

Shaftesbury Cricket Club

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Cricket Ground Shaftesbury
at 7.30pm 28 May 2002

PRESENT

Chairman - Guy Lowton

Dave Toogood, Terry Warder,
Graham Glaze, Steve Milton,
Duncan Weir, Mark Cooper,
Jo Pestell, Mike Barclay

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **New Ground:**

The Committee reviewed the detailed internal layout plans for the new Pavilion. Joe had circulated a note with some suggested changes to the detail and all agree that these changes would be very beneficial in maximising the internal space and minimising costs. Joe also offered his services with the project management as he had experience of similar schemes in the past. The Committee agreed that Terry and Joe would work together with Guy once the contractor started work.

The pylons had been moved and this had vastly improved the aspect of the ground, although there was now an irregular area of ground that would need to be levelled and seeded.

Guy reported that it was becoming likely that the cost of the new facilities was going to be close to the budget set by the Town Council. Unforeseen costs had arisen - such as providing mains services to the site - the scale of these costs and the additional regulatory requirements had not been fully anticipated. The Committee discussed ways in which any shortfall may be bridged. Ideas discussed included a mortgage, loans from players and supporters, a further application to the Town Council, further negotiations regarding funding from the County Council or a possible National Lottery grant. With regard to the latter, Terry reported that the Awards for All had refused the Club's application for funds to provide new nets.

3. **2002 Season:**

The Committee was delighted that a full programme was now underway. The facilities were much better than had been expected and visiting teams had been very supportive. The artificial wicket was playing very well, although some subsidence was noticed along one side. It was agreed that the Contractors should be asked to reinstate this at the end of the season. Guy undertook to discuss this with the Contractors. The grass wicket was settling well, although it was clear there would be no play on the wicket in 2002.

Mark reported on player shortages on Saturday. The Committee accepted that it was likely to be a problem throughout the season and suggested that the Captains should liaise early in the week to check player availability. Early results suggested the Saturday Team may struggle to retain its Division 2 status. The Sunday 2nd XI was able to field a side each week with some promising youngsters in the side - James Down, Aled Williams and Richard Rowntree had all shown good potential in the early games.

The Committee thanked Steve for notifying all visiting teams of the location of the new ground.

Guy reported that the inclement weather had severely curtailed the youth cricket programme.

4. **Budget:**

The Committee noted Graham's report on finances. It was disappointing that so few members had so far paid the annual membership subscriptions, even though this was only £10. Terry had handed membership cards to the Captains and asked for memberships to be collected. Matchday subscriptions were flowing in steadily and the new system of receipt books seemed to be working well. Graham reported on the expenditure incurred on the ground maintenance

5. **ECB Club Accreditation Scheme: Club Development Plan:**

Steve reported that he had received a template from Keith Brewer for use when writing a Club Development Plan. This was likely to be a cornerstone of the ECB Club Accreditation Scheme so it would be important for the Club to develop a plan. It was suggested that a small group of members may be able to take this forward at the end of the season.

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm.