



AGM

Agenda

November 1st 2017

Present:

Members: David Proctor, Jon Gower, Mitch Nicholson, Tim Moore, David Siddal, Jimmy Hall, Grant Dixon, Vinay Venkateshan, David Gower

Non-members:

Apologies:

Members: Will Davies, Hem Patel, Guy Wilson, Richard Boote, Mike Gabbay, James Schneider

Non-members: Richard Woolhouse, Josh Atkinson, Mark Mellor

No Response:

Members:

Non-members:

Minutes taker: David Gower

(1) Chairman's Welcome

Richard Boote unfortunately not able to attend - first time in the total XX years of SCC. JG welcomed the attendees and the meeting was held in the meeting room of Strongroom's head office (thanks Richard).

(2) Captain's report of 2017 season

Curious season. Won 7, lost 2, tied 1, abandoned 2. XX games were canceled - often because we were unable to get a team. Disappointing, but general feeling was that the cricket we did get to play had been really enjoyable. Some memorable matches and performances - see summary of season on the Strongroom website.

Highlights: the crazy tied match versus Gaities, the tense wins versus Village and Bloomsbury Royals, plus the Gardeners and Nigerians games.

(3) Treasurer's report

DP reported that the SCC account has approx. £150 in it. During 2017 we got into a bit of a cash flow pickle and DP, DG and JG had to loan the SCC some funds (now repaid). Main issues have been the steep rise in cost of the Highgate ground hire (approx £550 to now £900) and the low nets attendances. DEFINE will make another ca. £250 sponsorship contribution (gratefully received). In 2017 we had to raise opposition match fees to £10 per person. Some teams objected, but the reality is we need the funds and it is not disproportionate and will continue at this level for 2018.

(4) Fixtures

Agreed to stick with similar number of fixtures for 2018 and see whether 2017 was just a blip. It was decided to not play Village in 2018 to avoid unnecessary aggravation.

(5) Subs

Agreed to raise this to £75 per member per year. A discretionary £40 rate available for newcomers and hard-up etc. Members please pay asap so we know where we are and so that winter nets can be booked. See recent JG and DP emails.

(6) Squad and recruitment

Agreed that we should cast the net wider than Gumtree, which has started to dry up. TM, JH, GD and DS offered several suggestions. MN kindly offered to pay his 2018 subs if the funds were to go towards an improved recruitment advertisement campaign. Suggestions included some Facebook thing, other newfangled internet things, a web form, laminated ads at Highgate nets etc.

(7) Officers

DP (captain), JG (fixtures), DS (fielding) were happy to continue in their roles and nobody else offered themselves for service in these roles. James Schneider stood down as T20 captain (thanks for the service, JS) and was unanimously voted in unopposed by GD. MN stood down as social media czar and was unanimously voted in unopposed by JH. Marvelous!

(8) Winter nets

Lords, as usual. DP to book. Likely to remain at £7 or £8 per person per session, from mid-Jan until the Nepal tour,

(9) Match organising

JG thanked JH and VV for substantial help with this during 2017. Will continue the same in 2018, though will also look into seeing if we can pencil/ink in names in month-blocks, following suggestion from the JH-TM-GD couch (this might have been JH's suggestion – my notes aren't good enough....).

(10) Match reports

Did fine in 2017.

(11) Website

JG had nothing to report/discuss.

(12) Devon tour

Sadly had to cancel in 2017. Likely to be same weekend (early June) in 2018. Finding a non-Lustleigh Saturday fixture remains tricky.

(13) Nepal tour 2018

JG confirmed 6 fixtures on a tour to Nepal in March 2018. Numbers currently looking good.

(14) Mitch Nicolson

All good things come to pass. Mitch is moving back to Australia early in 2018. He'll come on the Nepal tour. Mitch is the greatest SCC batsman in the club's history thus far (but remember - his stats will not be improving much from now, so he can be caught and perhaps eclipsed!). Thanks Mitch - it was a lot of fun. Mitch was presented with two scotch-egg related items of clothing.

(15) AOB

None.

