

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 2009 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, C. Robinson, A. Woodward, I.McCrea

Apologies for absence: D. Kelly, H. Mclachlan, R. Pogose, B. Hill, S. Garnet.

Last Year's Minutes

Last years Minutes were accepted after Ashley queried the reference relating to the small loss in the purchasing of Club merchandise.

Treasurer's Report

AJF reported that the bank balance as at 31st October 2009 was £1,488 against £1,405 from last year, i.e. last year we had £1,845 less the provision of £440 for SVCC pitch hire at Otford in 2008 = £1,405.

Therefore, a small profit of circa £80 was made over the 2009 Season without the added Sponsorship money kindly given to us by Network over the past years. Vice President Larry Woodward kindly made a donation towards the Club's funds for which we thank him.

A new Bank Mandate is to be organised with Tony, Ian and Ron being signatories on the account with 2 signatures still required on each cheque. We may possibly investigate putting some of the Club's funds in a high interest deposit account but as current interest rates are so low at present this matter can be dealt with at a later date.

Membership, Match & Net Fees

It was agreed that membership would remain at £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.**

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.*

Club Officers

Chairman: Keith Makin

Secretary & Treasurer: Tony Freeman

Chief Selector: Larry Culhane

Fixture Secretary: Steve Cooksley

Captain: Tony Freeman

Vice-Captain: Larry Culhane

Deputy Vice Captain: Steve Cooksley

Scorer/Club Statistician: Ron Kelly

Everyone thanked Ron for continuing in his role as Official Club Scorer and Statistician and for his work over the years, *(it must be 10 years now Ron?)* Steve was thanked by one and all for his work as DoC before handing over the role of selection including assisting with the web in this regard over to Larry. *Please help Larry out with your prompt confirmation of availability throughout the season as this is a tough job to undertake and your co-operation will help make things much easier. Thank you.*

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 Captain or Chief Selector must be made in the unfortunate event of having to miss a game at short notice.

Teas

All players are expected to donate 1 whole 'Tea' per season. AJF will sort out the Tea Rota.

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

Our thanks go to Lyn, Tina and Carole for their help over the course of the season in setting out the teas and cleaning up afterwards. It is really appreciated. Also, special thanks go to Colin for his help towards the end of the season whilst, when not playing, he gave up his time along with Tina to come along and prepare the teas.

Fixtures 2010

Steve ran through the various fixtures for 2010.

It was agreed that due to the number of teams wishing to play us that we would only be able to offer Old Pilotonians the fixture with us on 5th September, a Beechwood Home fixture. The Sutton fixture would be cancelled. The dates of the former OP and Sutton fixtures would be new 'away' fixtures.

Other than that it was agreed that we would invite Tenterden to travel to us this year to contest the French Connection Trophy but, if they confirmed their reluctance to travel then we would again travel down to Tenterden on the understanding that a 40 over match be played.

Tony reported that Oxted & Limpsfield wanted to offer us the ground of Crockham Hill in place of Limpsfield and this suggestion was rejected. AJF was to email O&L with our dates when we require Limpsfield and get these confirmed asap before trying to find alternative accommodation if found to be necessary. Otford remains a strong option for more fixtures as it is understood that this ground is now available on most Sundays.

Club Awards Evening

Thanks again to Lyn & Tina who have arranged the event at Limpsfield, Saturday 5th December 2009; so far we have about 25 confirmed so please let us know either way if you are/are not able to attend. AJF said that he would send out an email reminder to those people we are unsure of attendance.

Keith was to ask whether or not Glen Lipscombe would like to come along as our Guest Speaker for the night. 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.

It was agreed that also have an 'End of Season' get together, the following week after the season had ended, i.e. a Curry Night or something similar. Details to be confirmed at a later date.

Tour

The 2010 Austria Tour is arranged and the date for the tour is as follows:

Tuesday, 22nd June to Tuesday 29th June/Thursday, 1st July 2010. Flights & Airport transfers still to be arranged.

The two 40 over matches will be held on Thursday 24th & Monday 28th June with the 'Sixes' competition held over the weekend of Sat/Sun 26th June & 27th June 2010.

We have Larry, Chris, Tony, Colin, Prashant, Adrian, (Steve, Hamish & Scott travelling by car) & Tim confirmed at present, i.e. 10 players plus we have Emlyn, Ade and Jim in Austria so that makes it a squad of 13 players so far.

Sponsorship

Steve would see if he could get Stuart of Network to kindly continue with his sponsorship of the club and donate some money towards Club funds in 2010.

Other Matters

- Larry requested that all members try and assist with the writing of the occasional match report rather than mainly Chris and Larry writing these up with the occasional report by Tony so please volunteer to help out.
- Colin Robinson thanked Tony for all his efforts both on and off the field.
- Stuart Boss was concerned with our playing strength but Steve confirmed that we had people wishing to join up and play for the team thus strengthening us in all departments.
- The 2008 Awards were returned and Lyn was kind enough to arrange for the engraving of the 2009 winners.
- AJF reported that the Ron Kelly Golf Day was a great success and suggested that we keep this on as an annual event with, perhaps, another cricket team that we play during the season being invited to join us in a competition.
- A 2011 Tour was briefly mentioned and if anyone wanted to come up with a firm proposal/alternative package then it would gladly be considered.
- It was agreed that if protective clothing (not a box!) was needed then the Club would purchase whatever was needed.

Thanks to all in attendance by Ron the acting Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.