

Minutes

Opening:

The Annual General Meeting of the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”) was called to order at 7.45pm on 18 November 2017 at Club 182, Wembley by Chairman Hemin Patel, who thanked those in attendance.

Present (21):

Committee:

Hemin Patel (Chairman)
Sumit Kumar (Captain)
Praveen Bocha (Vice-Captain)
Andrew Burman (Secretary)
Vamsee Krishna (Treasurer)

Members and prospective Members:

Chandhu Bandla
Vijay Basker
Wayne Caveney
Kalyan Chakravarty
Ranjith Chatharaju
Sachin Desai
Nilesh Dubey
Naveed Khan
Greg Newcombe
Anil Oruganti
Sanjay Patel
Raja Pentakota
Ratnakar Sudireddy
Ken Toft

Guests:

Dave Bender
Steve Bignell (Returning Officer)

Apologies for Absence:

Ameer Ahmed
Dino Francis
Richard Gilkes
Ahmed Khan
Mark Sciberras
Jonny Small

Vote of Thanks

A Vote of Thanks was passed for Steve Bignell who stood as Returning Officer.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

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

Revised Constitution

This meeting agreed that the Constitution attached in Appendix III be adopted.

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Treasurer's Report

- The Club made a loss of **£144.64** over the year. Income decreased by **£211.60** and expenditure increased by **£94.69** compared with 2016, when a profit of **£161.65** was made.
- Please refer to Appendices I and II for detailed analysis of pitch costs, donations and the Income and Expenditure Account.

Income

- Fifteen members paid **£900** in subscriptions.
- Match fee collections were **£1,264.50** (89% of total collectible) meaning £170.50 was uncollected and will be written off. In 2016, match fee collections were **£1,313.50** in three more games (86% of total collectible, £212.50 written off).
- One member subsidised the kit refresh to the value of £118.00 and another nets to the value of £63.40. See Appendix II.
- Several members subsidised teas.

Unusual expenditure

- The Club incurred £125 pitch expenditure but no income when Hale failed to raise a team.
- Web charges were high for 2016/17 as they were paid by a member for two years and not reimbursed. Ongoing cost = £7.19pm or £86.28pa.
- Net Cancer Research donation paid by the Club was £82.
- Nets were a financial disaster, making a loss of £163.40.

Credits due in 2018

- Two games were cancelled by the groundsman and a credit of £270 will be carried forward to 2018.

Income and Expenditure Account 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2017

Opening Balance	625.03	483.38
Income	Income	Expenditure
Pitches		1,619.80
Match Fees Charged	580.00	505.00
Charity Donations	350.00	432.00
Other Donations	182.40	
Kit	10.00	310.00
Nets	35.00	198.40
Teas		188.00
Web Hosting		143.74
Insurance		128.60
Players' Match Fees	1,264.50	
Subscriptions For Current Season	900.00	
Donations	181.40	
Sale of Books	60.00	
Total	3,359.90	3,525.54
Profit (Loss)	(144.64)	
Closing Balance	480.39	

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Secretary's Report

Despite the absence of many 2016 regulars and off-field problems lingering from a chaotic AGM, the Gents had a winning thirtieth season. They had more success batting first, failing to defend only twice in 12 but successfully chasing only twice in seven. It was a challenging year but new and old melded well. Kota had returned to India wreathed with garlands, Small was unavailable after May and Desai from April to September. Basker played only twice before July. Hibbert played only three, Newcombe was crocked in May and Kumar in July, while Denton, Jampala, Oruganti and Sudireddy did not play at all. However, new faces Ahmed, Bandla, Francis, Namilikonda and Sampath (and, briefly, Ahmed Khan and Pervez) - all experienced players - were brought in. Pentakota made a most welcome return after two seasons. Full sides were therefore fielded each week, albeit with considerable guest support. Forty-four men played (the same as in 2016), 20 just once. The whistling up of spare players before and even during matches became a niche art form, at which Basker and Krishna excelled. It also tested the captains, who had to try to involve everyone. It was a damp summer and home matches with Battersea Eagles and Judd Street Tigers were rained off. The credits for the unused pitches will be carried forward to 2018. Hale and Gubbays bailed for the second year running. Hale was unfortunate as the club incurred pitch costs but no income.

Inconsistency dogged the season but it made for entertainment all the way. After an exciting April win by 2 runs against Hounslow Hurricanes (Desai's composed 52 the only fifty until July) the Gents suffered a narrow defeat to Millfields and a crushing one to Wimbledon United, Cripps's 6 for 1 being the best analysis by an opponent. Northfields were beaten, Dubey with 46, but the attacks of Kingstonian and Hounslow Hurricanes proved too strong. St. Anne's Allstars and the jovial White Swans (Basker 85) were beaten but Crown Taverners made hay on their own ground before a brave reply led by Francis with 74.

Bocha's 79 not out beat Bricklayer's Arms before two games were rained off. The sun shone for the Pak T20 Cancer Research fundraiser, two close wins and generous donations from players, supporters and kind opponents. Northfields avenged May's loss at Old Tenisonians but Basker (57) led an exciting run chase against Clapham In, the final home game. The tense drawn return with Bricklayer's Arms saw Krishna enterprisingly declare after just 25 overs (Sanga 100 and Ahmed 50, both retired). Brick's Poulter also retired on 100. Only four members played and guests Shaikh and Sanga shared 25 overs. Stanmore Warriors' Sayf-Ali Khan then smashed 144 to thrash the Gents. The shorter days saw wins against Salix and Hale with vibrant innings of 51 not out from Sanjay Patel and 52 from Basker.

Bocha's best season yielded 349 runs, 13 wickets, 9 catches and 3 run outs but elsewhere statistics were less memorable. Basker's three fifties saw him to 300 runs, with three others scoring 200, including Sanjay Patel's best aggregate in four years, and five 100. Only seven players passed 50, five fewer than in 2016. Leading bowler Hemin Patel's 20 wickets and 219 runs propelled him to his first double. Three other bowlers took ten wickets. Bandla, a welcome addition with rarely seen slow left-arm spin, and seamers Chatharaju, Dubey (twice the overs of 2016 with some grudging new ball spells), Krishna, Kumar, Pentakota and Sanjay Patel were rarely collared and paid around four runs an over, Kumar at 3.31 being the meanest. Chatharaju and Krishna prospered from increased responsibility. Ahmed and Namilikonda kept wicket very well but catches still fell by 22 in two fewer games.

There were two bad injuries, a torn anterior cruciate ligament ending Kumar's season and a back injury Newcombe's after he had bowled just seven balls. Vice-captain Bocha, Basker, Krishna and Hemin Patel followed in Kumar's footsteps with strong leadership. Appealing became more sensible after a word from Bocha. Hemin Patel's generosity in funding the kit refresh should be publicly applauded, as should the help offered by those who arranged guest players and provided teas, sometimes at their personal expense.

Captain's Report

Sumit Kumar reviewed the season in detail and thanked all who played. He drew attention to occasional dissent on the field which was music to the ears of opponents.

Proposals for Membership

Aamir Ahmed, Chandhu Bandla, Dino Francis and Ahmed Khan were voted in as Members. Anil Oruganti, Raja Pentakota and Ratnakar Sudireddy will resume Membership in 2018.

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2018 season

Clothing

During the winter Titan will manufacture a complete set of clothing for every single Gent (one trousers, one long-sleeve shirt, one short-sleeve shirt) which will bear the club logo, player's name and squad number (if this is desired). There will be no charge for any player who ordered in the previous batch (which would be most of the current squad) and a flat £30/pack charge for any new orders. This is an excellent deal.

Tour

A tour to Portugal has been proposed. Hemin Patel will email dates and costings.

Home ground

Old Tenisonians will be the home venue in 2018. The Club will receive a credit for cancellations of £270. Their flexibility in this matter needs to be taken into account when considering where the Club will play. Many ground authorities insist credits are taken in the same season.

Start time

Home games 1pm, no control over away games. Players should be changed 30 minutes before the game starts to attend to match day tasks and fielding practice.

Opposition

There will be few changes to games against regular opponents except Hale home and Gubbays away. Northfields and Wimbledon United (home and away), Crown Taverners and Salix (both away) are already in the calendar. Judd Street Tigers want home and away. Sachin Desai will research an away game to Knockholt. A Saturday "Old Gents" fixture will be looked at.

Format

Home games 40 or 35 overs apart from the Pak T20.

Drop outs

Email or message the Secretary. Apart from requests from the Secretary if we are short, there should be no discussions on the Club WhatsApp group about selectorial matters as it causes confusion.

Subscriptions

It was proposed that the annual subscription be increased from £60 to £65, the first increase in three years. After discussion, £70 was agreed.

Match fees

It was proposed that the match fee be increased from £7 to £10, the first increase in three years. Consternation was expressed at the size of the increase and that some would not be able to afford it. Nilesh Dubey pointed that the Club has never turned anybody away who was struggling to pay. As ever, the Treasurer will have discretion. Sanjay Patel requested that interim accounts be published during the season in order to avoid cash cash-flow problems.

Benchmarking of charges

The new charges are competitive cf. Judd Street Tigers £70 subscription/£10 match fee, Wimbledon United £30/£15 (home) or £10 (away), North Middlesex £150/£12, Loughton £135/£12, Lee £80/£8, Reed £85/£10 and Earlswood £120/£7.

Nets

The current process is not working with too few attending. Sumit Kumar proposed to bring in a coach for scenario-based coaching. Members will revert with ideas for productive, self-funding nets sessions.

Teas

With notable exceptions such as Lucy Jackman's tea, catering was disappointing, sometimes embarrassing and certainly inferior to our opponents'. There will be a £60 ceiling for home teas which will be provided by players nominated clearly in advance.

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Any Other Business

None was raised.

Election of Committee

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

Chairman Greg Newcombe

Secretary Andrew Burman

Treasurer Vamsee Krishna.

The following Officers were elected after a secret ballot:

Captain Sanjay Patel (Praveen Bocha and Sumit Kumar were also proposed and seconded)

Vice-captain Hemin Patel (Vijay Basker and Wayne Caveney)

Vote of Thanks

A Vote of Thanks was passed for Sumit Kumar and Praveen Bocha for their strong and successful leadership in 2017.

2017 Awards

These were awarded as follows:

All Rounder Praveen Bocha

Batsman Vijay Basker

Bowler Hemin Patel

Fielder Praveen Bocha

Most Improved Hemin Patel

Bob Ashton Award Andrew Burman

Appendix I

Pitch charges

Description	No.	Unit price	Price
2017/18 projection			
Old Tenisonians	10	140.00	1,400.00
OT credit for 2017 cancellations by groundsman	2	(135.00)	(270.00)
Ealing Central SG	2	120.00	240.00
Total			1,370.00
2016/17			
Old Tenisonians	10	135.00	1,350.00
Ealing Central SG	2	115.00	230.00
Ealing Central SG fine for overrun and littering	1	39.80	39.80
Total			1,619.80
2015/16			
Old Tenisonians	8	130.00	1,040.00
OT credit for 2015 cancellation by groundsman	1	(125.00)	(125.00)
OT credit for 2015 underprepared pitch	1	(60.00)	(60.00)
LMPF Greenford	2	168.00	336.00
Ealing Central SG	2	112.00	224.00
Total			1,415.00
2014/15			
Old Tenisonians	8	125.00	1,000.00
OT credit for 2014 cancellation by groundsman	1	(120.00)	(120.00)
LMPF Brentford	3	168.00	504.00
Total			1,384.00
2013/14			
Old Tenisonians	8	120.00	960.00
Total			960.00

Kit Subsidy

Description	No.	Unit price	Income	Expenditure
Kit refresh				300.00
Annual subscription	1	60.00	60.00	
Match fees	16	7.00	112.00	
Net fees	2	5.00	10.00	
Donation			118.00	
Total			300.00	300.00

Nets Subsidy

Description	No.	Unit price	Income	Expenditure
Nets				198.40
Annual subscription	1	60.00	60.00	
Match fees	10	7.00	70.00	
Net fees	1	5.00	5.00	
Donation			63.40	
Total			198.40	198.40

Cancer Research

Description	Income	Expenditure
Cash received at Pak T20	290.00	290.00
On-line donations	60.00	60.00
Club payment	82.00	82.00
Total	432.00	432.00

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Appendix II

Income and Expenditure Account 1 November 2016 to 31 October 2017

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>
Income	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
AGM		85.00	100.00	100.00
Subscriptions For Current Season	900.00	1,130.00	1,000.00	953.00
Subscriptions For Prior Season				325.00
Kit	10.00		372.00	
Players' Match Fees	1,264.50	1,313.50	1,075.00	759.00
Nets	35.00	85.00	110.00	120.00
Opposition Fees	580.00	979.00	725.00	375.00
Donations	181.40			
Charity Donations	350.00		190.00	58.00
Sale of Books	60.00			
Total	3,380.90	3,592.50	3,572.00	2,690.00

Expenditure	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
AGM		205.00	216.45	200.00
Web Hosting	143.74		71.86	71.86
Insurance	128.60	144.80		
Kit Refresh	310.00		426.00	
Equipment		153.85	155.36	357.10
Match Fees Charged	505.00	630.00	505.00	643.00
Nets	198.40	219.20	187.60	149.60
Pitches	1,619.80	1,415.00	1,384.00	960.00
Teas	188.00	663.00	372.14	270.00
Charity Donations	432.00			
Gift				18.98
Meal				87.61
Total	3,525.54	3,430.85	3,318.41	2,758.15
Profit (Loss)	(144.64)	161.65	253.59	(68.15)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>480.39</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>

Bank Reconciliation

Last Year's CB	£ 625.03	Expenditure	£ 3,525.54
This Year's Income	3,380.90	In Bank	480.39
	<u>4,005.93</u>		<u>4,005.93</u>

Appendix III

Club Constitution

The Club

The club shall be called the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club, hereafter referred to as the Club.

Management

The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee comprising Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Captain and Vice-Captain. Each position shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Aims and Objectives

The Aims and Objectives of the Club shall be:

1. To offer competitive cricket to the Club's Members.
2. To promote the Club within the local community.
3. To ensure a duty of care to all Members of the Club.
4. To ensure that all present and future Members of the Club receive fair and equal treatment.
5. To ensure that all Members abide by the ECB Code of Conduct, which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. Notice of the AGM shall be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice shall be given.
2. The AGM shall receive a report from each officer of the Management Committee and an audited statement of accounts.
3. Nominations for officers of the Management Committee shall be sent to the Secretary before the AGM.
4. Elections of the Management Committee shall take place at the AGM.
5. All Members including those voted in at the AGM shall have the right to address the AGM and to vote.
6. The quorum for an AGM shall be 10.

Nominations for the Management Committee

1. Nominations for the Management Committee shall be submitted before the AGM.
2. The Secretary shall invite nominations four weeks before the AGM.
3. The provisional list of nominations shall be issued two weeks before the AGM.
4. The final list of nominations shall be issued one week before the AGM. No further nominations shall be permitted.

Voting

Voting shall be done by secret ballot with votes counted by a Returning Officer who shall not be a Member of the Club.

Membership

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cricket on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of Membership according to the available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. The only category of Membership shall be Full Membership, which shall entitle the Member to voting rights, preference over non-Members in regard to team selection, match fees and eligibility for playing awards.
3. The Club is funded by payment of an annual subscription and match fee, the levels of which shall be determined at the AGM.
4. The Club may introduce different classes of Membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club shall keep subscriptions and match fees at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to participation.

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5. Application for Membership of the Club shall be by completion of a Membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.
6. No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for the team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date unless alleviation has been agreed by the Club Treasurer.
7. The Management Committee may refuse Membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Management Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal within 30 days of receipt.
8. All Members shall be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the Club shall be deemed to have accepted these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the club has adopted.
9. New Members shall be elected at the AGM.

Extraordinary General Meeting

The Management Committee has the right to call an Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) outside the AGM. The procedure for an EGM shall be the same as for an AGM.

Financial Year

The Club's Financial Year shall run from 1 November to 31 October. An audited statement of annual accounts shall be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.