



## Seniors

### Committee Meeting Tues 30 September 2025 - Minutes

**Present:** Bob Fleming, Spencer Ham, Brian Martin, Paul Dawkins, Paul Higgins, Adam Widdison, David Lockett, Martin Davies, Tim Hyslop, Mark Everett.

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Sean Hooper, Jared Connop, Simon Dixon, Anton Luiten, Hugh Rogers, Chris Dennis, Martin Orpe, Steve Bailey, Darren Williams, Nigel Harrington  
Minutes of the meeting of the last meeting on 8 April 2025 were agreed.

#### 2. Review of season

2.1 Overall this was probably our most successful season ever and the various teams' achievements were summarised as follows;

##### **O50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

- Reached the ¼ Final of the Cup & were beaten by eventual winners Lancashire
- Standout players were Mark Harvey, Gary Thomas & Steve Eddy
- Steve Eddy took a hat-trick in one game

##### **O50s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

- Reached the second round (last 16) but were beaten by Cheshire
- Dropped catches on the day cost the result
- Andre Otto was stand-out player – will be 50 next year so likely to move up to 1<sup>st</sup> XI
- 28 players represented the county in this side over the season

##### **O50s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

- Reached the Cup Final but postponed until next April because of bad weather
- Adrian Warne & Adrian Hocking outstanding players
- Simon Danby made huge impact joining the side after the end of school term
- 34 players played during the season

Given the high number of players available, the proposal to start a 4<sup>th</sup> XI was mooted with the plan to play a few friendlies in 2026 prior to joining the Championship in 2027.

##### **O60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

- Reached the final of the Cup but lost to Wales, beating Warwickshire, Essex & Gloucestershire en-route.
- Anton Luiten topped the Championship batting stats with 771 runs
- Paul Clements was 6<sup>th</sup> in the national bowling stats with 22 wickets and scored 407 runs
- Strong feeling that we should have had players in one of the two England O60s sides.

##### **O60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

- Reached the semi-final of the bowl competition losing to eventual winners Wiltshire
- Much better season than last year, with a good team spirit
- Selection had been difficult if the 1<sup>st</sup> XI was slow to announce their side
- With the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI starting next year more pressure to select teams promptly.

##### **O70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

- We struggled in our first year but the only way to go is up.
- 19 players during the season
- Stuart Ellis might be available to play next year.

2.2 For next year Sean hopes that Andy Birkett will be able to play as a 49 yr old. Johnny Smeadon is now 60 so could move up an age band. Mike Jelbert could qualify for the 70s as he will be 69 in May.

- 2.3 Points to be communicated back to the various national committees:
- i) Those who played in the 65+ SW group 2 day game enjoyed it very much & hope this format could be repeated and extended.
  - ii) There was a clear majority favouring reducing the overs in the 70+ competition to 40 overs per side, not 45.
  - iii) There was a strong feeling that the Cup Finals should be completed at the end of the season and if impossible because of weather, the trophy should be shared rather than played at the start of the following season.
  - iv) This year's O60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition without the 2<sup>nd</sup> group stage worked much better than 2024.
  - v) Clubs should be reminded about the need for a safety margin between the boundaries and any obstacles. – see 7 below.
- 2.4 The Hundred event was very successful again so appreciation and thanks to Martin Orpe. The event also raised a useful £600+ for club funds.
- 2.5 Umpires and Scorers. Following Nigel's retirement from the role, Paul Dawkins offered to coordinate the umpires and scorers for next year which was unanimously accepted. It was noted that umpires for our matches did not need to be panel umpires but did need to be ACU members. We need to publicise the need for more umpires and scorers.
- 2.6 The Over 50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition management changes had gone quiet recently but there is a meeting with the ECB planned for around October 20<sup>th</sup>. As group winners in 2024, Somerset apparently have the right to nominate a representative for the group but seem to know nothing about that, so Spencer agreed to volunteer to join the national committee as the SW group rep. Bob to contact Bob Baxter of Middx who is co-ordinating this. The merger of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> XI competitions seems to be going ahead for 2026

### 3. Finance

In Darren's absence, Bob tabled his draft accounts for the year to date. Points to note

- We are showing a loss year to date of around £2000 mostly due to increased travel expenses for teams reaching finals.
- Despite that we still have a reasonably healthy cash position because of last year's profit
- We did receive £1000 from the ECB towards the O50's travel expenses, but no guarantee that we will get this next year.

Darren had proposed three points:

- With the travel to Jersey being so expensive, he proposed that we should give another £100 expenses to the players who travelled there. £150 had been paid to date but the costs were in the region of £600 each. Given the loss already this season, this additional payment was not agreed.
- Darren proposed that the membership fee should be increased from £25 to £30 next year. This was agreed as something we should put to the AGM in November. If necessary we should increase the away match fees to £15 as well.
- Because players were slow to pay their subs, Darren proposed a new rule for the Club as follows:
  - "If membership is not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May then players will not be considered for selection until such time as the membership fee is paid. The only exception being that if a player is selected for their first/debut game for the Seniors after the 31<sup>st</sup> May then membership must be paid prior to further selection for any of the Championship teams".

This was agreed as something that should be put before the AGM.

### 4. Presentation Evening planning

Numbers were currently around 36 from the 60s & 70s & 20 from the 50s.

Each captain or representative to present 2 trophies – Captain's Choice & Players' Player

## 5. AGM Planning

As far as we know all captains & managers are planning to stand for re-election except for Anton Luiten in the O60s 1s and Paul Dawkins in the O70s. Tim & Mark would stand as captain & manager for the new O60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI. Paul D is sounding out possible replacements for the O70s captaincy & we should aim to fill the team manager vacancy in the O60 1<sup>st</sup> XI

## 6. Social & Winter Events

Our plans for winter events are taking shape as follows:

- Indoor nets. With numbers getting up to around 40 per session, it was felt this was too many people & too much temptation to stand around and chat, not paying attention to what was going on with the consequent risk of injury. Bob to speak to Sean about the possibility of having more weeks – every Sunday in Feb & March if possible and limiting numbers to 25 or 30 with a booking system to avoid overcrowding. In addition there was interest in laying on some additional private coaching if possible.
- Indoor cricket winter league. Brian agreed to investigate if we could run our own private Seniors indoor competition towards the end of the winter.
- Mobility & Fitness Classes. Spencer will check out the possibility of repeating the online classes again next year. Peter Pretorius and Matt Luxton have also expressed interest in arranging something & Spencer to compare the offers.
- Rugby event at Redruth. Johnny Smeadon is checking with Simon Johnson for a suitable date for the rugby lunch at Redruth.
- Suggested that we could run a similar event at Truro FC – Bob to ask Trevor Lee.
- Pub evenings. Spencer will check out suitable pubs and dates in east, mid and west Cornwall for our social recruitment evenings.
- Pre-season event at Seiners. Bob to check out the possibility of a curry night social event at Seiners pre-season, perhaps with a speaker. Nigel Martyn was suggested as a possible speaker.
- Steve is planning a St Austell brewery tour for the 70s sometime pre-season.

## 7. Safeguarding & Compliance

Adam reported that there was nothing new to report. Michelle Kent has left Cornwall CC which leaves a bit of a hole in the County Safeguarding management.

Some grounds we played at were becoming more casual about ensuring an 8' gap between the boundary line and any solid hazard. Not all umpires were picking up on this. Bob asked Adam to prepare a check-list of points for captains of what their responsibilities were in respect of safeguarding.

## 8. Club Uniform

Johnny Smeadon is willing to place another order for club blazers as long as we have 8 for a minimum order. No known demand yet but time to promote this in time for an order at the beginning of Feb.

Sean Hooper offers a 10% discount for all Seniors Club members at the Cornish Cricket Shop in Charlestown

We should promote the link for the Gray Nicholls club site so that people can buy club kit.

## 9. Any other business

- The first batch of defibrillators are now 4 years old - do they need new batteries or servicing? Bob to check with John Pollard who arranged their purchase. If we need any more defibs (ie for O60s 3s & O50s 4s), the latest ones come with 'blood kits' which we should get if possible
- Need a stock of caps or pennants to give to visiting sides.
- Andre Otto/Tempest photos has offered to produce good quality team photo prints for £15 each which would be donated to club funds

Bob Fleming, 3 Oct 2025

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