



## **AGM minutes**

November 3rd, 2021

Strongroom Bar, Shoreditch, London

[Minutes taker: DG]

### **Present**

Ankit Chandna, Seb Davey, Dave Gower, Jon Gower, Ben Hartridge, Andy Orme, Mario Picceri, Vinay Venkateshan

### **Apologies**

Richard Boote, Hem Patel, Dave Proctor, Guy Wilson, Rich Woolhouse

### **Chairman's welcome**

Richard Boote (holed up in Portugal) sent his best wishes and generously laid on burgers and beer. AO led proceedings, steered by JG

### **Club constitution**

JG reminded us all about the club's origins (1984) and general ethos (competitive friendlies, no league cricket, play for enjoyment etc)

### **Captain's report**

AO read out a message from DP, though it was difficult to tell which parts were written by DP and which were adorned by AO (except for lots of stuff about the club 10<sup>th</sup> wicket record: <http://strongroomcc.com/stands.asp>, which I don't think came from DP) and by other people chipping in. 2021 was a generally good, successful and enjoyable season. Some much better batting exploits than usual, thanks to JG, VV, BH, Fenil and especially Gwyn's prolific 4 tons in his last 5 innings. Top bowling efforts/performances from Mario, Ankit, Riaz, and Arif. Was great to have Amith, Kishore, Bhargav, Naveen and others join us for the first time this year – hope to see them again next year. Sad to see Fenil return to India.

### **Treasurer's report**

None filed. Everyone present agreed that in the absence of any grim financial news, sticking with the £75 subs per year seemed reasonable. Please pay asap – JG to send follow-up email.

### **Fixtures**



A couple of 2021 fixtures (UCS Old Boys; Bloomsbury Royals) were discussed as suboptimal for various reasons. It was decided that neither would be rejected outright, but that they wouldn't be prioritised when assembling the fixture list for 2022.

#### **Kit**

Nothing much to report. JG will order a set of the usual balls. Keeper's kit seems okay.

#### **Squad/recruitment**

JG and VV did a great job in 2021. Both thanked Amith for his work in rescuing us several times with getting a team together late in the week. No urgent recruitment drive needed, but it would be good if everyone could encourage reasonable players and decent folk to give us a go. As SD put it "things generally okay but we could tend the garden".

#### **Team roles**

The only change is Ben Hartridge following Dave Siddall for a spell as "Director of Fielding". JG to continue on Social Media (SCC Instagram has 600 followers, apparently...)

#### **Winter nets**

Yes please.

#### **Website and match reports**

JG will continue to oversee this. He encouraged players to try to write at least one report a year. AO said he would do one in 2022 from a scorecard only (without being at the game).

#### **Devon tours**

Both were highly enjoyable. JG will try to line up the same for next year (S Devon in June; N Devon in September). Those who went on the first N Devon tour this year said how much they enjoyed the venues and the very welcoming opposition.

#### **Overseas tour**

Lots of enthusiasm for and discussion about this. Obviously depends on Covid-19 (AO confidently forecasted that "that'll be yesterday's news next year") and other global events, but general agreement that (1) Africa, India and Middle East were good because of travel logistics, time zones etc. Within Africa, top targets probably (in no particular order) Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania. In India: Goa, Kerala, Manipur. In Middle East: Oman. Likeliest soonest opportunities approximately April or October 2022. Place and date will depend on how well the search for local contacts goes. JG to look into that, but happy for others to make enquiries and/or put him in touch with local contacts.



**AOB**

Tea – agreed that we would again generally adopt the bring-your-own routine of the last two years, but SD proposed that for at least one or two home games we could aim for something more traditional, even if it is only hot tea and cakes to supplement BYO savouries—a suggestion that was well received.