



Strongroom AGM minutes / notes

4th December 2024

1 CHAIRMAN WELCOME

"As usual. Waiting for Vinay. Something I started 40 years ago. It's still going and growing. It's legendary and inspiring. 40 years ago we had a meeting in the Rosemary (?). Someone said we should start a cricket team. Starting off on an astro on the back of Tufnell park for a year or two. Then moved to Finsbury Park. We are now one of the best grounds around. Gone from strength to strength. JG has been at the helm for 20 years, and for all the help from so many people over the years, it's an incredible feat. On top of that, the tours – India, Tanzania, Ghana, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Rwanda. Not to mention the Devon Tours!"

"Henry Davey is sorely missed, as is Colin Challenger, one of the founding members of Strongroom CC".

ACTION – tribute to Colin to be put on the website.

Richard Boote's daughter came to London for a quiz night on a Monday night and she ran up a tab of £375.

2 CLUB CONSTITUTION

The club constitution is reaffirmed.

ACTION: amend website as follows

Strongroom CC play "enjoyable, competitive cricket" and "gives everyone a game"

ACTION: to add touring schedule into the constitution

3 CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Batting nuggety. Bowling dominant.

Memories:

- Mario's excellent bowling toward the end of the season
- DP's 100th strongroom wicket



- Ted Davey getting Seb Davey out 1st ball in the anniversary game
- Mark Mellor rolling back years in anniversary game
- Devon – David Siddall first ball of the match six at Harberton
- Devon - Rich Woolhouse incredible slip catch and stumping atrocity
- Batting – DP and Ben partnership
- Batting – Otto and Ankit run-chase against Elite
- Jon's 111 ball 22 at fasting scoring ground ever

“Thanks to Jon and Vinay for making everything happen.”

JG highlighted lieutenants – DP treasurer, and Vinay as Match Manager.

Ghana:

- Strong with ball
- Light on bat
- Ankit getting lots of runs
- Joe getting lots of wickets
- The hospitality of the Ghanaian people, it was the best tour we've had socially
- Couple of wins
- Good captaincy from Otto and Ujjal
- Phenomenal catching
- Mario first ever Strongroom boundary and reaction
- Big shoutout to Ujjal

4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Subs in as quick as we can. We are in good financial health.

Guy's sponsorship is owing and will be in the bank by the end of the year.

Subs: to stay at £80.

Some peripheral players might be asked to pay for membership. If people play half a season, they should perhaps play half.

Vinay proposal: match fees for non-members £10, members £5.

5 FIXTURES REVIEW

ACTION: drop Lankians is agreed

Chigwell was great.



The Erratics ground was very lovely on tour.

6 KIT AND TEAMWEAR

We gave away keepers kit in Ghana.

ACTION: send over what we need to Joe who will sort

Quality of the opposition's balls questioned.

ACTION: always have spare balls in case

7 SCC TEAMWEAR

We continue with the Gray Nicholl's sponsorship. This rolls over for next year.

ACTION: Joe to share 10% off code with team

8 SQUAD / RECRUITMENT

Squad size ok.

DS: good to have a bit of a recruitment drive.

ACTION: DS to look into what more can be done

9 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DS to step up to Social Media Director.

All other officers stay the same.

Good to have a bigger pool of captains in an informal way.

10 NETS

"Cricket is priority".

ACTION: Thursday is the preferred day



11 WEBSITE

JG to encourage more people to do match reports.

RW to do one+ match report a year.

12 WEST COUNTRY TOURS

Happy with the current mix of teams.

13 OVERSEAS TOURS

Guyana as an option. Coastline, interesting mix of cultures. Carl Hooper. Joe is half Guyanese.

Other options: Argentina, Sierra Leone.

Maybe it is time to have a change from Africa.

14 TEAS

JG furnishes us with a potted history of teas with the covid-tea death knoll. Making tea is part of the club cricket culture. 10 home games = 10 tea-making opportunities.

Action: Invite Rashid to bring a spread for a strongroom tea.

15 AOB

15.1 KIT DONATION TO OBUASI

JR: we left a lot of kit but there is a massive need over there. The connection with the board and the people was special. He would like to follow up on this. Joe can spend £50 on ebay for example. You can barrel ship to Ghana. £100 a barrel.

Action: DP to have his house as a base as a barrel.

Action: Comms to send out to other clubs.

Action: Surrey end of season raffle.

Action: to send out comms to other clubs.



We want to follow through this time and haven't necessarily done it in the past.

15.2 SPONSORSHIP OF OUR REGULAR WHITE ALL-SEASON KIT

There are slots available for sponsorship. Talk of trying to get in with Signature Brewery for example.

15.3 BAR PRESENCE

Rich proposes having a bar presence with “tokens of love” and other touring memorabilia at the Strongroom Bar.

Action: RB to explore this

15.4 WHATSAPP PRESENCE FOR RICH

Action: ~~JG to add RB back to the group~~