



County Seniors

Committee Meeting Tues 8 April 2025 7.00pm Minutes

Present: Bob Fleming, Simon Dixon, Brian Martin, Paul Dawkins, Darren Williams, Paul Higgins, Steve Bailey, Adam Widdison & David Lockett, **Action**

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Sean Hooper, Martin Davies, Chris Dennis, Spencer Ham, Martin Orpe, Anton Luiten, Hugh Rogers. Nigel Harrington & Jared Connop

Minutes of the meeting of 7 January 2025.

Under Point 5, David Lockett pointed out that the O50 1st XI game on 22 August was against Canterbury CC of New Zealand, not Wellington.

2. Review of winter activities

The winter nets had been very successful with 30-40 present each session, Trevor had led them very professionally with ideal warm up and warm down sessions at either end and with disciplined timings for batting changeovers. Darren said the nets had generated a £400 surplus.

The Social evenings had not been so successful this year, mainly because of the short notice giving insufficient time for invitations. One potential new player turned up at one event – Mike Alexander. We need to plan them further ahead next year as part of an organised programme of social events.

Johnny Smeadon's rugby event was very good with 20-25 attending. Would someone be able to arrange something similar at Truro FC (Kevin?) or Plymouth (Chris Dennis?)

The Mobility & Fitness YouTube classes were excellent but again short notice meant only about 10 participated and we ran at a small financial loss. Worth repeating with better advertising next year.

The Indoor League worked very well. Took 4 defeats to get the hang of it but then the team started to win games. Mainly O50s participating. Worth repeating & perhaps an O60 team could be entered as well?

3. Player Recruitment & Teams

Over 70s: 28 potential players on the list although Bill Apted has more or less ruled himself out because of dodgy knees.

Over 60s: looking stronger this year with several new players aged 59/60 coming in and with Jon Nance & Steve Mitchell returning after missing seasons because of injury.

33 players registered already. Could well be scope for creating a 3rd XI next year, so we should be on the lookout for suitable captain & manager.

Over 50s. 3 or 4 good 49 yr olds on the horizon – 2 can play in 2s & 3s in any one game. However Martyn Bevins may not be available this year.

The ECB have backtracked on their plan to abandon the 1st XI competition and are providing some management oversight but not the balls or any finance for travelling to the Channel Is or IoW. Devon have already conceded their match v Channel Is. because of this and there was concern the SW group might not be viable.

Dave Lockett felt strongly that the Ch Is should be part of the SE group as flights to Jersey are far more frequent and cheaper from London than they are from west Country airports, but he feared that the London-centric group currently managing the Competition would not agree to change.

Last year's group winners, Somerset, are first in line to provide the regional rep for the new committee but if they have no-one, Dave Lockett said he would offer to be the SW group rep.

4. Fixtures 2025

Over 50's 3rd XI Final replay – the team selected for the replay on 30 April has 10 of the team selected last September, plus one who played in the semi-final. This is to be played at Hartley Wintney. Darren confirmed the club would assist with the cost of accommodation for this final as last year.

Grounds have been secured for all matches but some still need to be entered on the various websites. Chris Dennis to set up Brian & Steve with admin access on Play-cricket.

Brian
Steve
Chris D

Trial/Practice games

O50s Shirley Trophy/Trial game set for May 4 at Grampound Road
O60s trial at Gramp. Rd 22 April – 32 already registered for this game
O70s trial at Ladock 24 April – only 9 booked so far with most players not yet familiar with Spond. Paul D & Steve to chase people up by phone

Martin O
Paul D
Steve

Friendly side. Paul H reported 12 fixtures confirmed. This includes one fixture against the Sydney Rogues at Bude. All committee members are invited to captain one game each – Paul Higgins to circulate a list of fixtures and locations.

Paul H

O50s match v Canterbury CC of NZ confirmed at Werrington 22 August.
As far as we know, no other overseas touring teams are currently booked to come to Cornwall – Chris Dennis to chase up.

Chris D

Umpires & Scorers. Dave Lockett offered his services on Tuesdays as he has now qualified as an umpire.

Nigel

Alan Sedgley probably available for some O70s games as well as Malcolm MacD. The O70s have no scorer as yet but Simon Hill was suggested

Paul D/Nigel

100 event 2025. No news from Martin Orpe.

Martin O

Overseas tours? Spencer's plan for a long weekend in Italy in September doesn't seem to have gained much traction
No O60s tour is planned for this year at this stage.

Spencer

5. Finance & Budget

- Darren reported that we have £6700 in the account with about £900 due for blazers
- Remaining pre-season costs will probably be another £1000
- 64 subs have been received so far (O50s: 24, O60s: 28, O70s: 12)
- This puts us about £2000 ahead of where we were this time last year
- The 3 new defibrillators have arrived and this year's instalment paid.

6. Membership list

37 players have registered of which 33 are O60s. Reminders to fill in the online membership form need to be sent regularly by every possible means.
The Vice Presidents scheme made little progress. Agreed we need more promo & Bob to write to existing VPs with invites to games etc.

All Captains

Bob

7. Compliance & Safeguarding

Adam informed us that all Committee members need to take the Safeguarding level 2 Course and he would send round links to take this online course. This qualification

Adam

will last for 3 years.

There is also an anti-discrimination course which we all need to do. Again, info to be circulated. Adam

Adam introduced the Concussion protocol scheme which was introduced last year although not everyone noticed. Key point is that if the ball hits anyone's head, the Umpire will immediately call dead ball, and the ball is not replayed. Captains need to familiarise themselves with the steps to take in the event of a head injury, however slight. Any player hit on the head has no choice and has to comply with the protocol arrangements which may include leaving the field for medical attention. Adam

If any players are on blood thinners they are at considerably higher risk of serious injury in the event of a knock on the head.

8. Club Uniform

A new batch of 8 blazers has arrived and been distributed. Some payments still to come in.

9. Any other business

Mercifully, none.

10. Dates of next meetings

These were agreed as follows:

- Next Committee: Tuesday 7 October – Victoria Inn Roche
- Presentation Evening: Friday 17 October – Seiners Arms again - seems good value
- AGM: Sunday 9 November – Probably at the Victoria Inn as before.

The meeting closed at about 8.40pm.

Bob Fleming, 9 April 2025

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