**Draft minutes from NoSCA meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at Nairn Community Centre.**

Present: T MacAbhuinn - Chair, (TM), L MacAbhuinn (LM), K Neill (KN), G Chappell (GC), J Lodge (JL), K Fraser (KF), P Short (PS), R Belli (RB), M Bronkhorst (MB), E Smith (ES), J Lean (JLN), J Bishop (JB), A Green (AG)

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies** |  |
|  | Received from Allan Duncan, Mike Fox, Stewart Lackie, & Callum Howard |  |
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| **2.** | **Minutes of last meeting, 19th February 2019.** |  |
|  | The circulated draft minutes were adopted. |  |
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| **3.** | **Matters Arising** |  |
| 3.a  b.  c.  d. | **Gordonstoun** - TM - No further progress received from Gordonstoun over the issue of MCC Billing. Ryan Denyar has been difficult to contact and some emails have been sent but still awaiting reply. TM has been advised at an earlier stage, the billing is likely an error on their part.  **CSDO**  - KF arranged for Ian Shaw from CS to address the meeting via Skype to save him a 6 hour roundtrip travelling. Ian reassured the meeting and provided information concerning the new CSDO role which shall be focusing on the Highland region. He reaffirmed that this is not a direct replacement for Neil Cameron and that Alex Green was the successful candidate who has now begun his position. CS had managed to find a further £1000 to up the hours of the role and ES informed the meeting that it is his intention to propose to the HCDG that the £1000 they received from Nosca should go to match the further money sourced by CS. It was highlighted that some tweeks had been made to the role and there was more direct coaching involved than the original job description. GC confirmed that at present there shall be no more contributions from Nosca.  **Cricketstats System** - The Committee have received all the relevant documentation that goes along with the system and shall change any passwords required for good housekeeping. JB explained that all fixtures can be bulk uploaded to the system and to contact Peter Kingsbury when ready to finalise.  **Patrons**  - JB informed the meeting that Gordon Sherrifs has become unwell and is to be removed from the Patrons list. Gerry Cross and Duncan Davidson are to be contacted and advised that Nosca wish to place them on the list. An approach and explanation why shall be done, with emphasis that we are not asking them for money, any donations received would be entirely voluntarily. The value of their continued support and involvement is deemed more valuable for Nosca. | TM  Committee  TM, KF |
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| **4.** | **New Proposals** |  |
| 4.a | **HCDG Proposal -**The meeting heard from ES, who gave an overview of the case he has produced for allowing two individuals (juniors) to participate in Reserve cricket competitions this season. ES had a conversation with Tony Marks from the ECB insurers (Kerry London), and his opinion appeared that there was no issue from an Insurance perspective. ES believed that all the necessary criteria had been met and Nosca should allow the two individuals to participate. At this stage there is little more that ES can do with regard to providing any more information or evidence to support his proposal.  TM has also spoken with the same safeguarding officer from the insurers and received a reply similar to that of Euan's. TM has although yet to receive the written clarification from some further questions. The discussion was opened to the room.  GC stated he was still uneasy with the situation and would continue to seek clarification from the relevant parties with regard to the position of umpires.  JB reiterated the Nosca adoption of ECB Guidelines and suggested it was only one of the individuals in question who needed to be focused on as the other did meet the criteria required, this was accepted as accurate.  LM advised the meeting that along with Neil Nicol and Alex Green giving their support to the individual, Allan Duncan also believed that he should be allowed to participate. He also went on to inform the meeting that both Elgin and Huntly had not adhered to the guidelines in the past, although there is some confusion as to regard the role the MCA plays in this.  AG reemphasised his endorsement for Shannon Thorp, and said that having coached him for nearly three years, he believes that there are less able adults participating in reserve cricket currently.  PS spoke and sought some closure on the issue. He reiterated that as often is the case with any guidelines, they are very subjective. He also highlighted that concerns over umpires, as important as they are, are potentially a distraction in this matter as the reserve competitions almost never receive any appointed umpires. He went on to propose that Shannon Thorp should be eligible to play reserve cup competitions, subject to the ECB not reporting back with a compelling objection. If indeed any objection is received from the ECB, Nosca would have to revisit the issue and discuss again.  JB advised that on the basis of PS proposal he would support an exception for ST, in respect of reserve cup competitions, with the playing conditions being left the way they are.  The meeting voted on PS proposal whilst also taken into account the other surrounding issues; the motion was carried 5-4. | TM  GC  Committee |
| 4.b | **Skye & Lochalsh Proposals** - KF informed the meeting that despite numerous attempts to contact them with regard to the proposal he has had no contact back. PS also said they have been unsuccessful in contacting anyone from the club. | KF |
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| 5 | **Playing Conditions** |  |
|  | **Senior Fixtures** - JLN advised the meeting that the draft fixtures had been accepted by clubs, although Forres had made a request for a change. Due to the problems this would create trying to accommodate the request, it was agreed that it was not feasible.  A brief discussion was also held regarding a query over the fixture scheduling and clubs free weekends. Due to the odd number of teams this year, each club shall have two free weekends and these are not 'Byes', there is no fixture scheduled to be in receipt of any Bye.  **Reserve Fixtures** - RB said all fixtures are now almost complete, a ;little work was still required on the Reserve Cup Competitions, but they should be ready to circulate in the coming days.  JB made reference to a previously circulated document proposing that this season any fixture lost to the weather should NOT be replayed. KF questioned how this would affect the existing criteria around percentage of matches needed to be played and individual awards at the end of season. It was agreed to move the proposal to a vote and the motion was carried subject to new criteria being adopted and endorsed.  GC believes a stricter emphasis must be placed upon team sheets being exchanged and properly completed prior to matches. JB proposed that the relevant playing condition be looked at and amended;  10) In all competitions a written team sheet must be exchanged with the Umpires before the toss is made (in the absence of at least one Appointed Umpire team sheets will be exchanged between the team captains). Failure to submit a team sheet will be reported to the NoSCA Secretary for possible sanctions by the Disciplinary Committee.    JB Proposed that the word 'possible' be removed. The motion was carried and the necessary amendment shall be made.  GC Stated his desire that Nosca accept Law 41 in full, the motion was carried and relevant documents shall be updated.  RB raised the issue surrounding Mobile Phones on the field of play or which could be utilised to affect a match in some way. A letter shall be sent to all clubs reminding them of the guidelines and potential punishments surrounding this matter.  JLN asked for thoughts on this year's Senior T20 Competition. It was agreed it was best to keep the format regionalised for simplicity. | RB  Committee  JB, LM  LM  KF |
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| **6.** | **MCC - Representative Games** |  |
| a.  b. | **Nosca XI vs MCC** date confirmed for Monday 6th May. Dave Walton has also indicated that he is happy to remain as captain and to organise the team for the day.  JB advised he shall pass on the contact details for Paul Gray, the SPCU Contact. KF to ask Dave Walton if he is also happy to organise any further fixtures that are managed to be arranged this year, potentially versus Aberdeen Grades and SPCU.  KF had circulated a proposal for discussion suggesting that Nosca recognise individuals who regularly make themselves available for the annual MCC match. Perhaps a commemorative medal or cap etc.. can be passed onto these individuals. The proposal was carried and KF shall report back to committee with ideas and costs. | KF  KF |
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| 7. | **Cup and T20 Competition Sponsorship** |  |
|  | GC highlighted that currently neither Senior nor Reserve cup competitions have any sponsor in place. The cost for sponsorship would be £250 for all Nosca Cup Competitions. | All Clubs |
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| **8.** | **Handbook & Advertisements 2019** |  |
|  | JB asked for all Club Contacts to be forwarded onto himself. KF shall chase up clubs and do this in the next few days. JB also notified the meeting that he had received confirmation from four of the advertisers in the handbook that they were willing to continue and a further two more were to be sourced to cover the costs of the handbook. He hoped to have the draft edition completed for the end of March. | KF |
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| **9.** | **Junior Cricket & Female/Disability Report** |  |
|  | KN informed the meeting that she was in the process of applying for funding for Table Cricket Sets. These cost £220 for a set and are quite large, creating difficulty for her transporting them around centres.  She also made clubs aware to potential difficulties with PVG registration. She has experienced recently, problems with her own clearances and that it is not meeting the necessary criteria with some groups when delivering more than 4 sessions of a programme. She has experienced issues with HiLife Highland and made clubs aware. Contact with Kim Paterson from Moray Council may be beneficial for clubs with concern.  JL mentioned that the Tesco Blue Coins Scheme can be a good funding avenue for clubs, Huntly have been the recipient of £4000 from the scheme in the past. |  |
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| **10.** | **Cricket Scotland Update** |  |
|  | JB referred to a prepared document (attached)  He also made the meeting aware of a new working party for discipline issues that was being created. Nosca has been asked to source a nominee for the role and it was proposed the GC carry out the duty on behalf of Nosca. GC accepted this role and all in attendance were happy. Once more information has been gained GC to report back. |  |
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| **11.** | **AOCB** |  |
|  | GC gave the meeting an update on umpires for this season. Neil Cameron, John Fiddes and Norman Dabell have indicated they are no longer available to carry out umpiring duties. Thanks were expressed for their efforts in the past. Tony Farr shall also not be available for appointments as are both Ronnie Taylor and Connor MacAbhuinn, all three shall be removed from the umpiring list. Both Colin Lavin and Mike Baker shall be added for this year.  GC had arranged with the help of Steve Scott to provide an umpiring course for playing umpires. It was agreed this shall take place at Nairn Pavilion on Friday 19th April and shall be free. It shall last around 2 hours and around 10 individuals are needed to run the course. GC shall contact all clubs and encourage them to make use of the course.  AG made the meeting aware that Nairn are hosting a charity match to raise funds for the Torridon Mountain Rescue Team. It shall be held on the 21st April and if possible clubs are asked to make members aware and any actionable items that could be sourced would be very much appreciated. | GC |
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| **12.** | **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
|  | **Tuesday 2nd April 6.45pm at Nairn Cricket Pavilion** |  |
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