

# 2015 GWLCC AGM

## Minutes

### Opening:

The Annual General Meeting of the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”) was called to order at 8.15pm on 14 November 2015 at Club 182, Wembley by acting Chairman Peter Denton, who thanked those in attendance.

### Present (18):

#### *Committee:*

Andrew Burman (Secretary)  
Horace Hibbert (Captain)  
Sumit Kumar (Vice-Captain)

#### *Members and prospective Members:*

Vijay Basker  
Praveen Bocha  
Peter Denton  
Nilesh Dubey  
Karthik Jampala  
Aravind Katragadda  
Vamsee Krishna  
Greg Newcombe  
Anil Oruganti  
Hemin Patel  
Sanjay Patel  
Jonny Small  
Ratnakar Sudireddy  
Ken Toft

#### *Guests:*

Dave Bender

### Apologies for Absence:

Wayne Caveney  
Sachin Desai  
Naveed Khan (Chairman)  
Mark Jones  
Raja Pentakota  
Mark Sciberras

### Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous AGM were unanimously approved as distributed.

## 2015 Treasurer's Report

The Committee is not recommending an increase in subscriptions and match fees. Income increased from £2,690.00 in 2013/14 to £3,572.00 in 2014/15. Expenditure also increased from £2,758.15 to £3,318.41, so the Club made a profit of £253.59. Income was boosted by donations of £190. £1,475 (55%) of the total expenditure was incurred between January and March 2015, mainly on kit and pitches, which have to be prepaid. In order to avoid a negative cash-flow in the spring it is therefore vital that annual subscriptions be paid by 31 March at the very latest.

Please note the following points:

1. At least one annual subscription is outstanding.
2. Some shirts remain. Hence, the £54 loss on clothing.
3. Some match fees were traded for teas.
4. The cost for grounds increased, being £880 for Old Tenisonians and £504 for Boston Manor PF. However, credits are being carried forward to 2016 of £185, which comprises credit for a pitch cancelled by the groundsman on 26 July (£120) and credit for lack of a prepared wicket on 19 July (£60). These credits are not shown in the accounts. As an aside, the flexibility in this matter shown by the Old Tenisonians ground authority needs to be taken into account when considering where the club will play.
5. A Public Liability Insurance policy will need to be purchased for 2016, likely cost £80 to £100.
6. Electronic credit remittances to the club's account comprised £2,647.00 out of £3,572.00 (74%). Electronic debit remittances from the club's account comprised £1,151.91 out of £3,318.41 (35%).

### Income and Expenditure Account 2014/15 (£)

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>
<b>Income</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
AGM	100.00	100.00
Subscriptions For Current Season	1,000.00	953.00
Subscriptions For Prior Season		325.00
Clothing	372.00	
Players' Match Fees	1,075.00	759.00
Nets	110.00	120.00
Opposition Fees	725.00	375.00
Donations	190.00	58.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,572.00</b>	<b>2,690.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
AGM	216.45	200.00
Web Hosting	71.86	71.86
Clothing	426.00	
Equipment	155.36	357.10
Match Fees Charged	505.00	643.00
Nets	187.60	149.60
Pitches	1,384.00	960.00
Teas	372.14	270.00
Gift		18.98
Meal		87.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,318.41</b>	<b>2,758.15</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>253.59</b>	<b>(68.15)</b>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>

### Bank Reconciliation

	£		£
Last Year's CB	229.79	Expenditure	3,318.41
This Year's Income	3,572.00	In Bank	483.38
	<u>3,801.79</u>		<u>3,801.79</u>

## 2015 Secretary's Report

**2015 Played 21 Won 12 Lost 8 Abandoned 1**

**Runs** Small 478, Basker 265, Kumar 251, S Patel 207, Jampala 204, Desai 202, Katragadda 142, Oruganti 131, Dubey 126, Kota 105, Bocha 103

**Wickets** S Patel 14, Small 13, Jampala 10

**Catches** Denton 6 (and 3 stumpings), Small 6, Jampala 5

The Gents improved in the second half of a varied season. They failed to defend, thanks to two stupendous innings, totals of 260 for seven and 203 for two, were skittled for 78 and 101 yet produced some confident performances against strong teams. After May comprised four defeats, results improved in June before July was pretty well washed out. A run of seven wins in August and September ensured a winning season. Cricket was played on 18 weekends, three more than in 2014, when five fewer games were played. One match was curtailed by rain and two cancelled. The call over the winter was for stronger teams to be introduced. Since quality can vary from year to year this is easier said than done, but there were no complaints about cheap victories in 2015.

Some notable records were set. Elmes of Northfields (165 not out) and Ahmed of Close PF (164 not out) beat the previous highest score in Gents matches, held by Steve Jones with 158 not out against West XI in 2002. The unbeaten stand of 212 between Small (131 not out) and Kumar (74 not out) for the sixth wicket against St. Anne's Allstars, from a flimsy inherited position of 56 for five, was an all-wicket record for the Gents.

The Gents were again dependent on Vijay Basker and his talented, reliable friends to supplement the stalwarts and, in the opening match, to provide opposition. His United Titans then Wimbledon United inflicted close defeats in May, Gubbays and Northfields (Elmes avenging a 186 run battering in 2014) severe ones, the last game despite fifties from Kumar and Basker. The superb stand between Small and Kumar got the Gents off the mark against St. Anne's Allstars. Fifties from Kumar and Sanjay Patel saw off Hale (Patel also took four wickets) before London Rams were shaded in a rare Saturday game, when Buck, Gilkes, Laing, Dhruv Patel and Sciberras made welcome returns. Sciberras scored a masterful 46 on a spiteful wicket. Ahmed's fireworks for Close PF proved too much a week later, despite Desai's 114 not out, his maiden century and the first by a Gent in defeat. Only one game was completed in July, Oruganti (70) and Jampala (49) overcoming Bricklayer's Arms. Once cricket resumed, the competitive Blue Marlins caught the Gents on an off day, winning easily.

Some impressive performances followed. In a marvellous day with Pak, Bocha batted well before injury ended his season. It was wonderful to see Dhruv Patel help steer the Gents home in the first match. Clapham In was the best game of 2015. Small, who had an excellent campaign, took out his bat for 88, well supported by Jampala (30) and Khan (25). Dubey and Kumar took three wickets each in a close win. Dubey's brutal 51 helped the Gents to a second win over Bricklayer's Arms before Battersea Imperials were beaten by devastating spells from Oruganti and Pingili. Rakesh Patel's 56 saw off Salix before the Gents showed fortitude to run Gubbays close, thanks to Kota's 65 not out, Sudireddy's 30 and the guts of Denton, who returned having retired hurt to help add 42 for the last wicket. The final game at Hale saw a return to form.

The Gents missed the ability and focussed commitment of Pentakota, who had moved to Southampton, while Clark (newly a father), Lall (playing league cricket), Mishra (returned to the United States) and Thoms (work) were also absent from the team sheets. However, Desai returned and Denton and Hemin Patel doubled their 2014 appearances. Jampala, Kota, Krishna, Oruganti, Pingili and Sudireddy added youthful energy and talent to the squad, as did Aguirre, who joined mid-season, introduced by his Cheltenham friends Jones and Newcombe.

Small's 478 runs was the highest since 2008. Five others passed 200 with Kumar's fluent 251 a personal best, and five 100. Eleven Gents and eight opponents passed fifty, Basker, Kumar, Small and Harsh of Gubbays doing so twice. Desai, Small and opponents Ahmed and Elmes scored centuries. Wickets were spread about, with only Sanjay Patel (14), Small (13) and Jampala (10) in double figures. Patel bowled the most overs, 54, a lighter workload than the hundred plus overs asked of Hemin Patel (albeit off a shorter run up) as recently as 2011. Three took nine and one eight. Of the regular bowlers, only Krishna (3.5) conceded fewer than four runs per over, with Oruganti (4.0), probably the fastest, Katragadda (4.1) and captain Hibbert (4.2) just above. The rejuvenated Denton took six catches and three stumpings to head the fielding dismissals. The question of involvement of stalwarts and newcomers was generally well handled by the captains. There was usually a positive atmosphere in the matches and the support of Ken Toft, who regularly travelled from Milton Keynes for the games, with pencils and not coloured pens about his person, was greatly appreciated.

## 2016 Proposals

It is proposed that Old Tenisonians, Motspur Park will again be the home venue in 2016. This ground is not available on the first Sunday of May to August inclusive because it is reserved for Surrey League Cup fixtures. On those dates, therefore, the Club will need to play away or arrange alternative home venues.

Boston Manor PF, Brentford is proposed as back up. This ground is more expensive but of good quality.

It is proposed to play 22 Sunday fixtures and one Saturday fixture starting 24 April and ending 25 September. Away fixtures against Judd Street Tigers (5 June) and Salix (11 September) and home to Clapham In on 14 August have already been arranged.

Please remember that home games start at 1pm and players should be on the ground 30 minutes beforehand. We have no control over start times for away fixtures. In the event of bad weather, players should call, text or Whatsapp the Secretary on 07802-788424. No emails or Tweets please.

## 2016 Captain's Report

It has been a pleasure to captain the Gents for another year. My only regret was that I could not play more games (and the constant badgering I get from Hemin when he plays).

We have had some tough games this season and some walks in the park. The toughest one I can recall was the one against Gubbays where we lost by 5 wickets. It was a game played with fierce competitiveness and at times we showed some serious guts coupled with determination to win. Also not forgetting HP's gallant effort in that same match.

The commitment from some players was outstanding. Anil is one individual who stands out - VJ's ability to raise players at such short notice – Wayne's fielding improvement.

As a member of this long-standing, fine and exceptional cricket club I must say it's going to be sad loss not to see Naveed chairing another AGM. Sumit for me has been a very good Vice-Captain and showed his fine qualities on so many occasions.

One must not forget my most embarrassing moment when I turned up late for the game against Bricklayer's Arms and ended up batting for them.

Andy, on behalf of my fellow team mates thanks again for being the rudder of this ship. Just to let you all know, I feel very privileged to be the captain of this cricket club.

### Proposals for Membership

*The following were proposed, seconded and elected nem. con.:*

Tomal Aguirre  
Vasmsee Krishna  
Anil Oruganti  
Ratnakar Sudireddy

### Nets

Nets will again be organised at the Oval and Teddington School.

### Kit

It was agreed that the clothing ordered from Titan was of excellent quality, but there were reservations about bats and balls. The kit is currently in good order and the Captain and Vice Captain promised that it would remain so. It was reiterated that kit is a shared responsibility.

### Subscriptions and match fees

There will be no changes to subscriptions (£60) or match fees (£7) in 2016. Members were reminded to pay their subscriptions by the end of January.

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## Opponents

All current opponents should be retained.

## Captaincy in the absence of Captain and Vice-Captain

In such circumstances the Captain and Vice-Captain shall decide who will captain in their absence.

## Format of matches

There was a proposal to extend the format of home games from 35 to 40 overs. This could only be possible with improved punctuality. The Secretary pointed out that a club half of whose members were 45 minutes late for an AGM were on thin ice regarding extended matches, but if everybody was punctual and the captains agreed then 40 overs should be possible.

## Vote of Thanks

Incoming Captain Sumit Kumar paid an eloquent tribute to Horace Hibbert for his efforts as Captain. A Vote of Thanks was passed.

## Appealing

Sanjay Patel pointed out that wild, irrational appealing does help the Club. While enthusiasm should be applauded, appealing for a leg-before decision from long-off or mid-wicket was unwise and was unlikely to elicit the sympathy of umpires.

## Election of Committee

*The following Officers were elected nem. con.:*

**Chairman** Peter Denton  
**Secretary** Andrew Burman

*The following Officers was elected after a Vote:*

**Captain** Sumit Kumar (Horace Hibbert was also proposed and seconded)  
**Vice-Captain** Jonny Small (Vijay Basker was also proposed and seconded)  
**Treasurer** Praveen Bocha (Vamsee Krishna was also proposed and seconded)

## Awards

*The 2015 Awards were voted for as follows:*

**All-Rounder** Karthik Jampala  
**Batsman** Jonny Small  
**Bowler** Sanjay Patel  
**Fielder** Karthik Jampala  
**Most Improved** Sumit Kumar  
**Bob Ashton** Andrew Buman

## Conclusion:

Meeting was concluded at 10.30pm by the acting Chairman. The next AGM will be on 12 November 2016.

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## Appendix II

### Income and Expenditure Account 2009/15 (£)

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>	<u>582.73</u>	<u>907.64</u>	<u>1,110.85</u>	<u>925.24</u>	<u>655.67</u>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
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Match Fees (Refund)			40.00				
Players' Match Fees	1,075.00	759.00	893.00	733.00	796.50	1,005.00	1,150.00
Nets	110.00	120.00	170.00	70.00		95.00	135.00
Opposition Fees	725.00	375.00	100.00	637.50	404.50	439.00	387.50
Interest			0.61	0.63	4.00	3.10	18.54
Donations	190.00	58.00			67.00	113.02	15.00
Book Sale						136.00	
Tour							200.00
Sublet Pitch						69.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,572.00</b>	<b>2,690.00</b>	<b>1,793.61</b>	<b>2,381.13</b>	<b>1,892.00</b>	<b>2,605.12</b>	<b>2,490.04</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
AGM	216.45	200.00		97.85	100.00	90.00	90.00
Web Hosting	71.86	71.86	44.33	35.99	43.62	34.49	43.27
Clothing	426.00						
Equipment	155.36	357.10	194.47	307.45	211.91	403.04	230.00
Match Fees Charged	505.00	643.00	390.00	390.00	425.00	670.50	214.00
Nets	187.60	149.60	177.60	124.00		147.50	219.20
Pitches	1,384.00	960.00	700.00	930.00	852.00	789.00	909.00
Teas	372.14	270.00	332.00	532.00	352.68	262.00	215.00
25 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary			225.00				
Bar			15.00				
Gift		18.98					
Meal		87.61					
Tour				253.75	110.00		300.00
Refund				35.00			
Engraving						22.98	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,318.41</b>	<b>2,758.15</b>	<b>2,078.40</b>	<b>2,706.04</b>	<b>2,095.21</b>	<b>2,419.51</b>	<b>2,220.47</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>253.59</b>	<b>(68.15)</b>	<b>(284.79)</b>	<b>(324.91)</b>	<b>(203.21)</b>	<b>185.61</b>	<b>269.57</b>
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