

Shaftesbury Cricket Club

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Shaftesbury Football Club
at 7.30pm 21st August 2002

PRESENT

Chairman - Guy Lowton

Dave Toogood, Terry Warder,
Graham Glaze, Steve Milton,
Duncan Weir, Mike Barclay,
Phil Rose

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **Joe Pestell:**

The Committee noted that Joe Pestell had circulated a letter to the Committee complaining about various matters. The Committee, although sympathetic to some of Joe's concerns was concerned that he had taken matters into his own hands in this way. The circulation of the letter had caused a great deal of ill feeling within the Club and had threatened to undermine the efforts put in by the Committee to build a competitive but friendly club atmosphere. Steve drew attention to the enthusiasm and energy Joe had brought to the Club particularly on the redevelopment project and of his personal disappointment that Joe had decided to act in the way he did. He had spoken to Joe on the phone and invited him to play in the Sunday 2nd Team but that he had declined, indicating that he was disinclined to remain a member of the Club. Steve had sought to find a way through the ill feeling but to no avail. With regret, the Committee accepted Joe's resignation .

3. **New Ground:**

Terry reported on his conversations with the Building Contractors. Building work was now scheduled to begin in the Autumn and finances permitting, a complete weather-proof shell should be completed by the start of the 2003 season. Discussions with the Wessex Water had been problematic and additional plans had had to be prepared showing the location of drainage and water supply to and from the building. Terry had produced a schematic plan for submission. He pointed out that there was a significant charge to be paid to Wessex water for connection to mains supply. The Company had also advised on the suitability of the Club's foul water drainage proposals and this had cast some doubt upon the use of a septic tank. If this proved impossible, there would be additional costs exceeding those in the Terry's original project budget. Another increase over the budget was for roof trusses - because of the redesign of the roof.

Electricity too was causing problems and likely extra charges. The development budget was now looking sufficient to complete only the basic structure of the building, with no provision for mains services or internal fittings.

Despite the forgoing, the members were extremely pleased with progress and thanked Terry for the hard work he was putting in maintaining the outfield and managing the development project. There followed a discussion about the likely financial shortfall. Guy undertook to raise the matter with the Town Council in order that they were informed of the position.

4. **2002 Season:**

With the cricket drawing to a close for the Summer, the Committee reflected on a season of mixed fortunes. It was with sadness that the Committee noted that Mark Cooper had resigned the Saturday captaincy following difficulty putting out a settled side and poor recent results. The Committee gave its full support to Mark and recognised that it had been a difficult job with all the development issues going on. The Committee recorded its thanks to Mark for his efforts and noted that no matches had been scratched. Richie Bryant had taken on the captaincy until the end of the season and results could still mean that the Club could avoid relegation to Division 3. The Committee agreed to do all it could to support Richie for the remaining games.

The Sunday 1st XI was heading for another title in Division 4 and had enjoyed a very successful and enjoyable year. The Sunday 2nd XI was yet to win a game but had progressed each week and was now much more competitive than it had been at the start of the season. The younger players in particular had shown great improvement. Despite the losses the team was enjoying cricket in Division 8.

The Committee regretted the lack of Under 13 and Under 11 Cricket in 2002 and agreed to make this a priority for 2003. Guy was progressing with his coaching qualifications and through this was making very useful contacts with the Dorset Cricket Development Officer, local schools and the Active Sport Programme. The Committee welcomed this and thanked Guy for his continued enthusiasm.

5. **Budget:**

Without the proceeds of a bar there was a severe strain on the Club's revenue budget and this was likely to result in a small loss over the year. Income from matchday subscriptions had increased over the previous years and the new system of receipt books had worked well. The Committee recognised that 2003 would have to see increases in membership fees, more rigorous enforcement of collection, increased fundraising. It was agreed that this should be discussed in more detail prior to the AGM.

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

Steve reported that he had written to the DCA indicating that the Club wished to proceed with the ECB Club accreditation scheme. Guy offered to act as the lead for this project.

7. **Annual Dinner and Awards Evening:**

In view of the increased membership of the Club in 2002, it was agreed that a larger venue would be required for the Annual Club Dinner. Guy suggested the Coppleridge Restaurant in Motcombe and the Committee agreed. Guy undertook to book the Restaurant and Steve would notify the players and supporters as soon as a date was finalised. Phil Rose suggested that a set date should be agreed for all future years so everyone knew in advance when the Annual Dinner was. This was agreed. Following last year's event it was also agreed to limit speeches to one from Terry and one from Guy.

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm.