

Draft minutes from NoSCA meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018 at Nairn Cricket Pavilion.

Present: J Bishop – Chair (JB), T MacAbhuinn (TM), L MacAbhuinn (LM), K Neill (KN), G Chappell (GC), J Lodge (JL), A Duncan (AD), N Cameron (NC)

Item		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Received from M Fox, P Short, M Bliss, J Popplestone, R Wakelin (RW).	
2.	Minutes of last meeting, 20th August 2018	
	The circulated draft minutes were adopted following agreement on two changes relating to items 6.c (deleted) and 8 para. 2 (reworded), as requested by Carolyn Farr.	
3.	Matters Arising	
3.a	<p>JB reported on a well attended meeting between MCA, HCDG and Rob Wakelin which took place at Gordonstoun School on 20/9/18, explaining that discussions took place on sharing best practice and possible areas of collusion.</p> <p>RW also explained that the CS budget for 2019 was dependent on the ICC Meeting at the end of October, after which he would have a better idea of the options available for recruiting a replacement Development Officer to work in the NoSCA area.</p>	
3.b	TM reported that the Liam Ferguson disciplinary appeal had now been concluded and has been refused as it wasn't deemed competent. All parties have been informed and the cheque returned to the appellant.	
3.c	<p>JB reported that the Forres Disciplinary decisions have been posted on the website and the matter is now closed.</p> <p>However, JB also noted that the appeal by Galloway CC (supported by NoSCA in the form of an email to the WDCU) had been successful in reversing the decision to relegate them. He further noted a cordial and productive meeting with Mike Roberts (Chair of Forres CC) in Forres on 20/9/18.</p>	
4.	Funding Applications	
4.a	<p>AD spoke in favour of a funding application from MCA to help with the cost of hall hire for the U17 girls winter programme. GC noted there were adequate funds in the account and he thought that they should be used to benefit cricket in the area (<i>at this point NC left the meeting</i>).</p> <p>The application was unanimously approved, although GC cautioned that MCA could not return for another similar application for 12 months.</p>	
4.b	JB raised the issue of a recent email regarding the costs of Auldearn Primary School attending the National Kwik Cricket finals day. KN explained that they had used the community mini-bus at a cost of £232.20 but the grant from Cricket Scotland was only £100. However, KN also confirmed that HCDG had agreed to meet the additional cost from its reserves and a cheque was 'in the post'.	JB to raise inequity of transport grants for outlying clubs at CS Board.
4.c	The meeting then agreed to make a £50 payment to Nairn CC for the use of their facilities for committee meetings this year.	

5.	NoSCA Office Bearers	
5.a	<p>JB noted that there had been no offers to fill the vacant post of Secretary and whilst this situation could be accommodated until the AGM, it would not be tenable or fair on the incoming President to start a new season without a Secretary in place.</p> <p>After some discussions it was agreed that all options must be explored to recruit a Secretary, with the Annual Dinner seen as an opportunity to speak to people.</p>	
5.b	Vice-President, as above.	
5.c	With NC's departure from the meeting it was unclear what his position is regarding the NoSCA Junior Liaison Officer role in the future.	
6.	Annual Dinner	
6.a	GC reported that he had the tickets and that sales were already at about 50% before starting promotion of them. GC noted that all clubs had already pre-purchased one ticket and agreed to coordinate the sales. JB suggested that a representative from each club be appointed to liaise with their members regarding menu options.	GC to coordinate ticket sales with club reps and also promote the event on Facebook.
6.b	JB explained that Grant Bradburn had left Cricket Scotland to work with the Pakistan national team and therefore would not be available to speak at the dinner. However, in his place JB has secured the services of Willie Donald (CS President, ex Huntly & Scotland) as guest speaker and Tony Brian (CS Chair and ICC Board Member) as guest of honour who will conduct a joint Q&A after the meal.	
6.c	<p>Rick Wimble is available to engrave the trophies again. JB circulated a list of trophies and said he was in the process of collecting them together. He would take responsibility for delivering them to Rick in Elgin once all the recipients were known.</p> <p>JB noted that the trophy for the Reserve League is a simple shield which although 'fully populated' only dates back to 2007 (Fort William), and he questioned whether there had been a cup at some stage. CL thought that Fort William may have had a cup at some stage and would investigate further.</p>	<p>JB to deliver trophies to Rick Wimble by 10/10/18.</p> <p>CL to investigate and report back on trophy whereabouts</p>
6.d	<p>JB reported that despite a number of reminders there were still 17 matches not entered on the CricketStats system. There were three clubs responsible for the bulk of the missing matches – Forres (5 reserve and 1 senior), Northern Counties (2 senior + 3 reserve) and Huntly (3 reserve). In addition there were two RAF Lossie games still to be input by the away team and still one Highland home fixture to be entered as they had lost their scorebook.</p> <p>It was agreed that deciding the performance awards without all the data was potentially unfair to players from 'away' clubs who could do nothing about the omissions. Therefore it was agreed that JB would contact the captains of the teams noted above to seek a resolution before a revised cut-off date of 7th October.</p> <p>It was also noted that the awards criteria had not been changed to take account of the new playing conditions or the 2018 schedule, and as a result of this it was likely that there would be no qualifiers for the Senior Bowling awards this season.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Office Bearers would make a decision (via email) on the recipients following the new deadline.</p>	JB to contact team captains to ensure missing data is input ASAP.

	After a long discussion of all the options, it was agreed that in the event of any players currently under disciplinary suspension qualifying for an individual award in 2018 then the trophy would NOT be awarded and 'No Award' would be noted in the records.	
6.e	Discretionary Awards. A healthy number of nominations were received for each category and after voting by all present at the meeting the winners for 2018 were agreed. It was noted that all recipients should be encouraged to attend the dinner to receive their awards in person and that Club reps should be involved in this process.	
7.	Women & Girls Liaison Report	
	KN reported that the 'Wee Bash' starts in October. KN asked for a Disability Cricket page to be created on the website. KN also reported that a Disability Cricket event was scheduled for the following day (2/10/18) in Inverness where about 100 children were expected to take part in various cricket related table games.	JB to create new page
8.	Junior Liaison Report	
	AD reported on an email that he had sent to all NoSCA clubs asking for numbers of Junior members in specific categories. To date there had been a response from only 2 clubs (Elgin & Highland) although Huntly and Ross County said they were working on their figures.	
9.	Cricket Scotland Update	
	JB noted the email sent to all clubs from RW regarding Child Protection. TM had already replied from Elgin CC noting its unsuitability for 'open spaces' such as public parks. JB also noted his disappointment at the short notice given by the email regarding Caledonian Highlander trials in Broughty Ferry on 14/10/18. JB reported that Ben Fox had left CS to take up a similar media liaison position with Scottish Rugby. The next CS Board meeting is in Edinburgh on 25/10/18 and there is an 'away day' scheduled for November. Finally, a meeting to discuss the formation of a third regional association (Caledonian Cricket Association?) to administer club cricket is still being spoken about, although an exact date has not yet been confirmed.	JB to raise concerns at the next Board meeting JB to report back when meeting arranged.
10.	AOCB	
10.a	KN asked if there were plans to use white balls next season. JB replied that this would be a decision for the new committee and member clubs post AGM.	
10.b	KN asked about dates for proposals for the AGM. Specifically a change to the points system to cater for weather affected games not being replayed. AD confirmed that 42 days notice was required which effectively means before Christmas.	
11	Date of Next Meeting	
	3 rd December 2018, 7pm, venue TBA	