

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 Nilesch 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

Opening Balance	<u>480.39</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>
Income	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
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			
Total	4,162.00	3,380.90	3,592.50	3,572.00	2,690.00

Expenditure	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
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
Total	3,391.05	3,525.54	3,430.85	3,318.41	2,758.15
Profit (Loss)	770.95	(144.64)	161.65	253.59	(68.15)
Closing Balance	<u>1,251.34</u>	<u>480.39</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>

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Appendix II

Pitch charges

Description	No.	Unit price	Price
2018/19 projection			
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
Total			1,590.00
2017/18			
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
Total			1,436.00
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