

## Minutes of 60+/70+Management Committee Zoom meeting July 2<sup>nd</sup>,9.00am

### Present

Management Committee (MC)

Chris Swadkin-Chair,Kent,(CS),Bob Baxter-Treasurer,Middx,(BB),Len Attard-Glos(LA),Geoff Beale-Hants,(GB),Paul Bradley-Lincs(PB),Richard Merriman-Derbys(RM),Dave Murphy-Warwicks,(DM),Derrick Sheldon-Herts(DM)

Regional Chairs

John Sharples-Lancs,(JS),Colin Samuels-Leics(CSa),Howard Smith-Kent(HS),Joe Perry-Norfolk(JP)

Apologies

Chris Dennis-Cornwall, Adrian Procter-Somerset,Terry Sims-Essex (JP replacement)

### 1.Minutes meeting May17th

Accepted and adopted . DS to put on website

DS

### 2.Knockout games

CS suggested we follow model of last year. Details on the website.

a)Cheshire 70s requested that if they were in a KO game on the 10<sup>th</sup> Aug it be postponed to 17<sup>th</sup>Aug as they were due to play Australia on Aug 11<sup>th</sup>. This was agreed.

Similarly, Counties with players away with the England 60s side in Canada,should be allowed to postpone their 60s KO game on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> to the following week, 29<sup>th</sup>Aug.

Both decisions taken to retain the integrity of the competitions. Details to be put on the website. DS

b)Umpires to be sourced and funded by MC for semi-finals and finals.

c)Venues. Grounds confirmed....Stroud,Valley End, Cropredy (3x2 venues)

JS to source a Northern ground

JS

CS to source a ground for the 70s final

CS

d)Trophy

Essex reported their disappointment with the 60s First XI trophy and offered to source an alternative. MC accepted the offer but noted that the trophy still be called the Barry Smith Trophy.CS

### 3.Internationals Update

A busy couple of months lay ahead.

a)PB described the exciting nature of the Grey Ashes series and thanked all clubs and Counties for their efforts so far. He asked that details be spread by county reps.

CS indicated that the Silver Ashes in August promised to be an equally exciting period and also thanked Chris Lowe and those involved from the counties in organising the tour.

HS requested that both sets of tour details should be displayed prominently at the head of the website. DS to action

DS

b)Canada Tour

A 4 team Sporta led international tournament in Canada Aug 18-28.Squad and details on the website.

c)India 60s World Cup. Feb 18<sup>th</sup> -March 2<sup>nd</sup>

PB expressed exasperation and disappointment in equal measure with the organisation of this tournament. He was waiting for the next newsletter and noted that there had been no response to RM's email re the structure of the competition but anticipated the event will still happen.

d)Seniors Global Organisation

CS stated that much time had been wasted in attempts to deliver an organisation that might satisfy all bodies. Most recently there had been a majority vote in favour of a tweaked version of the IMC governance model,although final details of a definitive constitution and an AGM were still awaited. PB,BB(on behalf of 50s) and CS reiterated the view that any new organisation would not impact on our participation in multi-lateral or bi-lateral competitions .

#### e)Live Streaming

The purchase of new hard-ware will enable all ODIs to be live streamed. BB to pay Steve Dellow £950. BB

#### f)Cricket in Scotland

In attempts to support the development of Seniors cricket in Scotland,Wales recently undertook a 2 game tour and along with an England A side, hope to participate in a triangular tournament in September in Colwyn Bay.

g)RM spoke eloquently and powerfully in delivering a massive vote of thanks to all involved in the upcoming Ashes series.In particular he cited CS for his leadership and commitment, Harrison and Oliver for their knowledge and expertise and but most of all, Paul, for his passion, professionalism and his drive.

CS also thanked RM for his tireless efforts and remarked on both the substantial framework now in place and the remarkable distance England cricket has travelled in the last 12 months.

#### 4.Sponsorship Update

##### a)Internationals

PB said that £16k had been raised so far for the Grey Ashes and Canada tour.CS noted that numbers were not so high for the Silver Ashes.

##### b)Championship

As yet there was no sign of a new sponsor but it is hopeful that with all the opportunities arising someone may emerge.

##### c)Spota.

The £3,500 for this season has not yet arrived.PB to chase up. PB

CS noted that we need to be more proactive in supporting the Spota Tour to the UAE.

County reps to be reminded of the offer and PB suggested that Regional teams might like to participate.

#### 5.Finance

BB reported that all Counties had now paid for balls and subscriptions.

#### 6.Communications Strategy

Specifically the role of the new VPs.

GB noted that CS's note to the new VPs was a good start but this needed to be followed up with requests for attendance at ODIs and Finals Days. CD

#### 7.New Teams 2024

DS reported that Clive Ricks hoped that an Oxford 70s team would participate 2024.

RM reported(and supported by JS) that Notts maybe in a position to have a 60s team in 2 years time.

It is still hoped that Dorset enter a 60s side in 2024.

DM reported that Wales 4<sup>th</sup> XI friendlies this year will hopefully lead to full participation next year.

JP asked for views on the new Staffs/Derby 70s' side failure to fulfil away fixtures.The consensus was that struggling sides be encouraged in difficult years.

JS to speak to Cumbria about the prospect of them entering a side sometime in the future. JS

#### 8.Balls

CS sought to establish a process by which views were collated. RM stressed that consistency would aid objectivity.

The decision was reached that MC would send out a questionnaire to Counties in the autumn .

#### 9.Festival Week

Mindful of the need to have some focus on the Championship PB outlined ideas for a possible mid season Regional Festival. Such an event had the possibility of raising the profile of the domestic game . PB to circulate his paper to County reps. CS/PB

#### 10.AOB

DS/RM In the light of the recent Ron Hedley Prostate Walk at Derby it was proposed that MC recognise the great work done by Ron with a presentation at the AGM.

PB remarked that news of the Grey Ashes had now reached Zimbabwe.

DM asked for guidance on the Worcs request for First XI players to play v Cornwall in light of the venue (Penzance) ruling some players out. The view was that this was acceptable, but noted that Counties should aim to minimise travel of away teams.

Regional responses from Csa and JP re individual winner and runner up trophies was favourable and mixed respectively. CS to seek other regional responses.

DS confirmed 70+ Final reserve dates.....10th/12th/14th September.

#### Next meeting

Pre finals meeting without Regions.....CS to advise

CS

Pre AGM meeting .....September CS to advise

CS

Meeting closed 10.50am