**Draft minutes from NoSCA meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at Nairn Community Centre.**

Present: T MacAbhuinn - Chair, (TM), L MacAbhuinn (LM), K Neill (KN), G Chappell (GC), J Lodge (JL), M Fox (MF), K Fraser (KF), S Lackie (SL), P Short (PS), R Belli (RB), M Bronkhorst (MB)

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies** |  |
|  | Received from Allan Duncan, Munro Ross, James Lean, Rob Outrum & Callum Howard |  |
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| **2.** | **Minutes of last meeting, 3rd December 2018.** |  |
|  | The circulated draft minutes were adopted. |  |
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| **3.** | **Matters Arising** |  |
| 3.a | TM has spoken with Gordonstoun School, she advised the meeting that Ryan Denyer is no longer the Sports Master but she has spoken to the new post holder. It is possible that a mistake has been made regarding the billing for MCC match and is awaiting more correspondence on the matter. | TM |
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| **4.** | **New Business Derived from AGM** |  |
| 4.a | **CS Development Officer Role** - KF advised the meeting that he had taken it upon himself to make further enquiries into the topic as he was wary that little was known by the new committee regarding this. He advised the meeting that he had spoken with Ian Shaw from CS to gather some more information regarding the post and he confirmed the following   * Role to concentrate on the West (Highland, Nairn & Strathpeffer) * Role to remain a .75fte contract * 4/5 candidates had expressed an interest in the role * 'An element of Coaching' would be provided within the role * If possible the role would become a full time position.   KF mentioned to Ian Shaw that perhaps the job description needed altered as currently it still stated that the role was to encompass the Nosca region which would no longer be the case.  KF had also had discussions with representatives from both the MCA & HCDG, with the MCA confirming they were happy to take a back seat for the time being as they recognised that the West region needed development with the aim to try and get on par with the MCA's work. Both groups stressed their belief and importance in securing Community Coaches for this year to achieve their aims. HCDG have also made KF aware that they were not willing to help fund any full time position and also not in a position to do so currently. Their priority shall be to secure a Community Coach for this year.  The meeting discussed the suggestion that Nosca help/part fund the position to help increase the role to that of a full time position and agreed that at this time Nosca would not be doing so. It was felt that the successful candidate should have a year to example what they are bringing to the role and possibly revisit the situation after a year. It was also mentioned that Nosca may not be in a position to continue funding this role after a year if it had chosen to do so, and the possibility of then potentially asking the candidate to effectively take a pay cut if no other funding was forthcoming.  At present CS shall continue to employ the Development Officer in its original advertised capacity, with Interviews taken place shortly.    The meeting went on to discuss some of the issues raised from correspondence with both the MCA & HCDG. It was agreed that Nosca was in a position to make a one off payment to both groups to the value of £1000 for this year. GC Shall organise the transfer of money and shall also ask respectfully that the groups provide evidence of how the money has been spent. |  |
| 4.b | **Player Registration** - CH is the new Player Registration Secretary and has requested that all clubs forward on to himself a list of their Squads/Players for this coming season. He believes it shall be easier to create a new list than amend any current list that is available. He requires clubs to send players names and also indicate if any individual is under 18 years old as of the 31st September 2018. He does not need their age, a simple Under 18 next to name shall suffice. | All Clubs |
| 4. c | **Female and Disability Cricket** -  KN gave an update of current events. The Document is attached along with minutes. |  |
| 4**.** d | **Cricketstats System** - Brief discussion was held regarding the system. Committee to investigate who has current access to the system and arrange for relevant individuals whom need access to have such asap. CH, RB & James Lean were identified as obvious individuals.  It was brought up that some issues with the system arise from players not been placed on the system. A notice to all club shall be sent before the season starts requesting that if they utilise a new player, it would desirable if they could make the amendments Before playing a match, this should allow the opposing team to enter stats problem free. | All Clubs |
| 4. e | **Disciplinary Panel 2019** - Allan Duncan has advised that he is willing to continue to sit on the panel. Jim Lodge was approached and indicated he was willing to replace Mike Fox on the panel. No other individuals had been forthcoming or expressed an interest and both were accepted onto the panel for this season unanimously. MF said that although he had stood down this year he would still be willing to be co-opted onto the panel if and when needed. |  |
| **5.** | **Appointment of Patrons 2019**  A brief Discussion was held on the topic before it was agreed that further correspondence with Jerry Bishop was desirable before continuing. Gerry Cross was mentioned as a possible candidate to consider for Patronship. | TM |
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| **6.** | **Playing Conditions** |  |
| 6.a | **Fochabers Proposals -** MF talked the meeting through the pre circulated document from Fochabers. The meeting considered what was being proposed and decided that it was simply going to be too problematic to accommodate any change to registration criteria. The proposal was defeated by 10 - 1. It was also noted that there were in fact only 5 Reserve matches conceded last season, (3 by Fochabers) and a couple others which happened at the end of the season when the result would not have made any significant impact. It was felt that the reserve league, although not perfect was not in too bad a position. KF highlighted that if there is a real desire to play matches when under strength, a fixture can be conceded but the team in question could potentially still travel and have a friendly game under a more relaxed environment.  The proposal to reduce league matches from 40 over's to 35 over's was also defeated by 8 -2 with 1 abstention. |  |
| 6.b | A general discussion was held with regard to an informal enquiry from Euan Smith and underage players being allowed to compete in Nosca competitions. Issues were raised as how this may potentially impact upon the league's insurance and an umpires own personal insurance. It was highlighted that the 2 individuals concerned were involved with regional squads and were thought of highly. At the time of the meeting only two of the executive in attendance were aware of the ongoing situation and as no formal proposal or request had been submitted the position was that the status quo remains. |  |
| 6.c | **Skye & Lochalsh Proposal** - KF highlighted that this was raised at the AGM but to the best of his knowledge no formal proposal had been submitted. No one else in attendance was aware of one being circulated apart from it being touched upon at the AGM, and it was agreed to move on and follow up. | KF |
| 6.d | **Senior/Reserve League Fixtures -** Due to James Lean sending apologies, not much advance was made on this subject at the meeting. RB did advise that he had begun work on the Reserve fixtures and would liaise with James to ensure completion and report back at the next meeting. MF offered to help RB with any issues he had. |  |
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| 7. | **MCC & Representative Games**  MCC vs Nosca XI shall be held at Gordonstoun School on Monday 6th May.  TM to approach Dave Walton to see if he still wished to take the role of organising and Captaining the team.  Matches versus Aberdeen Grades and the SPCU shall be explored once the fixture list has been completed.  Huntly have offered the use of their ground for hosting either of the fixtures if needed. | TM |
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| 8. | **HANDBOOK -** Jerry Bishop had previously advised that he was willing to continue producing the season's Handbook. This was accepted unanimously and the meeting agreed to make sure we provide Jerry with all the necessary information. GC informed us of his intention to be in touch with all on the umpire list from 2018 and collate a more accurate list for the season ahead. |  |
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| **9.** | **MCA Junior Cricket Report** |  |
|  | Allan Duncan had produced a report which was circulated pre-meeting. The Report is attached along with these minutes. |  |
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| **10.** | **Cricket Scotland Update** |  |
|  | Jerry Bishop had advised the new committee that he was willing to continue being Nosca's representative if it wished him to do so. All present agreed Nosca should take up this offer and a vote was unanimous. |  |
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| **11** | **AOCB** |  |
| 11.a | SL extended his congratulations, as did the meeting to Adrian Neill and his Mum, Kim Neill on his recent call up and Man of the Match performance for Scotland in their matches with Oman. |  |
| 11.b | PS raised the current situation with Moray Council and concerns over the removal of Active Schools Co-Ordinators. He suggested that Nosca write a letter to the council explaining the benefit Nosca see from these roles and the potential impact it may have. MF advised that Malcom Cannon from CS had also wrote to Moray Council with regard to the matter. TM is to write a letter. | TM |
| 11.c | GC advised that he has paid the insurance for this year, £527, a very slight raise from 2018.  He is aware that it may be difficult at present with the fixtures still being produced, but, requests that clubs contact him by mid-March at the latest with orders for match balls this season.  He also advised/reminded all clubs that properly completed team sheets ("Not on the back of a Tissue")must be handed in this season.  He shall also be drafting a proposal for the next meeting that for the coming season, a free hit shall be awarded for any No-Ball in competitions. This shall bring Nosca in line with most other leagues.  14th April - ESCOA Umpiring course in Forfar. Shared transport with himself may be possible if desired, get in touch for further information.  GC shall be solely responsible for umpire appointments within Nosca from the start of this season.  There has been a change to Law 41, He shall provide further information to clubs on this and It shall be changed in the handbook for this season.  ESCOA have increased their subscriptions for this year, from £5 to £20. This is to help with the set up of a new system called WTU (Who's The Umpire). It is envisaged that this shall be off real benefit and help greatly with the organisation of umpiring appointments and training. GC proposed that for this year Nosca cover the costs for individuals umpiring within Nosca who are liable for this charge. Quite a few are exempt from the fee as it has been included in recent courses as part of the package. The meeting agreed that Nosca shall pay the necessary money to cover the costs for individuals. | All Clubs  All Clubs  GC  GC, (JB) |
| 11.d | KN referred back to her Female and Disability Report, She asked if there would be any money available to help cover any costs for her Female representative role. It was agreed that in light of both the MCA & HCDG receiving money, £200 be made available to Kim to help her carry out her duties. She shall be in contact with GC over the course of the year when needed. |  |
| 11.e | KF mentioned he had received an email from Munro Ross earlier in the day with some questions regarding umpiring within Nosca and ESCOA. All of his questions have been covered at some point during the evening and shall be relayed back to Munro in a letter addressing his questions/Concerns. | KF |
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| **12.** | **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
|  | Tuesday 5th March 6.45pm at Nairn Community Centre. |  |
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