



## Seniors

# 2024 AGM Minutes

**Sunday 10 November at the Victoria Inn, Roche 7.00pm**

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### 1. Attendees & Apologies for absence

Those present were:

Mick Sumra, Kevin Gibbard, Trevor Lee, Hugh Rogers, Stuart Adams, Stuart Nye, Johnny Smeadon, Adam Paynter, Matt Chatfield, Nigel Harrington, Mike Rodwell, Paul Przybylski-Garry, Jon Nance, Darren Williams, James Stubbings, Rob Askew, Simon Dixon, Keith Marks, Simon Hill, Sean Hooper, Spencer Ham, Bruce Robinson, Giles Francis, Paul Dawkins, Mark Everett, Kevin Hicks, David Moses, Jim Maunder, Simon Beare, Jared Connop, David Lockett, Martin Orpe, David Scott, Brian Martin, Martin Davies, Chris Dennis, Chris Andreetti & Bob Fleming. 38 in total.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Jamie Mead, Paul Clements, Alex Johnson, Mike Blake, Nigel Martyn, Jim Mckenna, Alan Hocking, Phil Davis, Saf Wallace, Chris Nicholls, John Dobson, Adrian Warne, Leigh Murray, Andy Bennetts, John Scott, Anton Luiten, Mark Southcott, Andy Myers, David Neville, Steve Eddy & Gary Thomas.

**2. Minutes** of the 2023 AGM held on October 29th 2023 were accepted and there were no additional matters arising not covered in the agenda below.

### 3. Eligibility to vote

Two questions about eligibility to vote were discussed and the following points were agreed by a show of hands:

- 3.1 Umpires & Scorers were considered eligible to vote for captains and managers of the teams that they regularly officiate for, with immediate effect.
- 3.2 The meeting did not agree to allow any absentee voting such as proxy voting or voting by email. Members need to attend the AGM if they wish to have a vote.

### 4. Review of 2024:

Team captains reported on the 2024 season as follows

- O50s 1st XI – Sean Hooper
  - A pretty good season, bowling excellent, batting not quite so reliable but the team got further in the national stages than any other south-west group team.
- O50s 2nd XI – Johnny Smeadon
  - Another successful season, runners-up in the group stage and lost in the national stage to the eventual winners, Essex.
- O50s 3rd XI - Martin Davies

- 27 players had represented Cornwall in this team which only lost one group stage game (Wales away). Reached the national final of the Cup against Essex which was rained off with Cornwall in a strong position, so a shared trophy.
- O60s 1st XI – Hugh Rogers & Anton Luiten
  - Not the best season and we lost some games we should have won, but we showed we could beat the best sides. More competition for places than ever before leading to difficult selection decisions.
- O60s 2nd XI - Martin Orpe
  - Finally won two games including away at Leicester. 25 players involved over the season and becoming an improving team.
- O70s Friendlies – Paul Dawkins
  - Played 5, won 3 with 20 players and no injuries in this trial year is enough encouragement to enter the national competition next year.
- O50s Friendlies – Bob Fleming for Paul Higgins
  - About 12 games played, all enjoyable. Bob expressed the hope that championship players would support the friendly team more and use it as a stepping stone to introduce new players into the club.

## **5. Finance Report & Fees and Expenses Proposal for 2025**

Darren Williams produced a spreadsheet with the financial results for 2024 which showed a healthy surplus for the year of £3,338.16. This was higher than expected, partly caused by clubs hosting 7 fixtures not charging for them. The O60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has somehow made a profit of nearly £300 on teas and the O70s had collected match fees, but without the usual expenses. 88 x £25 membership fees had been collected, which was a record number.

For 2025 it was recognised that some of those savings would probably not be repeated and it was noted that 3 additional defibrillators would be needed so Darren proposed no change to subscription & fee levels.

There was some discussion about the high cost of travelling to long-distance away games and whether we could be more generous again with travel expenses. Not knowing the format of the 2025 competitions yet it was hard to forecast what the demands would be and to make any real reduction in the cost for players, we would need some external sponsorship or more advertising to make the yearbook viable again. So, no decision was taken on paying travel expenses and Darren's proposal to keep subscription and playing fees unchanged was agreed.

Darren was warmly thanked for his work as Treasurer.

## **6. Teas 2025:**

It was noted that, although the default position was not to have teas, most teams were providing teas and covering the cost in addition to the match fees. This had resulted in a significant budget saving compared to 2023 and it was agreed to maintain this arrangement for 2025.

## **7. Selection Policy:**

There was some discussion about the usefulness of the Selection Policy agreed last year. Hugh Rogers noted that the policy of picking a 12<sup>th</sup> man for 1<sup>st</sup> XI games was harder in practice than it seemed in theory and it was generally felt that the Selection Policy needed to be applied with some flexibility.

## **8. County Championship Competitions 2025:**

It was agreed to have the same five teams as 2023 plus a new O70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI team to join the national championship.

## 9. Competition Changes:

There was quite a lot of discussion about proposed and anticipated changes to the various competitions and the following points were agreed for our representatives to take to the relevant national committees and AGMs.

*Over 50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI:* It is expected that Wales will enter 2 teams, North & South, which will make 41 teams in the competition. There was some hope that the Isle of Wight might join up with Hampshire to keep the number at 40, or perhaps another county or Scotland would join which could make 7 groups of 6 teams. No action for us to take on this.

*Over 50s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI:* The expected proposal to delete the option to allow two 49 yr olds in the team was discussed. The Committee view is that rather than remove this option completely, we would prefer to reduce the option to 1 x 49 yr old in 2025 with a view to removing it entirely in a future season probably 2026. In the event that this option was not available the majority view was to agree to reduce the number of 49yr olds to zero immediately.

*Over 50s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI:* It is likely that the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI competition will follow the lead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI above, but maybe one year delayed. Our preferred response would be similar to the above.

*Over 60s Both Competitions.* The two stage group arrangement caused a huge amount of travelling and games being conceded as some teams declined to travel to Cornwall. The meeting endorsed the Committee view that we would prefer to revert to a single group stage followed by knock-out matches as in 2023, but delay the start of the season until the first week in May to reduce the risk of cancelled games because of the weather.

Other proposed changes were agreed as follows:

- We accept the plan to exclude any 59 yr olds from the over 60 competition unless they have already played for the team in 2024.
- We accept the plan to reduce the number of 69 yr olds to 1 in the over 70 competition.
- The proposal to insert the word 'permanently' into the residential requirement was apparently to stop counties hiring itinerant Aussies for the summer which is fair enough. However it was noted that the residential requirements do not match the over 50s competitions which also count as eligible those residing outside the county but playing for a team in that county league, unless granted special permission. This could exclude those playing for Buckland Monachorum for example to play for Cornwall O60s. Chris Dennis was asked to reflect this concern to the National 60/70 committee.
- If the group stages are more than 14 games long then players who have played 8 games (increased from 6) for a higher side would be ineligible to play down a side, unless given special permission and the reason was for normal selection criteria. It was noted that when we asked, permission was always given and the only real problem was the delay in getting the agreement, so to improve the speed of communication then the relevant captain should speak directly to the competition manager rather than go via Chris Dennis.
- We agreed that if there is a phase 2 group stage next year then the home side provides both umpires.
- In the O70s competition we agreed that the default length of the game be reduced to 40 overs with the option to play 45 overs if both teams agree.
- Leg side wides were discussed at length and the proposal to stiffen the current regulation was agreed. So a ball could be called a wide if it passed outside the line of the batter, even if it has pitched on the line of the stumps.

There is an official rumour that, for 2026, Wales are considering splitting their teams into 2 areas – Glamorgan & the Rest of Wales – but there is also an unofficial rumour that this will never happen!

## 10. Appointment of Management Team for 2025:

Johnny Smeadon and Martin Davies both announced at the meeting that they would stand down from captaining their respective teams so Jared Connop and Simon Dixon were therefore unopposed in standing for the O50s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI & 3<sup>rd</sup> XI captaincies respectively.

The following positions which had only one nomination were therefore voted for en bloc, proposed by Trevor Lee & seconded by Sean Hooper and agreed without further comment.

- Chair Bob Fleming
- Head of Finance Darren Williams
- Head of O50s Spencer Ham
- Head of O60s Bob Fleming
- Administration & Membership Brian Martin
- Compliance & Safeguarding Adam Widdison
- Marketing & Fundraising no offers received
- Umpires & Scorers Rep Nigel Harrington

### *Team Captains & Managers*

- O50s 1st XI Captain Sean Hooper
- O50s 1st XI Team Manager David Lockett
- O50s 2nd XI Team Captain Jared Connop
- O50s 2nd XI Team Manager no offers received
- O50s 3rd XI Team Captain Simon Dixon
- O50s 3rd XI Team Manager no offers received
- O60s 1st XI Team Manager no offers received
- O60s 2nd XI Captain Martin Orpe
- O60s 2nd XI Team Manager Brian Martin
- O70s 1st XI Captain Paul Dawkins
- O70s 1st XI Team Manager Steve Bailey
- O50s Friendlies Organiser Paul Higgins

Jared & Simon were welcomed into their roles as captains and Johnny Smeadon and Martin Davies were thanked for their work in leading their sides for several years so successfully.

The retiring team managers, Chris Dennis (O60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI) & Simon Hamilton (O50s 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs) were thanked for their hard work in managing their sides again over long periods of time.

For the O60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Anton Luiten & Hugh Rogers indicated they would be happy to continue sharing the captaincy as they did in 2024. This was put to a secret vote and the meeting agreed almost unanimously to continue with the joint captains arrangement.

The work involved with the vacant positions would need to be covered somehow; any offers of help would be greatly appreciated.

## 11. Confirmation of Awards and Trophy Winners

We recorded the various awards as announced at the Presentation Evening:

- Over 50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Players' Player David Lockett
- Over 50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice Steve Eddy
- Over 50s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Players' Player Paul Clements

- Over 50s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain's Choice Jim Maunder
- Over 50s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Players' Player Darren Williams
- Over 50s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain's Choice Giles Francis
- Over 60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice John Dobson
- Over 60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice Stuart Adams
- Over 60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Players' Player Jamie Mead
- Over 60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain's Choice Sid Lawrence
- Over 70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Players' Player Bob Fleming
- Over 70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice Chris Andreetti
- Over 50s Friendly side Manager's Choice Steve Bailey
- Geoff Husband Trophy Spencer Ham
- Chairman's Award Nigel Harrington

### *50 / 100 Match Caps*

Commemorative caps to those who had played 50 O50s/60s championship matches were awarded as follows:

- Paul Przybylski-Garry
- Simon Hamilton
- Andy Myers
- Kevin Gibbard
- Bob Fleming

### **12. O45s Hundred Tournament Thanks**

Martin Orpe and Grampound Road CC were thanked for organising and hosting the O45s hundred Competition on September 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a great day and also raised around £625 for our funds.

### **13. Winter Practice 2025**

Dates for the indoor nets at Truro School should be confirmed very shortly. We are aiming for alternate Sundays at 11.00am at Truro School starting in early February. Sean advised the meeting that any other time slots such as weekday evenings would be very difficult if not impossible to obtain.

### **14. Any Other Business**

Anton Luiten was thanked for donating the signed picture of Gary Sobers which was auctioned at the Presentation Evening, raising £120 for club funds & Tim Hyslop was thanked for buying it.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.

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Bob Fleming  
Chairman  
11 November 2024