

Prague Barbarians Cricket Club

AGM 29th August 2009

Venue: Molly's Backroom.

Start: late.

Present: Tit, Geoff, Anna, Abi, Rigid, Jerome, J-Lo, English, 5-Crime, Dany, Papa Jon, Karlster, Bevan, The Rod.

(minutes SE)

Once again the AGM was held in a hostelry which, while affording comfy chairs and fine (if expensive) beverages, ensured that an agenda was not strictly adhered to. However, most of the issues at hand were discussed and consensus reached.

1. **Treasurer Geoff** gave his customary succinct **financial report**. To wit:
We will have about 2500kc
Monies are still held by English (7000+) and others.
The CCU has to be paid match fees and for Olsanska net rental.
Club members have still to pay for whites.
CCU owes the club one helmet and some balls.
We have a shortfall in match fees. This will have to be made up somehow as we have to pay the CCU. Next year we must collect full match fees!

Geoff will send out a detailed report when he receives the necessary monies and information.

2. **A good season mostly.**

Jon, Dany and others stressed that this has been our most successful season. Despite a disappointing league position for the BarbarAs, matches were won, new players found, and we put out 2 teams. On field conduct was excellent and most pleasingly we have a unified sense of identity as a single club. As and Bs may have had to borrow each others players, but they are all Barbarians AND we were able to field teams at least as well as the other Prague clubs.

The only negative was the spate of stropky emails mid-season. It was unanimously agreed (and that includes those involved in the spat) that this had been unnecessary. In the future a policy of openness and honesty must prevail. Complaints and serious concerns are to be voiced to club captains and committee. Barbarian Glasnost!

3. Action to be taken:

a. Players to pay for own transport. Carried by unanimous vote. Club funds should be used for kit etc. As with CCU, a player who needs financial assistance will discuss the matter in confidence with the club committee.

b. Website. It was agreed that this is a key area for all aspects of the club
Geoff is to continue running it and to maintain the present site as we currently pay nowt for it.

Regular updates are needed.

Access to be given to eg. Captains for match reports.

Website is 100MB so we need to expand.

Abi suggested a **blog** linked to website for organization of teams, fixtures and discussion.

The group email should not be used for chat!

Abi will forward her former football team's fine blog

It was suggested that Sonja was an ideal candidate to set up a blog for us.

This discussion did not reach a firm conclusion.

c. Kit.

We need to buy:

Left – handed batting gloves X 2

Right – handed batting gloves X 2

Umpire counters X 2

Umpire coat (or school lab coats) X2

2X good quality club bats (ie of similar quality to the Slazenger SX bought last year)

Scorebooks X2 (a new book for each team to be IMMACULATE -

The old book can be used for our mixed team matches.)

Caps to be ordered for those who want one.

A choice of cap, baggie or sunhat to be offered

Care of kit: Tit expressed concern that kit had been damaged beyond reasonable wear and urged members to look after it.

A match day kit monitor was suggested. (see **Club Roles**)

d. Olsanska: we now have control of our own locker with a new combination padlock. Old kit for training to be moved to Olse from Vypich. Tba.

e. Winter League:

2 sides named Barbarians – at least one in the Players league.

New players to be sought (and hopefully recruited for the summer)

We should try to field as many Barbar teams as we can in works and school teams
eg Monster, ECP, Academicals.

Club members are free to organize their own winter league teams

NB this will have to be done by some time in December.

f. Summer League

Unanimously decided to keep 2 balanced teams.

It was decided that the present split is ok, but the issue of new players was somewhat vexed.

It was decided for the sake of practicality that each team should continue to recruit its own players and that the choice of whom to play for resides with the individual player.

Depending on club team/ membership the captains may agree to changes to maintain a balance of forces.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW PLAYERS FOR THE SUMMER IS OUR PRIORITY.

Name changes were mooted. The teams will both retain Barbarian in the name but it was hoped we could come up with something less dull than A and B. Which is also misleading. Suggestions requested!

The 2 teams will choose their own on-field captain before the start of the summer season when they have a full membership list.

The club should maintain and try to improve our membership spreadsheet. CCU will also require this information for its database and for ICC (International Cricket Council) records.

g. Membership fee.

Should the membership fee be increased from 500kc?

Should the match fee be increased?

Is no increase needed?

A conclusion was not reached.

The club committee will decide. (see club roles)

h. Tit's generous prize of 1000kc for the first 6 hit in a league match was won by Papa Jon. Tit will cough up soon.

i. Friendly Matches:

The new secretary should organise friendly matches (see **Club Roles**)

We should look to play against Dresden, Hungary, Vienna.
Tours to Spain and Slovenia have also been mooted.

We should also have a top Barbarians XI playing challenge matches.

j. Dany suggested an outdoors **invitation exhibition** and BBQ match
(see notes on player recruitment)

k. Rigid suggested a companies team building cricket day as a **fund- raiser**.

CLUB AWARDS

Congratulations to:

BarbarA's Most Improved Player: **Tristan Lady's Pants Quigley**
BarbarB's Most Improved Player: **James J-LO Dean**

BarbarB's Player of the Year: **David Chambers and Jerome Hunt**
BarbarA's Player of the Year: **Brent Hadley and Geoff Hayward**

Tit has certificates in preparation.

CLUB ELECTIONS

President: Steve Ridgill
Captain: Jerome Hunt
Treasurer: Geoff Hayward

*******Secretary:** Geoff will organize an online vote asap to elect a secretary*****The choice is between 5Crime and Abi *****

The losing candidate for secretary will become a **club officer**. (see Club roles)

Tit informed us that these 5 positions are required under Czech law for a sports organization with 'ico'.

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, club officer.

Possibly the most important points of the evening was on the need to tighten up our organization and to share out responsibilities. To make our club run smoothly and ease the burden on individuals we need to divide responsibilities and better defined roles.

As this was not discussed fully I send a discussion document on Club Roles - to follow these AGM minutes.

Other roles discussed at AGM:

Club Historian. Jon expressed keen interest. SE, Jerome and Rod also keen to help.

CCU Rep. English was elected to continue.

Chairman. It was decided to elect someone to this position.
*****Geoff to organise nominations and election alongside the election for secretary*****.

Vinor ground

We have been invited to play at Vinor next year.

This was not fully discussed as the AGM broke up in some disarray with a substantial faction heading to a curry house where the service, though friendly, was particularly slow.

