

# 2018 GWLCC AGM

## Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”) was called to order at 7.15pm on 17 November 2018 at Club 182, Wembley by acting Chairman A. Burman, who thanked those in attendance.

## Present (16):

### **Committee:**

A. Burman (Secretary and acting Chairman)  
S. Patel (Captain)  
H. Patel (Vice-captain)  
V. Krishna (Treasurer)

### **Members and prospective Members:**

V. Basker  
R. Chatharaju  
D. Francis  
V. Gulati  
N. Khan  
P. Kota  
S. Kumar  
S. Namilkonda  
R. Sudireddy  
K. Toft

### **Guests:**

S. Bignell (Returning Officer)  
D. Bender

## Apologies for Absence:

A. Ahmed, P. Bocha, W. Caveney, S. Desai, N. Dubey, R. Gilkes, G. Newcombe, A. Oruganti, R. Pentakota

## Vote of Thanks

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

## Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

## Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were unanimously approved as distributed.

## Treasurer's Report

- The Club made a profit of **£770.95** over the year cf. 2016/7, when a loss of **£144.64** was made. The profit is explained by the price increases voted for in 2017. At 2017 charges, income would have been reduced by £806.40 and another loss recorded.
- Please refer to Appendix I for the Income and Expenditure Account and Appendix II for detailed analysis of pitch costs.

## **Income**

- Eighteen members @ £70 paid **£1,260** in subscriptions. In 2016/17, fifteen members @ £60 paid **£900** in subscriptions. Nine members played three or fewer games.
- Match fee collections were **£2,020.00**. This was 95.3% of total £2,120 collectible, meaning £100 was uncollected. Collections need to be tightened up.
- Two members are owed for prepaid match fees or teas. This money will go towards 2019 subscriptions.

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## **Expenditure**

- Tea costs increased but they were of improved quality and hence more expensive. In 2017, some teas were donated or offset against match fees. This was not the case in 2018.

## **Nets**

- Nets were marketed more effectively and made a reduced loss of **£38.00**.

## **Credits due in 2019**

- One game was cancelled by the groundsman and a credit of **£140.00** will be carried forward to 2019.

## **Secretary's Report**

Welcome, Namaste and Svāgata.

Out of the things we can control, what went badly and what went well? Punctuality was variable. When the team turned up on time and did fielding drills, we were a slick unit. Please respect your captain and colleagues. It's not only fielding drills, we need to organise drinks and ensure boundaries are correctly laid out.

What went well? We met some sporting new teams whom we shall see again. Teas were the best ever. Availability was declared early though subject as ever to late changes. When players were needed members got cracking. Subs and match fees were paid willingly despite the big increase last year. We had fun. A year ago, Sanjay Patel said that he would share responsibility around. He succeeded, spectacularly.

Succession planning: in 2019, I would welcome some help in organising the fixtures and nets. I have in mind handing this function over in 2019 and would like a volunteer to shadow me over the winter and get to know the ropes, with a view to a permanent handover. If anyone wants to do this, speak to me later or contact me after the meeting.

We'll talk about pitches later.

It was an honour to welcome our founder Mark Ashton. He is busy looking after his frail mother so it was kind of him to spare the time. Perhaps his speech inspired us on that long winning run. He has a message for us:

Greetings to all members and guests. I hope you have a constructive and wholly enjoyable AGM. I will drink to that. 2018 was another successful year and with the team spirit I witnessed 2019 will be even better.

Congratulations to the captain, members, guests and the author of *The Gent*.

See you all in 2019. Best wishes to one and all.

## **Captain's Report**

Firstly, I would like to thank the Gents committee for your great support during the 2018 season.

Andrew Burman produced an excellent and highly competitive fixture list. The season was one of two halves, early season we struggled to produce any consistency in our playing eleven, with injuries, dual commitment and a few players deciding to commit elsewhere. Nevertheless, once we were able to have a more settled and members-based team our season went from strength to strength. Winning six consecutive games chasing good totals is a club first and everyone involved should be proud of that achievement.

Early season victories against strong Northfields and Crown Taverners teams proved a good basis for a winning season. Statistically, Pavan Kota led the way with six fifties and a superb century against Battersea Eagles which was the catalyst for our excellent winning streak. He was supported by Vijay Basker, who on numerous occasions got us off to flying starts allowing other batsmen time to settle in; his 69 against Eastside proved what a fantastic batsman he is. Hemin Patel and Nilesh Dubey also produced excellent fifties during the season and I thought Aamir Ahmed's 41 not out against Putney was of high class and he showed great composure getting us past the winning line. Numerous players provided good support to Pavan and Vijay on occasions, but generally other batsmen underperformed, but hopefully with hard work we can all bat to our potential and support our leading batsmen more frequently next year.

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Our bowling lacked any real pace, but what we got from Sumit Kumar, Vamsee Krishna, Srinivas Namilikonda and Nilesh Dubey was consistency of line and length; their economy rates were excellent and we restricted many good teams to average totals. Support bowling from Hemin Patel, Bobby Gulati and Ranjith Chatharaju proved invaluable, but all our bowlers were let down by our fielding. We dropped 30 or more catches and generally our attitude and support of our captains was lacking and disappointing in the field. This all comes down to attitude; too many players raised their games when asked to bat and bowl but lacked the same focus and concentration whilst fielding. Captaining any team is not easy, supporting him is vital whether you agree or disagree with his decisions. Many players pulled me to one side and expressed their concerns about lack of involvement which I duly fixed. Arguing with the captain on the pitch during a game is not acceptable and not the correct way of dealing with issues.

So overall we had an average to good season with lots to improve on.

Finally, it was a pleasure having senior club colleagues Tony Buck, Richard Gilkes, Stuart Snelling, Mark Sciberras and Naveed Khan make brief appearances. These guys played the game I want the current members to replicate, 100% effort from start to finish of every game, never having regrets about the effort that was put in the previous week, and always playing with dignity and pride.

Enjoy the AGM and let's come back focused and ready for 2019.

## **Proposals for Membership**

V. Gulati and S. Namilikonda (played as a Member in 2017 but not voted in as did not attend AGM) were duly elected. S. Desai's and P. Kota's previous Membership will be renewed.

## **2019 season**

### **Clothing**

During the winter N. Khan's Titan company will offer customised cricket apparel to Members. Details will be advised.

### **Kit**

K. Toft kindly donated bats, pads and helmets. Most players have their own kit but the Club will continue supply shirts for guests and lend them playing equipment.

### **Balls**

V. Krishna to look at procurement. Bowlers were happy with VKS balls.

### **Home ground**

Old Tenisonians CC will be the home venue in 2019. We may be able to get two games at Normandy CC in Surrey and some at Wycombe House CC to cover non-availability at OTCC. Details to follow.

### **Charity game**

S. Kumar will try to arrange corporate sponsorship for a charity game. Committee to work on this.

### **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 (e.g. boundary rope and drinks preparation) and fielding practice.

### **Opposition**

The fixture card will be worked on over the winter.

### **Nets**

H. Patel to organise. A. Burman to forward contact details for Teddington SC.

### **Format**

Home games 40 or 35 overs.

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## **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 and match fees**

These will be unchanged at £70 annual membership and £10 match fee. V. Krishna proposed advance payment of match fees and the incoming Treasurer is tasked with looking at this. Subscriptions to be paid by end February.

## **Teas**

There will be provided to a maximum cost of £80 ceiling for home games by players nominated clearly in advance.

## **Any Other Business**

See **Subscriptions and match fees** above.

## **Election of Committee**

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

**Chairman** S. Kumar

**Secretary** A. Burman

**Captain** S. Patel

**Treasurer** N. Dubey

The following Officer was elected after a secret ballot:

**Vice-captain** H. Patel. V. Krishna was also proposed and seconded.

## **Captain's Awards**

The captain gave Awards to V. Basker, R. Chatharaju, N. Dubey and H. Patel.

## **Team Awards**

**All Rounder** S. Namilikonda

**Batsman** P. Kota

**Bowler** S. Namilikonda

**Fielder** P. Kota/S. Namkilikonda (tied)

**Most Improved** R. Chatharaju

**Bob Ashton Award** A. Burman

## **Close of Meeting**

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

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## Appendix I

### Income and Expenditure Account

| <b>Opening Balance</b>           | <b><u>480.39</u></b> | <b><u>625.03</u></b> | <b><u>483.38</u></b> | <b><u>229.79</u></b> | <b><u>297.94</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    | <b>2017/18</b>       | <b>2016/17</b>       | <b>2015/16</b>       | <b>2014/15</b>       | <b>2013/14</b>       |
| AGM                              | 90.00                |                      | 85.00                | 100.00               | 100.00               |
| Subscriptions for current season | 1,260.00             | 900.00               | 1,130.00             | 1,000.00             | 953.00               |
| Subscriptions for prior season   |                      |                      |                      |                      | 325.00               |
| Playing equipment                |                      | 10.00                |                      | 372.00               |                      |
| Match fees                       | 1,988.00             | 1,264.50             | 1,313.50             | 1,075.00             | 759.00               |
| Match fees in transit            | 32.00                |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Nets                             | 122.00               | 35.00                | 85.00                | 110.00               | 120.00               |
| Opposition match fees            | 645.00               | 580.00               | 979.00               | 725.00               | 375.00               |
| Donations                        |                      | 181.40               |                      |                      |                      |
| Charity Donations                |                      | 350.00               |                      | 190.00               | 58.00                |
| Sale of Books                    | 25.00                | 60.00                |                      |                      |                      |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>4,162.00</b>      | <b>3,380.90</b>      | <b>3,592.50</b>      | <b>3,572.00</b>      | <b>2,690.00</b>      |

| <b>Expenditure</b>     | <b>2017/18</b>         | <b>2016/17</b>       | <b>2015/16</b>       | <b>2014/15</b>       | <b>2013/14</b>       |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| AGM                    | 134.50                 |                      | 205.00               | 216.45               | 200.00               |
| Web hosting            | 86.28                  | 143.74               |                      | 71.86                | 71.86                |
| Insurance              | 128.37                 | 128.60               | 144.80               |                      |                      |
| Equipment              | 218.89                 | 310.00               | 153.85               | 581.36               |                      |
| Match fees charged     | 470.00                 | 505.00               | 630.00               | 505.00               | 643.00               |
| Nets                   | 156.00                 | 198.40               | 219.20               | 187.60               | 149.60               |
| Pitches                | 1,436.00               | 1,619.80             | 1,415.00             | 1,384.00             | 960.00               |
| Teas                   | 761.01                 | 188.00               | 663.00               | 372.14               | 270.00               |
| Charity donations      |                        | 432.00               |                      |                      |                      |
| Gift                   |                        |                      |                      |                      | 18.98                |
| Meal                   |                        |                      |                      |                      | 87.61                |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>3,391.05</b>        | <b>3,525.54</b>      | <b>3,430.85</b>      | <b>3,318.41</b>      | <b>2,758.15</b>      |
| <b>Profit (Loss)</b>   | <b>770.95</b>          | <b>(144.64)</b>      | <b>161.65</b>        | <b>253.59</b>        | <b>(68.15)</b>       |
| <b>Closing Balance</b> | <b><u>1,251.34</u></b> | <b><u>480.39</u></b> | <b><u>625.03</u></b> | <b><u>483.38</u></b> | <b><u>229.79</u></b> |

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## Appendix II

### Pitch charges

| Description                                      | No. | Unit price | Price           |
|--|-----|------------|-----------------|
| <b>2018/19 projection</b>                        |     |            |                 |
| Old Tenisonians                                  | 10  | 145.00     | 1,450.00        |
| OT credit for 2018 cancellation by groundsman    | 1   | (140.00)   | (140.00)        |
| Raynes Park SG                                   | 1   | 125.00     | 125.00          |
| Chiswick House                                   | 0.5 | 155.00     | 155.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |            | <b>1,590.00</b> |
| <b>2017/18</b>                                   |     |            |                 |
| Old Tenisonians                                  | 9   | 140.00     | 1,260.00        |
| OT credit for 2017 cancellations by groundsman   | 2   | (135.00)   | (270.00)        |
| LMPF Greenford                                   | 1   | 178.00     | 178.00          |
| Chiswick House                                   | 0.5 | 150.00     | 150.00          |
| Raynes Park PF                                   | 1   | 118.00     | 118.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |            | <b>1,436.00</b> |
| <b>2016/17</b>                                   |     |            |                 |
| 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           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |            | <b>1,619.80</b> |
| <b>2015/16</b>                                   |     |            |                 |
| 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          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |            | <b>1,415.00</b> |
| <b>2014/15</b>                                   |     |            |                 |
| 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          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |     |            | <b>1,384.00</b> |