

Minutes of the NoSCA meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 at Nairn Cricket Pavilion.

Present: J Bishop – Chair (JB), T MacAbhuinn (TM), L MacAbhuinn (LM), S. Green (SG), K Neill (KN), G Chappell (GC), R Outram (RO), J Lodge (JL), J Benn (JBe), Carolyn Farr (CF), N Gerrard (NG), R Wakelin (RW)

Item		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Received from N Cameron (NC), C Lavin, M Fox, A Green, P Short, M Bliss, Charlotte Farr, J Lean, A Duncan (AD)	
2.	Minutes of last meeting, 9th July 2018	
	These were accepted as accurate by the meeting.	
	Cricket Scotland presentation	
	<p>Rob Wakelin (RW) – new head of participation at Cricket Scotland (CS) introduced himself to the meeting and outlined his priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allstars initiative and women's cricket are being supported to keep up momentum • there will be new initiatives to improve cricket • disability cricket is also doing well • there will be a coaching pathway improvement to take coaches on a (measurable) journey in their development • will be working on developing clubs • plans to be in NoSCA area once a month • will wait to be asked but is always available if his support is needed 	
3.	Matters Arising	
3.1	<p>Child protection: JB had had discussions with RW and the new child protection policy for CS is to be presented to the CS board 25/10/18</p> <p>JB suggests NoSCA adopts the CS policy once it is ratified. Child protection will be very important in the future and getting it right is critical</p> <p>GC asked where the onus on child protection lies (at club level or with NoSCA). RW said the intention is for the onus to be on the clubs and there will be sanctions for non-compliance</p>	JB to report back when the policy has been published
3.2	Representative Game. JB reported NoSCA had a strong team but SPCU team pulled out because they were unable to raise a team. Very disappointing for all involved and but thanked those who had offered to play/host.	
3.3	RAF Lossiemouth: JB reported that despite 2 emails there has still been no explanation from the club as to why Munro Ross had been refused entry (or indeed any apology).	JB to try again to contact RAFL
3.4	<p>JB noted thanks to Carolyn Farr for all her work as Secretary.</p> <p>Replacement for the job as yet to be recruited. We may manage to the end of the season but it will be essential to have a new Secretary for next year. GC suggested clubs have to provide one on a rotation basis if no volunteers come forward and to make it compulsory. JB reported that Munro Ross had tentatively offered but as he is not a member of any club this kind offer was declined.</p>	JB to circulate vacancy to member clubs
4.	Fixtures	
4.a	Arrangements for the Senior Cup Final – Buckie v Forres - are all in hand. Thanks to all at Huntly CC for hosting and Terry Curran & Peter	

	Redhead for umpiring. Cup and PoM trophies are in hand.	
4.b	Reserve Cup final - Buckie vs Northern Counties. Thanks to Elgin CC for hosting and umpires Ken Ross and Leo MacAbhuinn. Cup and PoM trophies are in hand. Thanks to NC/AD for organising curtain raisers for both games.	
4.c	RAF Lossiemouth (RAFL) had forfeited 6 league games. CL reported that the RAF game was cancelled at 9 am on the day of the match. In accordance with the Playing Conditions the Executive can ask them to play Reserve League next season. It was noted that RAFL had promised to meet the Senior league criteria at the AGM but they do not respond to emails now. Also, players have been observed drinking beer on the pitch, and the club has shown no contrition for their behaviour nor how they have treated NoSCA. It was noted that all the original players were from the same squadron which was then deployed. At the Elgin game at RAF base they fielded players from Traffic control as all original players were deployed. JL noted that RAFL were not good enough to play Senior cricket. JB will try and contact them again. Onus on RAFL to attend NoSCA AGM if they want to play again. Scores for RAF games an issue to be resolved.	JB to try and contact RAFL again. Also contact away clubs to make sure CricketStats info is online.
4.d	It was noted that two Senior League games needed to be reorganised and it was agreed that Buckie v Forres & Nairn v Huntly would be scheduled for Saturday 8 th September.	CL to confirm venues
5.	Disciplinary Issues	
5.a	TM reported that the Liam Ferguson appeal was almost concluded and had been complex. It was agreed that the website should clarify that NoSCA will support and back up the clubs over disciplinary issues if the club has taken appropriate action.	
5.b	JB reported that Forres CC (FCC) had been expelled from this year's CS Mens 10k Trophy and that CS had since confirmed there is an ongoing disciplinary issue with respect to their expulsion. FCC representatives explained that they were not trying to cheat and had not believed they could win the game. The social media response to their statement was very negative and critics did not use their real names. FCC played the game to honour the fixture. They did not want to play with 9 players and were keen to honour the fixture as the other team had been up the previous week to play. JB noted that the issue has resulted in bad coverage in the press and humiliated NoSCA. It was agreed to wait for CS to finish their disciplinary process and then NoSCA committee can decide what further action (if any) to take.	
6.	Annual Dinner	
6.a	It was agreed that the dinner will take place at the Clubhouse Hotel, Nairn on Saturday 27 th October as previously arranged.	KN to liaise with hotel re. menus
6.b	GC proposed to retain ticket prices at £35 with any profits distributed three ways between MCA/HCDG and Torridon Mountain Rescue. This was agreed.	GC to coordinate ticket sales. JB to produce tickets.
6.c	TM suggested photocopying missing score books and giving admin access to someone to update them to the system.	JB to ensure legacy averages are captured

	<p>CF asked about historic results on results store. JB explained Results store system not updated for 15 years and cost money; new system is free. Legacy data will be grabbed. LM reported that the new system is easier to use than the old one – estimating 10 minutes per game.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the new CricketStats system would be used to determine the performance awards with a cut-off date of 30th September 2018.</p>	<p>before Resultstore is taken off-line.</p> <p>JB to contact all clubs to make sure scorecards are uploaded before 30/9/18</p>
6.d	It was agreed that the Discretionary Awards would be voted on at the next meeting.	
7.	Women & Girls Liaison Report	
	<p>KN sent out email about female cricketers but only Ross County has responded. Number of female cricketers in NoSCA required and what they want to do to progress this area.</p> <p>Disability Cricket: KN used to just be in the Highlands but now is looking after Northern Scotland. KN to meet with Kim Patterson to see which schools are interested in taking part in it. Only a group of 6 required from each cluster or school</p>	
8.	Junior Liaison Report	
	<p>In addition to 2 curtain raiser for the cup final, there is a scheduled meeting between the MCA and HCDG on 20/9/18. JB noted his regret in not engaging earlier with these 2 groups to work together developing junior cricket.</p> <p>RW reported a 50% increase in Allstars sign-ups in 2018.</p> <p>CF pointed out that the very high costs for the extra insurance cover needed for the Allstars program was beyond the purse of some clubs.</p> <p>GC suggested seeing if the NoSCA insurance could cover Allstars for clubs ie NoSCA becomes the organisers rather than the clubs.</p> <p>JB suggested there could be joint flyers for all the NoSCA Allstars centres as well to further cut costs</p>	<p>RW agreed to look into the matter.</p>
9.	Cricket Scotland Update	
	NTR other than next Board meeting 25/10/18 and an 'Away Day' scheduled 21/11/18.	
10.	AOCB	
10.1	JL reported that CS does not note the home club or regional Association against player's names when they play for Scotland – just the regional development group – and both he and their players would prefer that their club was given recognition.	<p>RW to mention this to CS website administrator</p>
10.2	JBe raised the issue of marking of return creases on artificial pitches – most are not the correct width and also are not marked on pitch.	<p>Advice on pitch markings to be circulated to all clubs before season 2019.</p>
11	Date of Next Meeting	
	1 st October 2018, Nairn Pavilion, 7pm	