



2010 AGM

Minutes

Strongroom Bar, London, 28 October. 7pm

Present: (11): Guy Wilson (meeting chair), Dave Proctor , Jon Gower, Oliver Moore, Andy Orme, Chris West, Ujjal Roy, Joe Rahman, Mark Mellor, Tom Higginson, Jimmy Hall

Apologies: Paddy Ell, Dave Gower, Rich Woolhouse, Tom Henderson, Richard Boote, Will Davies

Absentees: Jules Kelly

Captain's review

JG said 2010 was a good season overall. We won 15 and lost 9, but reminded us that the general yardstick of success was winning more games than we lose, which generally makes for an enjoyable season. The most savoured victory was a 145-run defeat of a strong Jesmond Jaguars XI in Dulwich in May. Other notable victories were achieved against Gardeners [twice] and Balham Roamers. There were three very close finishes [Viscount, Pacific and Gaities. We also came 3rd in the Crouch End T20 mid week league, which proved to be a fun format of the game, and hopefully one wedl repeat in 2011.

2010 was most noted for the Devon tour . our first in 26 years as a club. It was a hugely enjoyable experience for all, and we will visit the west country again in June 2011.

Highlight personal performances included two tons against Gardeners [Mellor and Marty Newkirk] and Ujjals 5-43 against Jesmond Jaguars. Throughout the season there was also great commitment and skill shown by the likes of Ujjal, Martin and Joe. Two newcomers who deserve a mention were Jimmy Hall and Will Davies, and we hope to see much more of them in 2011.

Sadly we have already seen Martin Newkirk return to his homeland, and may well lose Paddy over the winter. Ujjal is due to return to India in June 2011, and Olly Moore will miss most of 2011 [touring Europe in a VW camper van]. All these guys will be much missed and we clearly have some recruitment to take place before April 2011.

There were several champagne moments to savour:

- Andy Orme manoeuvring the Dolphin through the windy lanes of Dartmoor
- Mark Mellor's enormous 6 over square leg [and a mature oak tree] against Jesmond Jaguars
- Rich Woolhouse's inspired and fired-up 4-19 against Gaities at Regents Park
- David Proctor's half-century against Crossbats . an innings of genuine quality and against a good bowling attack on a green track

Treasurer's report

DP reported we have £380-00 in the coffers, in our new online Barclays account.

DP pointed out that nets cost approx £600, Highgate wood £550, insurance £260.

MM still owed significant money for insurance fees from 2010 and previous seasons.

DP suggested we raise home game match fees from £3 to £5 per head. That way we raise £110 per game, which can be split between tea costs and club coffers [this makes sense, as each home game costs us approx £50].

Subs for 2010 will stay at £60.

We had good subs payment in 2010, with all the regular players paying up.

DP requested we pay 2011 subs as soon as possible . as we have to book nets at lords soon.

Kit

It was decided finally to do away with the monstrous kit bag. It has been a heavy burden for a few of us for far too long. It was agreed instead that one small bag will contain a pair of keepers pads and gloves [DP to buy new pair], and the stumps/bails will be kept at Highgate Woods [as successfully done in 2010].

DP suggested we all buy take responsibility to buy our own kit from now on.

Remaining pads/gloves/boxes etc to be given out to people at nets to keep.

DP suggested the kit bag be ceremoniously burnt.

Club shirts / caps

Joe Rahman volunteered to investigate and purchase Strongroom logo shirts and caps. Andy Orme and Guy Wilson also volunteered to sponsor these strips.

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.

Posts/Officers

Captain: Jon Gower stood unopposed and was voted in overwhelmingly

Vice captains: Five candidates stood (David Gower, Mark Mellor, Joe Rahman, David Proctor and Tom Higginson) - and David Gower and Mark Mellor were voted in

Treasurer: Dave Proctor voted in overwhelmingly

Fixture sec: Jon Gower . no vote needed

Fielding coach: Hem Patel . no vote needed

Winter nets

DP will try to book. Hopefully starting in January, running until the beginning of the season.

Devon tour 2011

JG has already booked fixtures for weekend of June 3/4/5 in Devon.

Andy Orme threatening to return with a bigger mobile home.

Overseas tour 2011

JG has been investigating tour of New York in September 2011; though only 9 have committed so far, there seemed strong interested in this tour. JG to look into flight costs.

Overseas tour 2012

DP is keen for a tour to Sri Lanka in 2012. There was good interest from all present.

Minutes recorded by Ujjal Roy and written up by Jon Gower.
