



## County Seniors

### Seniors Committee Tues 9 April 2024 - 7.00pm Notes of the meeting

#### Action

**Present:** Bob Fleming, Johnny Smeadon, Simon Hamilton, Hugh Rogers, Martin Orpe, Spencer Ham, Darren Williams, Paul Dawkins, Paul Higgins, Nigel Harrington, Adam Widdison, Martin Davies

Apologies received from Anton Luiten, Brian Martin, Chris Dennis, Sean Hooper & Dave Lockett

#### 1. Welcome

Bob welcomed the latest new member to the committee – Adam Widdison

#### 2. Review of Winter Activities

Social Evenings. 4 were held around the county with about a dozen at each including a few new members. Agreed they were successful & worth repeating.

Rugby event at Redruth. 16-17 came – good social event & we were well looked. Simon Johnston is the connection with Redruth RFC

Winter nets. Successful with good numbers attended each time including some new members. Agreed we could improve on the leadership at the nets including a better warm-up session first and some batting coaching with the bowling machine. Next year someone needs to be appointed in advance to take charge & plan a programme better. Could maybe have a social afterwards too.

#### 3. Selection process & Player Recruitment

Over 50s have 6-7 new players in the frame for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and potentially good numbers available for the 2s & 3s.

The poor weather meant that plans for a trial game have been abandoned.

The captains seem happy with the arrangements for selection.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI would use the early games to try out some new players

The teams to be agreed by Thursday evening/Friday morning for Spencer to send to Joe, the designer, for the trendy team sheets to be created

O60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI still able to have 1x59 yr old in the side, so Stuart Adams is eligible. Aiming to make selections on Wed for the following Tuesday.

O70s – Paul Dawkins has 22 names of players interested in playing for the O70s team in up to 6 friendly games he has planned which is excellent.

#### 4. Fixtures 2024

Prospects for O60s April fixtures are poor given the waterlogged state of pitches. All other teams don't start till May so more hope the season will start on time.

Grounds have been secured for all games and fixtures are on Play-Cricket or Spond.

The O50s trial game – Shirley Trophy – will be postponed till later in the season. Johnny S. to liaise with Pete Anstey to arrange a suitable date.

The O50 Friendly team has 11 fixtures arranged and to boost the strength of the side, we agreed we should have someone from the committee manage

Johnny

and captain each game recruiting a few players from the championship sides to ensure we give a better account of ourselves in each game. Each person to choose a fixture and liaise with Paul H. Paul D offered to run the St Mawgan game

All

## 5. Finance & Sponsorship

Budget for 2024. Darren reported that the bank handover from Jon Nance was now complete and he passed round the initial budget for the season. With up to 90 potential games to be played it is clear that the subs and playing fees do not cover the costs of all these games. So we need additional income from sponsorship, advertising & other sources to balance the books.

Agreed Bob would request some contribution from Cornwall Cricket, especially to help with supporting low income players.

Bob

Yearbook Update. Bob explained we were below target for advertising to date & had therefore delayed publication to give more time for booking advertisers. He passed round copies of the ratecards to encourage people to find one advertiser each for the Yearbook. Urgent action – ads now needed by 19 April

All

Bob also reported no one had bitten on the idea of lead sponsorship for the club.

## 6. Membership List

Playing Members - Brian Martin was looking after the membership list and believed Spond could provide all the features we need. The Google sheets sign up form can still be used as an easy way for people to enter their details.

Currently 48 players have signed up for this year – rest need chasing up as Subs need to be paid before a player can be selected for a Representative team.

Captains

Captains need to be set up with Admin status on Spond so they can access all necessary info.

Brian

Vice Presidents – They can also be recorded on Spond in a different membership category. Bob passed round a sign-up form for VPs. Nigel was so excited he signed up immediately and passed a used £20 note to Darren.

Again if everyone could sign up a couple of VPs from ex-players, friends & family we could easily cover the shortfall on the playing costs Darren mentioned.

Completed VP application forms to Brian Martin & payments into the usual bank Account.

All

## 7. Compliance & Safeguarding

Adam introduced this section of the agenda by clarifying that, although we might call ourselves a club, legally we are not a club, merely a sub-committee of the CCB, working under their terms of reference.

In practice this means we should adopt all their policies and documentation and officially do not need a Safeguarding Officer, but he recommended that we should appoint one anyway given the size of our organisation. Before he could say no, Adam was proposed, seconded and appointed on the spot as the Seniors Club Safeguarding Officer.

Adam identified a number of risks and vulnerabilities in our organisation as follows:

- All Captains & Vice-Captains should have DBS certificates – ECB versions. Home clubs should be able to arrange this, but if not Adam could arrange.
- There is a Safeguarding Module for Committee members which everyone should do.
- We are a bunch of old white males – do we put off lady players inadvertently?
- Social media posts are a risk area – do we have published guidelines to avoid inappropriate posts?
- Disciplinary Policy is hard to find online
- Selection Policy is not publicly available
- Medical info for players needs to be available to Captains
- Do we have suitable insurance via the CCB? (Joe Skinner had previously

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confirmed all is OK.)

After discussion it was agreed that we should adopt all CCB Policies and Documents but that these documents were hard to find on the website as they were not located within the Performance Section of the site and appeared to relate mostly to under 18s. Having these documents posted on Play-Cricket would improve the situation.

Adam

- Our selection policy should also be posted on the website but probably needs reviewing first.

Bob

- We need to set up a secure way to record any essential medical info so captains can access the notes whilst maintaining data security.

Brian

It was agreed that there was a bit of work to do in communicating or making available all the necessary policies and documents but that on the whole the right information was available somewhere.

## 8. Tour

The proposed Malta tour was still possible, but that the details were not coming together quickly. Several people expressed support for the plan, so Bob to continue to try and make arrangements.

Bob

## 9. Club Uniform

Jumpers. Apparently Sean Hooper had only received about 6 requests and needed a minimum of 12 to make a viable order. Agreed we should promote this during the summer and try to get up to 12 to put together an order in the Autumn for the 2025 season.

Blazers. Johnny reported the blazers were ready and we just needed to pay. Players need to be chased up for the £129 balances

Bob

## 10. Any other business

Martin Orpe asked the process for appointing a vice captain for the O60s 2s – agreed there isn't really a process – just appoint someone.

Martin Davies mentioned there is to be a social event at St Austell on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & people were invited. Agreed it could be an opportunity to distribute the blazers which should have arrived by then. Martin to circulate info in due course.

Martin D

The meeting closed around 8.50pm

**Bob Fleming, 10 April 2024**