

# Shaftesbury Cricket Club

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Offices of Farnfield and Nicholls,  
Shaftesbury at 7.30pm 15 January 2003

## PRESENT

Chairman - Guy Lowton

Dave Toogood, Terry Warder,  
Graham Glaze, Steve Milton,  
Duncan Weir, Mike Barclay,  
Sam Hayward.

1. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. **New Ground:**

Terry reported on progress with the Development Project. Much to the huge delight of everyone present, he reported that building work was underway. Guy reported that the Town Council had made some very positive remarks about the project and may be prepared to meet the some or all of the additional costs involved. Guy paid tribute to the Town Council's ongoing commitment to the Club.

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

The Annual Dinner and Awards Evening at the Coppleridge on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2002 had been a huge success with an excellent turnout. The Committee thanked Sam for the generous donation of a hamper that was raffled and the proceeds donated to the Club. However, it was noted that some members had still not paid for the dinner and that those individuals should be identified and asked to pay up as soon as possible.

**Award winners 2002**

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4. **AGM of the DCA**

Steve attended the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> November and collected the trophies. Other matters:

- **Merger of the Bournemouth and Dorset Leagues.** This will be a phased integration of the two Saturday leagues. In 2003 the leagues will continue as at present with finishing positions determining where Bournemouth Clubs will enter the Dorset League. In 2004 the Dorset League will be changed to have 'double' divisions incorporating the Bournemouth Clubs, each side will play the others only once. In 2005 the leagues will be split back to the normal size depending on the finishing positions in 2004.
- **Sunday II Side:** Steve apologised that the Club's application to switch the side to Saturday had been submitted too late and that the side would again play on Sunday in 2003.
- **Balls:** Again this year, balls would have to be purchased from the League's official supplier. Steve had asked the DCA to contact Terry about this as we still had some left over from 2002.
- **Club Accreditation Scheme:** Steve reported that the Club's application had been accepted and that guy would be the point of contact.

5. **2003 Season:**

The Committee considered the forthcoming AGM and it was agreed to recommend to the AGM that the officers of the Club be as follows:

Chairman:	Guy Lowton
Secretary:	Guy Lowton (with help needed for minutes)
Treasurer:	Mike Barclay
Saturday Captain:	Duncan Weir
Sunday I Captain:	Phil Rose
Sunday II Captain:	Steve Milton
Committee:	To be nominated on the evening.

Again there would be three senior sides competing in the Dorset League. Division 2 (Saturday), Division 3 (Sunday I) and Division 8 (Sunday II). In addition there will be a Ranston Evening league side run by Graham Hipworth (all players to be members of the SCC).

Two junior sides - U11 and U13 - Guy gave a brief update on the Active Sport Programme.

6. **Budget:**

The issue of the development fund was discussed, although the position had not changed much since the last meeting. Guy was still negotiating with the Town Clerk.

Revenue funding was highlighted as an area where the Club needed to be much more professional in its outlook. Fundraising should be a high priority for 2003. Options considered included, seeking grants for capital projects, Vice Presidents, Commercial Sponsorship, fundraising events such as a BBQ, Quiz or Race Night. It was suggested that a small fundraising committee be formed with a target to raise £1,500 in the first year with a longer term aim of raising £5,000 pa by 2005.

It was agreed to recommend an increase in Membership fees and subs to the AGM.

7. **Club Website:**

Steve reported on the launch of the Club Website at [www.southwilts.com/site/shaftesburycc](http://www.southwilts.com/site/shaftesburycc). The site was hosted by the South Wiltshire Community Web and was a good way of keeping players and supporters in touch with news and events. The Committee thanked Steve for setting the site up.

8. **Winter Nets:**

In view of the cost of hiring nets, Guy suggested a short programme around Easter, hopefully using the outdoor nets at the Ground. This could be followed by a Club Day immediately prior to the start of the season. This was agreed.

9. **Fixture Cards:**

Steve undertook to get the fixture cards printed in time for the start of the season.

10. **Publicity:**

Steve reported that he had sent a short article to the Shaftesbury Task Force for inclusion in their newsletter that will be sent to all households in the area.

Meeting Adjourned to the Kings Arms at 10.05pm.