

2019 GWLCC AGM

Opening

The Annual General Meeting of the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”) was called to order at 7.25pm on 30 November 2019 at the Bulstrode, Hounslow by Chairman S. Kumar, who thanked those in attendance.

Present (18):

Committee:

A. Burman (Secretary)
S. Kumar (Chairman)
H. Patel (Vice-captain)
S. Patel (Captain)

Members and prospective Members:

W. Caveney
R. Chatharaju
D. Francis
V. Gulati
R. Inkollu
N. Khan
P. Kota
S. Namilkonda
G. Newcombe
C. Puli
R. Sudireddy
K. Toft

Guests:

S. Bignell (Returning Officer), D. Laing

Chairman’s Welcome

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Apologies for Absence:

A. Ahmed, Z. Ahmed, V. Basker, N. Dubey (Treasurer), V. Krishna, R. Pentakota, J. Small

Vote of Thanks

Votes of Thanks were passed for S. Bignell who stood as Returning Officer and to the departing Captain and Vice-captain S. Patel and H. Patel.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer’s Report

- The Club made a profit of **£110.26** over the year. No increase is proposed.
- Income increased by **£675.00** and expenditure by **£1,335.69**.
- The Club will take cleared funds of **£1,361.60** into the 2019/20 financial year.
- Please refer to Appendix I for the Income and Expenditure Account and Appendix II for detailed analysis of pitch costs.

Income

- Sixteen annual subscriptions of **£1,120.00** in total were paid, including one 2019/2020 prepayment. In 2017/8, 18 members paid **£1,260.00** in subscriptions, of whom one prepaid 2018/19.

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- Net match fee collections were **£2,487.00**, an increase of **£499.00** over 2017/18. Overpaid match fees of **£160** have been reimbursed.
- There were 256 appearances, so the maximum collectable match fees were **£2,560.00**. Therefore, 97% of match fees were collected.

Expenditure

- The cancellation by Baker Street Irregulars was catastrophic, the club suffering a wasted pitch @ **£150.00**.
- Pitch costs increased from **£1,436.00** to **£2,006.00** because there were more home games.
- Tea costs increased from **£761.01** to **£894.70** but they were of improved quality.

Nets

- Nets made a loss of **£66.00**.

Credits due in 2019

- One game was cancelled by the groundsman and a credit of **£150.00** will be carried forward to 2020.

Club Secretary's Report

It is good to see a healthy attendance. Ravi Kumar Inkollu is here and will play in 2020. He was the first player from the Telegu-speaking culture of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Puducherry to play for us, in 2008. He introduced Murali Kalidindi that year and Patrudu Lalam and Suman Rudru a year later. Ramkrishna Mangineni, Praveen Bocha, Raja Pentakota and Yogenand Kunche followed in 2012 and Vijay Basker in 2013. Ravi therefore planted seeds which grew to the tree whose fruit we enjoy today.

Last season was unusually challenging. Baker Street Irregulars, Gubbays and Wimbledon United cancelled but replacements were found. As a result the Gents met Brentham and for the first time Teddington Town and sublet Wimbledon United's Cottenham RG to accommodate another new opponent, West London. Other new sides played were Byfleet, Plastics and Whalers. Sometimes good things emerge from chaos and we will meet three of these six new opponents again in 2020.

We were delighted to play three games at Wycombe House and I thank their Hon. Cricket Secretary Zahid Ahmed, his brother Aamir and Vasi Shaikh for their help. In an appalling outbreak of bribery and corruption Hemin Patel oiled the wheels with vada pavs and jelaibi.

It is proposed to extend the Committee from five to six by electing a Match Secretary to complement the Fixture Secretary. Therefore we will have a new committee member by the end of tonight.

There was great sadness. We lost Mr Baker, the Old Tenisonians ground manager, Luke Corbett's friend Lizzie Shepherd and our sister Tracey Snelling. We will celebrate Tracey's life in June when we visit Binfield, where the Snellings now play. Thank you Greg Newcombe for your vicious and efficient work as Master of Fines when we raised funds for the Snelling family's chosen charity. Joy came with the birth of Greg's son Albie. Welcome, young sir.

There were a few late changes to teams which was inevitable. We fielded full sides in all but two games when last-minute absences proved impossible to manage.

In the 1990s the season ran from late April to early September, 19 weekends. In 2020 we will play on 24 weekends, with a few Saturday and Sunday double headers before and after the TAL and TAUUK leagues, which run from the second week in May to the second week of August. This will need your usual early declaration of availability.

The loyal support was inspirational. That Aamir Ahmed, Ken Toft and Dino Francis were there so often says a great deal about them.

Thanks to everyone who played, arranged guests or sorted teas and to my fellow Committee members who have bequeathed a financially stable, engaged club.

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Captain's Report

Wow wow wow; How else could I start a captain's review of our season?

Captaining any club is never easy and can be stressful at times but this year it has been a pleasure captaining the Gents, with many more highs than lows. I made it my mission to involve everyone irrespective of ability, but with such a strong squad with a number of all-rounders there was always going to be some disappointment.

Twelve different players scored fifties, Bobby, Ratty, Zahid and Ranjith scored their maiden fifties. I was fortunate to watch all these efforts and hope this is only the start.

Pavan and Srini both passed 500 runs for the season: one person achieving this is great for the club but two players is simply amazing. Both of you should be very proud of such excellent batting returns. Hemin and Sumit batted with great maturity and often gave us solid foundations for the team to build on. Their contribution must not be underestimated. It really did not matter whether we batted first or second as with so many talented batsmen we were able to be competitive in every single game this season. Everyone contributed at some point during the season and more importantly we all supported our team mates irrespective of our own performance.

Congratulations to Hemin, Ranjith and Srini on your 20+ totals for wickets taken, huge praise to Sumit and Vamsee for your efforts, both of you were outstanding in bowling tight spells during the season, Nilesh and Pavan bowled very well as well and along with Bobby and Greg, we have a very talented and varied bowling line up.

Our fielding was below expectations but an improvement from the previous season. Individuals need to put more focus and effort into their fielding. Small improvements will be beneficial to the club and more importantly will prove decisive during a tight game. Ratty took the gloves for the first time and proved to be an outstanding wicket-keeper once he settled into his new role and of course who could forget Wayne's catch against Teddington Town, a fantastic moment and something we will not forget in a hurry.

I would personally like to thank everyone who played for the Gents this year, and with so many great team and individual performances this has been an outstanding year of cricket and we cannot forget the huge efforts of Andy Burman who is the driving force behind any success, along with great support from the Committee.

I hope we can get our injured players (Dino and Aamir) to play more regularly next season that would be the icing on the cake.

A brilliant season and I'm already looking forward to next year. Good luck to whoever is our captain/vice-captain next year, you will get our full support.

Proposals for Membership

C. Puli and R. Inkollu were proposed and duly elected.

The 2020 Season

Home ground

We are in negotiations with Wycombe House CC to increase our allocation in 2020. Old Tenisonians CC will also be used. More information will become available over the winter.

Start time

When the opponents and ground authority agree in advance, we will start home games at 12.30pm in 2020. There is 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 is nearly complete. Twenty-five games have been confirmed, including trips to new grounds, Binfield and Kempton. Gubbays have to be slotted in. Rakesh Patel's All Stars will visit in April and Millfields in September. We will not play Baker Street Irregulars, Brentham, Crown Taverners or West London in 2020 but Taverners may return in 2021 if a date can be agreed. A few Saturday and Sunday double headers are planned around the TAL and TAUk leagues, which run from the second week in May to the second week of August

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Format

Home games will be in 35/35 or 40/40 over formats agreed in advance by the captains.

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 because it causes confusion.

Nets

G. Newcombe and H. Patel will organise nets at the Kia Oval and Teddington SC D. Laing is co-opted to try to secure discounts at the Kia Oval.

Teas

Teas will be provided to a maximum cost of £80 ceiling for home games by players nominated clearly in advance. Wycombe House will provide teas at £70.

Awards Shields

H. Patel will investigate engraving of current shields and cups, and purchase of new ones.

Motion

That the meeting adopts the revised Constitution attached. Carried.

Election of Committee

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

Chairman S. Patel

Captain N. Dubey

Vice-captain S. Kumar

Treasurer R. Sudireddy

Club and Fixtures Secretary A. Burman

Team Secretary H. Patel

Captain's Awards

The captain gave Awards to V. Gulati, H. Patel and R. Sudireddy.

Team Awards

All-rounder S. Namilikonda

Batsman P. Kota

Bowler R. Chatharaju

Fielder S. Namilikonda

Most Improved R. Sudireddy

Bob Ashton Award A. Burman

Any Other Business

P. Kota asked why the Committee had been expanded. The Chairman explained that it was a decision designed to share the workload and introduce a new Committee member.

Close of Meeting

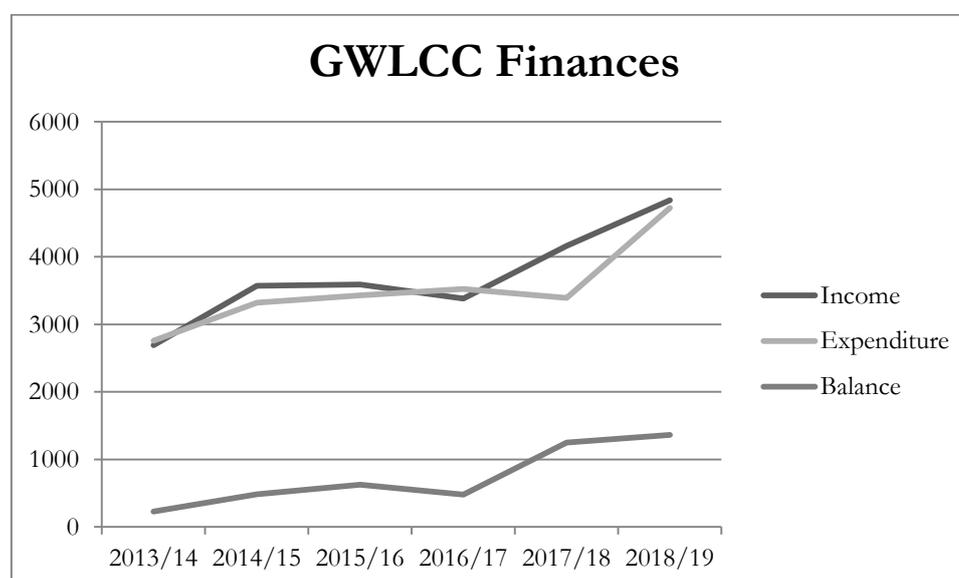
The Meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Appendix I

Income and Expenditure Account

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>1,251.34</u>	<u>480.39</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>	<u>297.94</u>
Income	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
AGM		90.00		85.00	100.00	100.00
Subscriptions for current season	1,120.00	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	2,487.00	1,988.00	1,264.50	1,313.50	1,075.00	759.00
Match fees in transit		32.00				
Nets	95.00	122.00	35.00	85.00	110.00	120.00
Opposition match fees	865.00	645.00	580.00	979.00	725.00	375.00
Gift			181.40			
Charity Donations	270.00		350.00		190.00	58.00
Sale of Books		25.00	60.00			
Total	4,837.00	4,162.00	3,380.90	3,592.50	3,572.00	2,690.00

Expenditure	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
AGM	249.35	134.50		205.00	216.45	200.00
Web hosting	86.28	86.28	143.74		71.86	71.86
Insurance	128.37	128.37	128.60	144.80		
Equipment	286.04	218.89	310.00	153.85	581.36	
Opposition match fees	560.00	470.00	505.00	630.00	505.00	643.00
Nets	156.00	156.00	198.40	219.20	187.60	149.60
Pitches	2,006.00	1,436.00	1,619.80	1,415.00	1,384.00	960.00
Teas	894.70	761.01	188.00	663.00	372.14	270.00
Charity donations	290.00		432.00			
Flowers	70.00					
Gift						18.98
Meal						87.61
Total	4,726.74	3,391.05	3,525.54	3,430.85	3,318.41	2,758.15
Profit (Loss)	110.26	770.95	(144.64)	161.65	253.59	(68.15)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>1,361.60</u>	<u>1,251.34</u>	<u>480.39</u>	<u>625.03</u>	<u>483.38</u>	<u>229.79</u>



Appendix II

Pitch charges

Description	No.	Unit price	Price
2018/19			
Old Tenisonians	8	150.00	1,200.00
OT credit for 2018 cancellation by groundsman	1	(140.00)	(140.00)
Wycombe House	3	150.00	450.00
Ealing Central SG	1	126.00	126.00
Cottenham Park	1	120.00	120.00
Haydons Road RG	1	100.00	100.00
Chiswick House	0.5	150.00	150.00
Total			2,006.00
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

Appendix III

GWLCC Club Constitution

The Club

The Club shall be called the Gentlemen of West London Cricket Club (“the Club”).

Committee

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

Financial Year

The Club’s Financial Year shall run from 1 November to 31 October.

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

1. At least 21 days’ notice of the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) shall be given by the Club Secretary.
2. The AGM shall receive an audited statement of accounts and reports from the Chairman, Club and Fixtures Secretary, Match Secretary, Treasurer and Captain.
3. Election of the Management Committee shall take place at the AGM.
4. All Members including those elected at the AGM shall have the right to address the AGM and to vote.
5. The quorum for an AGM shall be 10.

Nominations for the Committee

1. The Club Secretary shall invite nominations at least four weeks before the AGM.
2. The provisional list of nominations shall be issued two weeks before the AGM
3. The final list of nominations shall be issued one week before the AGM. No further nominations shall be permitted.

Voting

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

Extraordinary General Meeting

The Committee has the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”). The procedure for an EGM shall be the same as for an AGM except that it shall be called at two weeks’ notice. The quorum for an AGM shall be 10.

Membership

1. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in 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, use of the assets of the Club 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. Such charges shall be kept at level that will not pose an obstacle to participation.
4. The Club may introduce different classes of Membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory basis.

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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 once the applicant has been elected as a Member at the AGM.
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 Treasurer.
7. The 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 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.

Selection Policy

1. When a fixture is oversubscribed, the Club shall after discussion between the Match Secretary and the Captain allocate places as fairly as possible.
2. The Club Secretary will ask Members each month to supply their availability. Players must confirm their availability to the Secretary in order to be considered for selection.
3. Members will be selected ahead of guests.
4. Members including those on the Committee can expect to be selected in rotation if matches are oversubscribed.