



2013 AGM

Minutes

Present: Richard Boote (RB), Will Davies (WD), Dave Gower (DG), Jon Gower (JG), Hem Patel (HP), Joe Rahman (JR), Chris West (CW), Guy Wilson (GW), James Schneider (JW), Jimmy Hall (JH), Mark Mellor (MM), Mike Gabbay (MG), Hem Patel (HP), Mitch Nicholson (MN), Dane Ellis (DE), Asif Zain (AZ) and Kyson East (KE)

Apologies: Dave Proctor, Andy Orme, Richard Woolhouse, Jules Kelly

President's Welcome

RB welcomed everyone to Strongroom (where an excellent buffet was laid on). He said that even though he didn't play last season and was mostly out of the country at weekends, he followed us on the internet and was delighted that a Strongroom CC team was still running after 29 years.

Captain's Report

As MM was not able to play this season, and David Proctor was absent, JG summarized last season as won 13, lost 8, which was pretty good overall. As Mark Mellor was not able to play, David Proctor and James Schneider fulfilled the majority of the captaincy duties. Season highlights included a tight classic against Gardeners, an absurd win against Hobgoblin Nomads and a surprise victory against Village with a very inexperienced XI. Lowlights included horrible drubbings inflicted by Pacific, Gaieties and Jesmond Jaguars. Notable individual performances featured two deeply determined half-centuries from a resurgent David Proctor, Schneider's devastation with the ball in the first game of the season, and a Strongroom best 161* from Mitch in the final outing of the season. It was the bowling really stood out though. Riaz and Asif were superb throughout, and Grant took the highest tally of wickets ever by a Strongroom pace bowler (25), but it was Joe, yet again, who harvested another Strongroom season record haul (34 victims).

Here are David Proctor's season highlights and lowlights:

Jon Gower's 100 in Delhi

Jimmy's 'header' in the first game in Delhi

Jimmy and Ollie Moore opening batting on tour

My 80 and 100+ stand with a swashbuckling grant against the goblins in the first match in uk

James Schneider's 5 fer in the same game

Joe Rahmans quick spell against the gardeners (and most of his bowling through the season)

Danes catch to dismiss de Jesus and win the game in the same match

Guys split finger catch in Delhi

Mitch's 161 - sweet hitting

Taking the field with my sons ted and otto against a more than gracious natural history museum, thanks for letting them play

Magic moments, all of them

Low points:

Jimmy's 'header' in the first game in Delhi

A couple of sad capitulations esp throwing it away against the jesmond jaguars

That last over in Delhi

Getting smashed for 26 in my only over on tour.

Chris West's over at sidmouth

Wills chicken tikka

Treasurer's Report

DP was absent, but I believe the finances are in reasonable order.

DP reiterated the need for everyone to pay their 2014 subs promptly, in order for us to meet our usual outstanding costs for a new season - including Lords nets, Highgate Woods booking fee and insurance.

We decided to keep the club membership fee at £60 per season - as we managed to increase club membership in 2013, so this meant we adequately covered our overall expenses.

Fixtures

DP suggested by email that we reduce the number of games in 2014, however, JG argued that we tend to lose approximately a quarter of our fixtures every season to rain and / or lack of players (both us and the opposition), so it is probably best that we look to make around 30 fixtures for each season. As long as we communicate a lack of players in good time to opposition captains (i.e. Tuesday/Wednesday before the weekend of the actual fixture), then there is no shame as far as pulling out of a

fixture is concerned. In addition, JG reiterated that no-one in the club should feel pressured into playing games for Strongroom - as that is what makes us different from league teams. This motion was voted upon and all agreed to continue with approx. 30 fixtures.

Subs

A good level of payment in 2013, probably partly as a result of having electronic banking up and running. Subs for 2012 to be kept at a very reasonable £60.

SCC Strip

There was some request for SCC strip from new recruits. JR to investigate.

Squad

JG to continue recruiting new players via Gumtree.

Club posts

1. Captain. A 2-horse race, with DP gaining more votes than JH.
2. Vice captains. RB suggested that the captain decides on replacement captains before each game where he is not playing, rather than creating two vice-captains for the season.
3. JS voted in as T20 captain unopposed.
4. Treasurer. DP happy to continue and unanimously voted in unopposed.
5. Fielding Coach. GW voted in unopposed.
6. Fixtures Secretary. JG voted in unopposed.

Tours

The India Tour was a great success, and KE was thanked for providing some video clips of the last game in Delhi for us to watch during the AGM. We agreed it would be a good idea to organise another overseas tour in 2014/15, and there was no shortage of suggested venues. TBC!

As for the 2014 Devon Tour, JG announced that Sidmouth CC have turned down our 2014 fixture, and that Budleigh Salterton CC have replaced Sidmouth.

AOB

None.

Minutes recorded and written up by Jon Gower (well, all from memory a few weeks afterwards!).
