



Seniors

Committee Meeting Tues 13 January 2026 - Minutes

Present: Bob Fleming (Chair), David Lockett, Jared Connop, Simon Dixon, Martin Davies, Damian Cummins, Chris Dennis, Martin Orpe, Brian Martin, Tim Hyslop, Mark Everett, Paul Dawkins, Steve Bailey, Darren Williams, Adam Widdison.

Apologies: Received from Hugh Rogers, Sean Hooper, Spencer Ham & Paul Higgins

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone in a record turnout and especially new members Damian Cummins, Tim Hyslop & Mark Everett.

2. Competition planning & fixtures 2026

Changes to the various competitions were discussed with key points as follows:

- O50s 1s:
 - o New Management Committee now in place with Spencer Ham included as the South West group area rep.
 - o No ECB support has meant a new entry fee of £200 per county
 - o 5 groups of 8 counties
 - o The cost of match balls has been covered by a sponsor
 - o The top 16 counties after the group stages will play for the Cup while the next 16 ranked will compete for a new Plate competition. The bottom 8 counties end their seasons after the group stages.
 - o David Lockett foresees travel problems if the Channel Islands get into the knock-out stages in August, but not much we can do about that.
- O50s 2s
 - o Wales now have two sides – North and South and we will be playing South Wales this year
 - o All players must now be 50 on the day of the match to qualify
- O50s 3s
 - o 2025 Cup Final will be played at Aston Rowant in S Oxfordshire on Wed 29 April. Some discussion about whether we would have enough demand for a supporters' bus on the day – no decision taken at this stage.
 - o Now 10 matches from early May with no weeks off, including Warwickshire.
 - o All players must now be 50 on the day of the match to qualify
- O60s 1s
 - o Nottinghamshire have joined the competition making 35 Counties, so 5 groups of 7
 - o Wales still have only 1 team, but will be playing in the World Cup in Canada in August so will miss the knock-out stages.
 - o All players must now be 60 on the day of the match to qualify
- O60s 2s
 - o All players must now be 60 on the day of the match to qualify
- O60s 3s
 - o Our new entrant. Without Devon and Wiltshire in this Division, the team will play Berkshire & Oxfordshire.
 - o All players must now be 60 on the day of the match to qualify
- O70s
 - o We will be playing Hampshire this year instead of Worcestershire.
 - o We can still play 2 x 69 year olds in the team on any fixture

Winter nets

- We agreed after the first week to set up a booking system via Spond to limit the numbers attending to 30 per week. Brian agreed to set this up, but only inviting people to one week at a time to avoid the risk of people block-booking the whole series & then not turning up.
- Sean will lead the first session on Sunday 18th. All other captains to lead at least one week with 3 main tasks – organise a warm up session, manage the timings for each batter changeovers & collect the money. Dates to be sorted out via the WhatsApp group.
- Trevor Lee had indicated he would be willing to lead warm up sessions if asked and given advance notice and it was thought Anton would be happy to collect money if required.

Indoor winter league

- The O50s team was playing in the County competition & going well
- The idea of a separate short competition for 60s & 70s was dropped for this year

Pre-season fitness training programme

- Not many people had signed up for Peter Pretorius' online fitness sessions – probably needs better advertising.

Trial/Practice games/Shirley Trophy

- Some discussion as to what form the Shirley Trophy game should take now – Sean and Jared to discuss and make suitable arrangements
- A 60s Practice session & Trial game could be held at Grampound Road
- A 70s Practice session at Ladock was suggested.

Grounds selection

- This is getting more complicated each year with more teams asking for grounds and it was confirmed that 1st XI teams should have priority over the best grounds, ie Prem or County 1 grounds. David L pointed out that some of the O50s 1s fixtures could not be finalised immediately because of the travel arrangements for the Channel Is & IoW fixtures. The main conclusion was that all the team managers should post on the Whatsapp group the grounds they are hoping for and have secured to ensure good communication between the teams.

3. Player Recruitment

Some potentially good new players were coming into the 50s age group. For those moving into an older age group, generally it was agreed that team managers and captains have access to the database so should make contact with likely new candidates for their teams.

Social/recruitment events

- Spencer had made arrangements for 3 pub nights social events to make contact with potential new players as follows:
 - Feb 2 – Packet Inn Rosudgeon
 - Feb 9 – Victory Inn, Mt Hawke
 - Feb 16 – Lanivet Inn, Lanivet near BodminEveryone was encouraged to invite friends and possible new players to one of these events to meet players and be encouraged to play.
- Steve Bailey announced there would be an O70s social event at the end of March (date tbc) at the St Austell Brewery – open to any others as well. Likely cost £20 pp.
- Johnny Smeadon's rugby event at Redruth had been cancelled through lack of demand – perhaps too close to Christmas.
- Chris D suggested that a similar event at Truro FC could be held at the Victoria Inn at Threemilestone instead of in the ground itself where facilities were very limited. He agreed to research a suitable date/fixture.

4. Umpires & Scorers

- Chris Crabb had offered to umpire the O50s 1s games on Wednesdays for which he could arrange time off work.
- Paul D reported that he would be consulting with Nigel about Umpires for 60s & 70s games.
- Adam suggested that occasional umpires such as him could be on a sort of standby register to fill in if required.
- It was thought that most of last season's regular scorers would be available again this year. The 60's 3s were hoping that a lady at Newquay would be able to score for them this season.

5. Plans for Friendly teams, events & tour

O50s Friendly side

- In Paul H's absence Bob reported that Paul was working on the fixtures now and hoped the usual crop of opponents would be available.

The Hundred

- Martin O said that he expected to be able to host the Hundred competition again this year at Grampound Road at the end of the summer, but had not yet fixed a date.

Touring Sides & Special Fixtures

- David L announced that the O50s had arranged a fixture with a touring side from New South Wales on Thurs 30 July but was not yet sure what strength level the side would be.
- Bob said he was trying to find a date to have another game at Broadhalfpenny Down in Hampshire (historic ground where First Class cricket was first played), but it was proving difficult to find a suitable date.

6. Finance & Sponsorship

Budget for 2026

- Darren introduced the budget for the year which is as produced for the AGM. He emphasised the need for some form of sponsorship income to avoid subscriptions and match fees having to rise to undesirable levels.

Sponsorship

- A small subgroup consisting of Bob, Tim, Giles Francis & Jamie Mead would aim to progress the ideas for individual sponsorship from the AGM and searching for one or two corporate sponsors.

7. Compliance & Safeguarding

- Adam commented that the Safeguarding vacancy left by Michelle Kent's departure from Cornwall Cricket was still unfilled.
- Defibrillators. It is likely that the oldest defibrillators will need new batteries this summer so those holding one of these (probably O50 1s & 2s & O60s 1s & 2s) should check the machines to see if there are instructions & contacts to get this done. Darren said he would get another leased machine for the new O60s 3s.

8. Club Membership List/database

- Brian said he would enable members to confirm their details for this season registrations.

9. Club Uniform

Blazers

- At present there was no known interest in new blazers, so it seemed unlikely we would be able to order another batch this year, but would give it one more publicity attempt.
- Johnny Smeadon would like to pass on the contact for supply of blazers as he is no longer on the committee.

10. Any other business

Match Reports in the media

- Dave L observed that we were good at publicising our teams, but not at publicising the results so needed a system to enable this on a regular basis. Captains or Managers

would need to create the report and Bob agreed to speak to Trevor about how to set up a system to get this to the relevant media.

Thanks to Chris & past members

- Echoing the AGM appreciation, a vote of thanks was recorded to Chris Dennis for 4 years' service as Secretary to the National 6070CC committee and to those captains who had stepped down after last season – Paul Dawkins & Anton Luiten.

Possible Cricket themed Carol Service

- Bob asked if there might be interest in organising a Carol Service next December on behalf of Cornwall Seniors & open to all Cornwall Cricketers. Some were unconvinced but worth making some enquiries.

The meeting ended at 20.55

Bob Fleming, 15 Jan 2026

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Plus: Trevor Lee (for the website) Joe Skinner (for Cornwall Cricket)