

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2008 AT THE BRITISH LEGION, LIMPSFIELD

Meeting opened: 7.35 p.m.

Those present:

S. Boss	R. Kelly
S.Cooksley	K.H. Makin
L.Culhane	C. Savory
A.J. Freeman	A. Warner
D. Kelly	A. Woodward

Apologies for absence given by: G. Salmon, H. McLachlan, C. Robinson, I. McCrea

Last Year's Minutes

Last years Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

AJF reported that the bank balance was £1,845 and that a cheque was shortly to be sent off to SVCC for £440 for the hire of Otford this season. A loss of circa £305 was made over the last Season, however, this was due to various expenses, i.e. new club merchandise purchased at a loss, more home matches being played, purchase of cricket balls that should last well into 2009 and, not mentioned at the meeting, the *'Thank You' treat to Lyn and Tina for all their efforts in helping out with the teas.*

We also had £300 Sponsorship money kindly given to us by Network and £50 from Larry Woodward as a donation from a Vice President of the Club for which we thank them.

Club Officers

Chairman: Keith Makin

Secretary & Treasurer: Tony Freeman

Director of Cricket & Fixture Secretary: S. Cooksley

Captain: Tony Freeman

Vice-Captain: Dean Kelly

Deputy Vice Captain: TBA on the day

Scorer/Club Statistician: Ron Kelly

Everyone thanked Ron for continuing in this role and for his past efforts.

Membership, Match & Net Fees

It was agreed that membership is to be increased to £30.00 and £20 for Students/Juniors.

Match fees will remain at £10.00 and £5.00 for Juniors/Students/OAP's and Net fees will be £3.00.

Team Selection Policy – Remains the same as last year

It was agreed that the Captain would rotate the squad of players should we have too many available for selection, i.e. dropping each member once before a member can be dropped again. The Captain is to select the X1. Voluntary 'stand downs' when more than X1 available count as a drop. A 12th man will be sought 'on standby' and if required to play the 'Drop' from the original X1 will still stand.

It is not acceptable to drop out of a match via a text message, a phone call to the Doc or the Captain must be made in the unfortunate event of having to miss a game at short notice.

Nets

To be held at Sevenoaks Indoor Cricket School, on Wednesdays, 8.00/9.00pm dates to be confirmed but the last 6 weeks running up to the end of April. All members welcome. Adrian will 'run' the nets and try to ensure that they venue is open prior to departure on the night! *AJF will reconfirm the net booking when the dates are received.*

Fixtures

Steve ran through the various fixtures for 2009.

It was agreed that we continue to play Sutton, Merstham, Horsmonden. Tenterden would be an away match only and that we would request that a 40 over match be played to contest the French Connection Trophy. We would continue to play Fordcombe at Home rather than Home & Away on alternate years.

The Sheen away fixture clashes with the Tour in 2009 so it was requested that Steve could do his best to find another date for this match, i.e. move it to the date of this year's Tour or if no other date suitable then offer Sheen the 'home' venue for the August date when we usually play them at Limpsfield.

Steve was thanked for his fine efforts and was also asked about a Fixture Card for 2009 and, hopefully, we shall have one printed up, even if it is basic and not as smart as in the recent years.

Teas

All players are expected to donate 1 'Tea' per season whether it be in the form of 2 halves or a whole tea. AJF will sort out the Tea Rota.

We shall charge opposition £40 for the teas that we supply.

Also, Tina & Lyn will be purchasing some crockery for our use.

Thanks again to Lyn, Tina and all the ladies who have helped out over the course of the season in setting out the teas and cleaning up afterwards. It is really appreciated.

Club Awards Evening

This year Lyn and Tina have arranged the Event at Limpsfield, 14th December 2008. Keith was to investigate finding a Guest Speaker for the night, i.e. Matt, Mark Baker, Glenn Lipscombe. Vic Farmer and Eileen have been invited to come along to the Awards Evening as guests of the Club and gladly they have accepted our invitation. Full details can be found on the Club Website.

There were not too many confirmed as attending the event so all were asked to contact Lyn a.s.a.p. to confirm either way.

It was agreed that we try and arrange for the Club Awards Evening to take place on a Saturday night next year which will be more convenient for all. Also, the event would not necessarily take place in December, i.e. possibly October, November or January and the venue would be preferably near public transport systems.

Tour

The 2009 Austria Tour is arranged and the date for the tour is as follows:

Thursday, 25th June to Thursday, 2nd July 2009. Flights & Airport transfers still to be arranged.

The 2 matches will be held over the weekend of Sat/Sun 27th June & 28th June 2009.

We have Larry, Chris, Treve, Alok, Tony, Colin, Prashant, Adrian & Tim confirmed at present, i.e. 9 players plus we have the likes of Emlyn, Ade and Jim in Austria who may be able to help us out. We also have Ron & Lyn touring and Tina with Colin.

The 2010 Tour was discussed and it was suggested that we go back to touring in October with Cyprus in mind; Steve would see if he could find out some information and try and produce a draft package.

A 'Domestic' Tour was also suggested and this would be the subject of further discussion.

Finally, it was suggested that we make the Tenterden fixture a short weekend Tour in 2009 with as many of us as possible staying down over night both Saturday and Sunday.

Sponsorship

Network kindly gave £300 as sponsors of the club. Steve was confident that they would continue to sponsor us. Steve would keep everyone posted.

Other Matters

AJF thought that a new Bowling Trophy be purchased but it was decided to just purchase a new base for the existing trophy which Dean would arrange when getting the engraving sorted out.

Ron asked whether or not people still wanted stats handed out at the Awards Evening as a few were left behind last year! We all confirmed that we like the stats and wanted them produced as usual and that we were extremely grateful with Ron's efforts.

Woody has his 40th Birthday party in London on 15th November, all welcome, details will be posted up on the website. Please let Steve know if you are intent on going.

Chris mentioned the Tour Kit Bag after the hassle at the airport this year – A Tour Bag would again be taken on Tour only this time via the Ryanair Sportsbag Allowance. Ron would enquire with his nephew about these charges.

The venue for the AGM was thought to be very good and we would like to use the meeting room again next year. Steve thought that we may ask for some form of Beechwood memorabilia to be put up on the wall but this could be mentioned later next year although it was said that the Bar was British Legion and not the Cricket Club.

Thanks to all in attendance by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.