

Old Moseley Arms Fitmen Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting 2014

23 November 2014

Agenda

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. AGM 2013 Minutes
3. Election of Chairman
4. Fixture Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Captains' Reports
7. Chairman's Report
8. Election of Officers
9. AOB

Meeting commenced 2.20pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Richard Bice
Guy Brentnall
Tom Caesar
Tony Caesar (Chairman)
Pat Fay
Jim Frost (Committee member)
Rob Green
Richard Harris
Simon Howarth (Fixture Secretary)
Adrian Martin (Social Secretary)
Ian Nutt (Treasurer)
Raj Singh

Apologies:

Mike Ralph
Mark Tucker

2. AGM 2013 Minutes

The 2013 minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Election of Chairman and Committee

TonyC happy to continue for another year as Chairman. Others also happy to continue in their roles, so the following were re-elected *en masse*:

- Weekend Captain: Rotation policy, as in recent years
- Midweek Captain: Rotation policy, as in recent years
- Fixture Secretary/Tour Secretary: SimonH
- Treasurer: IanN
- Ents: AdrianM
- Member: JimF

Proposed TomC, seconded RichB; unopposed.

4. Fixture Secretary's Report

Fixtures:

The table shows the number of fixtures scheduled for the 2014 season:

	Midweek	Weekend	Total
Won	8	10	18
Lost	5	10	15
Tied	0	0	0
No result	5	6	11
Total	18	26	44

Ten of the eleven "no result" fixtures were due to bad weather. In fact these all fell in two spells – 8 out of 14 matches between 19-Apr and 08-Jun, and then the two games on 10-Aug and 14-Aug. The Monday tour game was a "no result" as a consequence of having no opposition.

The Fixture Bureau brought up some good new fixtures. The following were all enjoyed and should be repeated in 2015:

- Lichfield Nomads
- Four Oaks Saints

- Birmingham Libraries
- Leamington Lemmings

The Hampton-in-Arden fixture also looked promising but was cancelled due to the weather, so we'll try again in 2015.

PatF has a contact at a club in Northfield/Shenley Fields (is it Weoley Hill?) for a possible 2015 fixture.

Simon has informed Old Doms that we will not be repeating midweek fixtures with them in future, after several one-sided games in the last few years.

Raj suggested dropping the "Uncle Raj's All Stars" game. General agreement to that.

Tour: we are welcome at Kington for the foreseeable future! Simon open to suggestions.

Ade pointed out that the President's XI game is increasingly a damp squib – there is insufficient interest and we find ourselves working hard to scrape together 22 current players to play a meaningless Fitmen vs Fitmen game. There was general agreement with this. Possible plans for 2015:

- Replace with a regular fixture
- Talk to MACC re: joining in their Presidents' Day. TonyC said there may be a chance for a day with a couple of T20 games, to get plenty of folk through the gate and make a day of it.

Fixture secretaries are all busy already, and Simon expects most fixtures to be arranged before Christmas.

AdrianM noted that the Presidents' XI game should take place during the school term – e.g. late June or early July – to maximise the number of available players.

5. Treasurer's Report

We closed 2013 with a balance of around £[REDACTED]. At AGM we are in credit to the tune of around £[REDACTED], mostly banked and a small amount in petty cash.

Fourteen players paid annual subs for 2014. There are seven non-members who played 10+ games this year (and two members who played fewer than 10). Every year the Hon Treasurer observes that we should do better at annual subs, and every year we don't.

Midweek nets made some money for the first time in living memory. The pricing is designed to break even, but nets were particularly well-attended this year.

Costs/incomes for matches are similar to previous years, around the £[REDACTED] mark for the year.

Regarding affiliations, we again considered that it was not beneficial to affiliate to WCCC this year, but we did benefit from the Midland Fixture Bureau so we will pay our affiliation retrospectively.

Fundraising levels were negligible this year.

We expect to have to write off about £[REDACTED] of small debts, though we seek to keep that write-off to a minimum. This is a considerable improvement on last year.

This was the third year of our new improved system for collecting matchday subs and channelling monies and details back to the treasurer. Once again, IanN (treasurer) played in many of the games and was able to collect subs directly, and again others (notably MarkT, TomC, SimonH, AdeM) were able deputies. This arrangement was again effective and IanN plans to continue it next year.

Subs for 2014 were set as:

- £35/£20 Annual
- £7/£5 weekend game
- £5/£3 midweek game
- £5 Nets

The committee propose that we preserve this for 2015.
Proposed: JimF, seconded SimonH; unopposed.

These match fees may change subject to changes to ground hire fees, but we are not currently expecting any changes: Moseley Ashfield (MACC) unexpectedly kept their 2014 pitch hire prices at 2013 levels; they are in a better position than last year and our relationship with them is good so we hope to have another year at the same rates.

We succeeded downsizing the club kit in 2014, which made it more manageable and less losable.

JimF queried the status of our relationship with the Great Weather Lottery, and in particular whether the club was benefitting in any way from his continued participation. IanN looking into it.

[A brief drinks break was taken at this point.]

6. Captains' Reports

In the absence of a nominated captain, AdeM said a few words. He observed that we won more games than we lost, and that on the captaincy side the wheels fell off at Lapworth when he decided that the best course of action was to let everyone field where they liked. There were not too many close games this year.

In terms of players, some changes: Geraint saw the season out but has now returned to Wales; Pat and Oli are welcome returnees, Greg, Taz, and Neil Smith joined the club, and we believe Chas will come back in 2015.

TonyC requested more volunteers to captain games.

7. Chairman's Report

2014 was our fifth full year playing at YWR, and we are broadly happy with the way things have turned out. Our win rate was not quite the standard of recent seasons, but we still won more than we lost.

Availability of players remains an issue to keep our eyes on, as discussed in the Captains' Reports. It was agreed that this is not a huge problem (in the sense that it does not demand a big recruitment campaign right now), but that we need to continue seeking new recruits where we can.

There are no particular issues regarding matches, fees, venues etc.

8. Election of Officers

See Item 2.

9. AOB

Club shirt

Design finalised with Kukri, subject to final agreement of sponsor's fee from Sukhi. PatF expressed an interest in sponsoring club shirts in future. It was decided that the original plan to tie club shirts in with annual membership is too complicated. We will arrange a consignment of shirts by asking for a commitment from individuals at around £25/shirt.

Christmas Dinner-dance

6 Dec 2014 banquet upstairs @ Old Mo, around £10/head. Ten signed up so far – Ade chasing.

Nets

Thursdays (not Wednesdays) in 2015.

Matchday teas

Almond butter on the Victoria sponge next year please.

Fundraising

We've managed reasonably without fundraising efforts this year, but every year is not like this. Future efforts could include:

- RichH has contacts in WCCC first XI, and may be able to acquire complimentary tickets for T20 games
- If WCCC will give us a good price on T20 tickets we can still sell them at a margin
- At Christmas Dinner-Dance we will be hosting the NatWest T20 Blast trophy. Consider taking it round the pub and charging £2-a-pop to have your photo taken with it.

Meeting closed at 3.40pm.