the Club averages. It was agreed by several members of the Club that the quality of scoring needed to be addressed and that to help matters 3 new score books will be purchased prior to the start of the 2011 Season.

Richard Gregory asked if he thought the Club would like to invest some of the money generated from sponsorship into a new scoreboard. After discussion it was agreed that all modern scoreboards available were expensive and flimsy in comparison to the one we have at present. Equally, a number of the new boards would have numbers too small to see clearly from the rugby club where a number of supporters like to sit. Martyn Oram reminded us that he has in his shed a large number of numbers and letters which were made in readiness for promotion to the first division a number of years ago. The decision was then made that these numbers and letters will be looked at to see if they could be incorporated into the existing board. Richard Gregory Snr volunteered his services to refurbish the existing board by painting it and repairing any damaged catches or numbers. The board will also look to be re-located for the 2011 season to a more a more visible and accessible position.

Richard Gregory asked if there was a need to order additional balls from County in sight of additional balls needing to be ordered during the 2010 season. It was the general consensus that in the interest of keeping costs down we would continue to use old balls from weekend league fixtures to use in Sunday and mid-week games and not to purchase any additional balls at this time.

Richard Gregory asked if he should look to book the same venue as the 2010 season for the Clubs presentation evening. The consensus was that it had been left a bit last season and that a date and venue will be reserved a lot earlier for the 2011 season and will be discussed during the first general committee meeting.

Richard Gregory stated that he had been asked, as the previous Club captain during 2010, to bring up the topic of woman being allowed to tour with the Club at the end of the season. Richard made it known that certain playing members of the Club had stated they felt uncomfortable with females touring with the Club. Equally he expressed concern that certain playing members of the Club were being put off touring by woman coming on tour with their partners.

After much discussion it was agreed that once the season starts the views of all Club members will be canvassed before a decision is made by the committee on if woman should be allowed to tour at the end of the 2011 season.

Rhodri Owen asked if any pre-season social events had been arranged such as a pre-season curry night as in the 2010 Season. Alastair Gregory advised that nothing had been planned as of yet but any plans would be circulated via email and posted on the Clubs website.

Graham Davies brought up the topic of Youth cricket within the Club and who would act as the junior league contact for the 2011 season. Richard Gregory Snr, as Child Welfare Officer

stated he would be happy to act as the central point of contact but would require more support from coaches than was experienced in the previous season. Alastair Gregory and Gareth Ward as qualified ECB Level 1 coaches said that they would make themselves available on a limited basis but would not be able to commit to every training session and game. Rhodri Owen and Chris Cole also offered their support when possible to Tuesday evening fixtures. With no clear volunteer to lead the Junior section, the Chairman suggested that this topic be prioritised and discussed by the committee at their next meeting.

With no further business arising, the meeting was closed at 20:10