

# **GWLCC 2016 AGM**

## **Minutes**

### **Opening:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”) was called to order at 6.45pm on 19 November 2016 at the Windermere PH by acting Chairman Hemin Patel, who thanked those in attendance.

### **Present (19):**

#### *Committee:*

Praveen Bocha (Chairman)  
Andrew Burman (Secretary)  
Sumit Kumar (Captain)  
Jonny Small (Vice-captain)

#### *Members and prospective Members:*

Vijay Basker  
Wayne Caveney  
Ranjith Chatharaju  
Nilesh Dubey  
Karthik Jampala  
Pavan Kota  
Vamsee Krishna  
Hemin Patel  
Sanjay Patel  
Satyapal Pingili  
Ratnakar Sudireddy  
Ken Toft

#### *Honorary Member:*

Dave Bender

#### *Guests:*

Bhuvan Charatla  
Suresh Nekkanta

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Peter Denton (Chairman)  
Sachin Desai  
Horace Hibbert  
Greg Newcombe  
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.

## 2016 Treasurer's Report

The club made a profit of £161.65 over the season. Some match fees are unpaid. The committee is not recommending an increase in subscriptions and match fees for 2017. Income increased by £20.50 and expenditure by £112.44. In order to avoid a negative cash-flow in the spring it is important that annual subscriptions be paid by 31 March at the very latest.

Please note the following:

1. Match fees owed = £219.00.
2. Some match fees were traded for teas.
3. The cost for grounds increased.
4. A Public Liability Insurance policy was purchased for £144.80.

### Income and Expenditure Account 2015/16 (£)

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
AGM	85.00	100.00	100.00
Subscriptions For Current Season	1,130.00	1,000.00	953.00
Subscriptions For Prior Season			325.00
Clothing		372.00	
Players' Match Fees	1,313.50	1,075.00	759.00
Nets	85.00	110.00	120.00
Opposition Fees	979.00	725.00	375.00
Donations		190.00	58.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,592.50</b>	<b>3,572.00</b>	<b>2,690.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
AGM	205.00	216.45	200.00
Web Hosting		71.86	71.86
Insurance	144.80		
Clothing		426.00	
Equipment	153.85	155.36	357.10
Match Fees Charged	630.00	505.00	643.00
Nets	219.20	187.60	149.60
Pitches	1,415.00	1,384.00	960.00
Teas	663.00	372.14	270.00
Gift			18.98
Meal			87.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,430.85</b>	<b>3,318.41</b>	<b>2,758.15</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>161.65</b>	<b>253.59</b>	<b>(68.15)</b>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>645.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>

### Bank Reconciliation

	£		£
Last Year's CB	483.38	Expenditure	3,430.85
This Year's Income	3,592.50	In Bank	625.03
		Cash To Hand	20.00
	<u>4,075.88</u>		<u>4,075.88</u>

## 2016 Playing Season

**2016 Played 21 Won 14 Drawn 1 Lost 6**

**Runs** Kota 480, Kumar 334, Bocha 300, Small 252, S Patel 185, H Patel 159, Dubey 159, Newcombe 146, Jampala 116, Basker 115, Khan 106

**Wickets** Kota 30, H Patel 25, Bocha 15, Kumar 14, Jampala 13, S Patel 10

**Ct./St.** Small 11/2, Kota 9, Jampala 6, Khan 5/1, Kumar 5

An enjoyable season, mostly warm and dry, was one of great change. Five opponents tumbled off the card, eight new opponents were added (no season has seen a greater number) and 44 men played, 18 just once. Fourteen matches were won. Aguirre, Basker, Denton, Desai, Hibbert, Katragadda and Oruganti played less, while Jones (travelling), Cloete and Dhruv Patel did not appear at all. But tellingly Bocha, Kota, who only missed one game, Kumar, Newcombe and Hemin Patel played more and four contributed personal best run totals. For example, the talented Bocha scored 103 runs and did not take a wicket in 2015. In 2016 he carded 300 runs and 15 wickets.

The season started with a welcome visit by Bengal Troopers, the strongest side played all year. The Gents did not help their cause with dropped catches but Shanin Khan was a force of nature with his six-strewn 146. Four games then went to the chasing side. Kota scored 48 not out as Wimbledon Tigers were beaten and the Wellington bomber Matt Tewhatu's 50 in his only game saw Gubbays beaten for the first time in six attempts. Northfields easily chased down Gents' 237 for the loss of only 3 wickets, Redhead 112 not out.

White Swans (Southall) could not contain Newcombe and Small the following week, the first of five successive wins. Fifties for Newcombe and Dubey set Judd Street Tigers a tough challenge, the Gents winning with a flourish as Kota did the hat-trick. Alexandra Park, Yarl and St. Anne's Allstars were victims of fine bowling in low-scoring contests.

July saw a Gents wobble. Hounslow Hurricanes, inspired by the returning Anil Oruganti, won more comfortably than a three-wicket margin would suggest and Bengal Troopers again proved too strong, despite improved Gents fielding. Monty RH were then beaten in an epic, controversial thriller, Gents, having been 23 for 5, posting 234 for 7 thanks to the brilliance of Kota (83 not out) and Dubey (58). A strong recovery from Ashford's Tippell and Gaurav and a five-wicket haul by 13-year-old Rao then won the day on another sumptuous ground.

August and September saw an encouraging unbeaten run which started with two Twenty20 wins against Pak (73 not out from Kota, 65 from Basker and a startling 6 for 11 on debut from slow left-armed Upender Sanga). Clapham In (Hemin Patel 50, his first fifty), Battersea Eagles (Kota 60, Jampala 53, his first fifty) and Millfields (Bocha 68) failed to chase large totals, although Bricklayer's Arms took a deserved draw from a declaration match after Small (88) and Khan (75 followed by three slip catches) had scored heavily. Salix were demolished by an opening stand of 109 (Small 58, Bocha 53) but Hale deservedly chased down Gents' 125.

Kota scored 480 runs, Kumar 334, Bocha 300 (190 in his last four innings) and Small 252 (171 in his last three). Seven made 100. Twelve Gents and 12 opponents passed fifty, Charatla oddly for and against. Kota struck four fifties, Bocha, Dubey and Small two. Khan of Bengal Troopers and Redhead of Northfields scored centuries. The presence of some talented all-rounders was eloquently shown by five recoveries from between 23 and 93 for five to scores of 200 or more. Four of those games were won. Not content with scoring most runs, Kota took 30 wickets with his off-breaks, shading fellow spinner Hemin Patel on 25, with seamers Bocha, Kumar, Jampala and Sanjay Patel also in double figures. In limited overs economy is important and here Pingili (2.77 runs per over) impressed, the Gents winning all nine games he played. Jampala, Krishna and Kumar carded below 4.

Scorecards rarely tell the tale of fielding, in which, as opponents remarked, the Gents excelled despite the lack of a regular wicket-keeper. There were 99 fielding dismissals (79 caught, 8 stumped and 12 run outs), only four fewer than the record 2009 season when two more games were played. Catches by Charatla, Small and Pingili against Wimbledon United, Clapham In and Salix verged on the supernatural. Jampala put in some great shifts.

Sanjay Patel passed 6,000 runs and surpassed Stuart Snelling's aggregate wickets record, only for Snelling nearly to grab it back again at Hale, Gaurav and Tippell of Ashford set an opponents' eighth-wicket record stand of 65 and the hat-tricks by Kota against Judd Street Tigers and Hettiarachchi of Battersea Eagles were the first since 2008. Kumar captained very well and in Small and Bocha had solid deputies. Kumar's personal contribution was 334 runs, 15 wickets and 5 catches so his form was clearly unaffected by responsibility.

## 2016 Secretary's Report

Welcome, Namaste and Svāgata. It is good to see you all here tonight. Let's look back over the season.

What went badly? We fund the club through subscriptions and match fees, not through benefactors and sponsors. This business model means that we are beholden to nobody. Our charges compare well to other clubs on the circuit. Match fees are not voluntary donations; they pay for our running costs. Nothing annoyed me more last season than when a senior member said "I owe some match fees but nobody's asked me for them, so I haven't paid." Take the lead and thrust the money into the grateful hands of the treasurer or his deputy before or after the match. We need a bit of help sometimes. This way we stay solvent. Thanks to everyone who paid on time and to those whose personal resources permitted prepayment, this was sacrificial and generous. Finally, and this is just personal, I have a bee in my bonnet about some of the rubbish WhatsApp posts. Gentlemen, cricket fine, football fine, happy birthday fine, but no C-bombs, religious jokes or porn please.

What went well? Although there was disappointment when several opponents could not get a side together, on the upside we met some sporting new teams whom we will play again. The card certainly had a revamp.

A year ago I paid tribute to Vijay who was a rock. This year several others stepped up to arrange guest players and take the pressure off. Our captain, Greg, Praveen and Hemin were busy here. Vamsee Krishna organised the entire Millfields game, although he mysteriously dropped himself. When he said "Leave everything to me" he meant it, and delivered. Teas went well. I discovered vada pav. The Pak game was a culinary triumph.

Gentlemen, give yourselves a round of applause.

## 2016 Captain's Report

The Captain reviewed the season and praised the resilience of the batting, bowling and fielding. It had been a generally successful campaign with an improved playing record compared to 2015. The support of United Titans and Telugu Daredevils was important.

## 2017 Proposals

### Home ground

It is proposed that Old Tenisonians, Motspur Park will again be the home venue in 2017. This ground is not available on the first Sundays of May to August inclusive because these dates are reserved for Surrey League Cup fixtures. On those dates, therefore, the club will need to play away or arrange alternative home venues. Ealing SC, Perivale is proposed as back up. Raynes Park SG will be investigated.

The Secretary will write to the OTCC ground authority requesting better ground preparation.

### Proposals for Membership

*The following were proposed, seconded and elected:*

Ranjith Chatharaju  
Satyapal Pingili

### Nets

Sanjay Patel will organise three net sessions at the Oval and Teddington School. Andrew Burman will send him the contact details. The Secretary will ask Old Tenisonians if the Club can join in their nets during the season.

### Kit

Titan Sports have upgraded the Club kit at a favourable price of £300 (RRP £800). Hemin Patel will partly fund from his 2017 subscription and match fees and the Club will pay the balance..

### Vote of Thanks

A Vote of Thanks was passed to Naveed Khan for his generosity.

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## **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. Guests will be charged at the Treasurer's discretion.

## **Opponents**

London Rams, Monty RH and Yar1 will not be retained.

## **Format of matches**

Format will be agreed with opponents and publicised before the game. Forty over home games will start at 12.30pm. if possible, there would be no declaration games.

## **Teas**

One person will be nominated to provide teas for home games. The budget will be advised by the Committee.

## **Umpiring**

The umpire's decision is final.

## **Election of Committee**

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

<b>Chairman</b>	Hemin Patel
<b>Secretary</b>	Andrew Burman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Vamsee Krishna

*The following Officers were elected after a Vote:*

<b>Captain</b>	Sanjay Patel (Sumit Kumar was also proposed and seconded)
<b>Vice-Captain</b>	Praveen Bocha (Jonny Small was also proposed and seconded)

**Note – the election of Sanjay Patel has been declared null and void because he was nominated before the meeting.**

## **Vote of Thanks**

Incoming Captain Sanjay Patel paid an eloquent tribute to Sumit Kumar.

## **Awards**

*The 2016 Awards were voted for as follows:*

<b>All-Rounder</b>	Pavan Kota
<b>Batsman</b>	Pavan Kota
<b>Bowler</b>	Pavan Kota
<b>Fielder</b>	Karthik Jampala
<b>Most Improved</b>	Praveen Bocha
<b>Bob Ashton</b>	Andrew Buman

## **Any Other Business**

1. Karthik Jampala expressed concern about the Captaincy election. Having been told that no nominations would be accepted after the Tuesday before the meeting, he was surprised that Sanjay Patel's was permitted by the Chairman on the night. In fact, this nomination had been received by the Chairman several weeks before but the Secretary was not informed. There was a clear problem of communication will be addressed by the Committee.
2. Pavan Kota and Bhuvan Charatla are returning to India and were presented with pullovers as mementoes.

## **Conclusion:**

Meeting was concluded at 10.45pm by the acting Chairman. The 2017 AGM will be on 18 November.

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## Appendix II

### Income and Expenditure Account 2009/16 (£)

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<b>Income</b>	<b>2016</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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Nets	85.00	110.00	120.00	170.00	70.00		95.00	135.00
Opposition Fees	979.00	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>3,592.50</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>2016</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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Clothing		426.00						
Equipment	153.85	155.36	357.10	194.47	307.45	211.91	403.04	230.00
Match Fees Charged	630.00	505.00	643.00	390.00	390.00	425.00	670.50	214.00
Nets	219.20	187.60	149.60	177.60	124.00		147.50	219.20
Pitches	1,415.00	1,384.00	960.00	700.00	930.00	852.00	789.00	909.00
Teas	663.00	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>3,430.85</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>161.65</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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