



2009 AGM

Minutes

Strongroom Bar, London, 29 October. 8.10-9pm

Present: (14): Dave Proctor (meeting chair), Dave Gower , Jon Gower, Oliver Moore, Martin Newkirk, Ken Park, Ujjal Roy, Joe Rahman, Mark Mellor, Guy Wilson, Mike Gabbay, Hem Patel, Richard Boote, Rich Woolhouse.

Apologies: Paddy Ell, Jules Kelly, Simon Ray, Damien Plumbridge, Chris West

Absentees: Andy Orme

Captain's review

Jon G said 2009 was a very successful and hugely enjoyable season, especially after the trials and tribulations of 2008. Delighted to recruit some good new teammates (notably Martin, Ken, Tom, Damien), and to have some trusted stalwarts (Mark, Rich, Simon) coming back to chip in with key contributions. Highlights noted to include the intra-Strongroom tie, the thrilling home win vs Jaguars and commanding performances vs Gardeners, Caribbean Mix, Nigerians, Pacific. Lots of individual highlights, especially terrific bowling, led by Paddy, Ujjal, Mark, and Joe's record wicket haul. Batting contributions right through the order (especially notable lower order knocks from Dave P, Guy, Paddy, Ujjal, Joe). Hem coming back from the wilderness to re-assert his fielding reputation in the final game.

The captain noted his personal champagne moments: Ken's 6-28; Martin's early overs hooked 6s; the lows (Ujjal!) and highs (Mark) of the last 2 overs vs Jaguars; and the curious - Jon's run-out rule confusion; Dave P high-fiving the Village captain on being dismissed by him.

It was agreed that a substantial part of the enjoyment of Strongroom stems from the way we 'organise' and play the game. Our continuing non-league status was endorsed unanimously.

Treasurer's report

No exact accounts presented, but DP assured us all was under control. RB had forwarded DP a recent statement and it is thought the account has somewhere in the region of £500-1,000 – much of which will be needed soon to make payments for nets, insurance, Highgate pitch etc. DP is in the process of trying to open a new account to take this off RB's hands.

Subs for 2010 will stay at £60.

The people who it is thought have not paid for 2009 are Joe Rahman, Hem Patel, Jules Kelly, Rich Woolhouse. If you are on this list, pay now. If you think you should not be on the list, then square it with DP.

Please pay your 2010 subs as soon as possible. Either by cheque (Strongroom Cricket Club – to DP) or electronic (log in to members area on website to get account details – alert DP when payment made).

Kit

It was decided that in 2010 the kit bag will consist only of wicket keeping pads, gloves, (box?), stumps, bails, balls, scorebook (helmet?). This means that players need either to get their own kit or make sure that someone else is willing to lend them kit ahead of a game. There is an issue about what happens to the old kit – those of you without any might be able to take some of it off Paddy's hands. We'll leave this to Paddy and you. JG is to ask Highgate if we can store stumps/bails there during the summer, to further reduce the kitbag for away games.

Recruitment

A couple of people said they had friends/contacts who showed some interest. Perhaps encourage them to come to nets. JG to continue Gumtree recruitment as needed.

Posts/Officers

Captain: Jon Gower stood unopposed and was voted in overwhelmingly

Vice captains: Two candidates stood (Oliver Moore and Martin Newkirk) and both were voted in overwhelmingly

Treasurer: Dave Proctor warned everyone off and will continue in post

Fixture sec: Jon Gower – no vote needed

Fielding coach: Hem Patel – no vote needed, though a little more activity in 2010 perhaps...

Winter nets

DP will try to book. Provisionally Wednesdays at 9pm. Probably a single lane, but with double lane for first few weeks. Hopefully starting in January, running until the beginning of the season.

Devon tour 2010

JG has booked fixtures for weekend of May 15/16 in Devon. Some discussion of possible 20 over match on the evening of 14th, but probably too early in the season for this. Guy will look into the possibility of hiring an all-in-one transport + accommodation tour bus. Guy voted in as some sort of tour manager. Some people were keen to open a tour account early in 2010 to get some down payments in order to encourage commitment as well as beginning to cover some group costs, but this depends partly on result of bus enquiries vs alternative accommodation options.

Overseas tour 2010/11

Martin is exploring the possibility of a tour to Malaysia for early 2011. Overwhelming initial interest expressed.

Partners Day

Despite some exclamations of horror, it was agreed that Martin would promote the 2010 intra-Strongroom match as one that partners might especially attend. Hem and RB reminded people of the existence of "cricket widow" T-shirts – contact Hem if you want to get hold of one of these for your partner.

Club shirts

Hem to push this forward in terms of working with Strongroom logo to finalise design (to be approved by RB).

2009 revisited

President Richard Boote issued a hearty vote of thanks to Jon for his efforts in not only keeping the club going but helping it revive. Prompted by Richard, and amidst some noisy debate and confusion, some impromptu performance awards were dished out:

Batsman of 2009 – Martin Newkirk .

Catch of 2009 – Mark Mellor's relaxed c&b against Pacific in the last game of the season.

Bowler of 2009 – Ujjal Roy (hotly contested this one, with much respect and support also for Paddy Ell and Joe Rahman).

Guy thanked the club for allowing him to be captain for one game after many, many, many years of service...

Minutes recorded and written up by David Gower.
