

***North of Scotland Cricket Association***  
***Annual General Meeting***

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Location:** Virtual meeting

**Chair:** Nigel Gerrard (NG)

**Present:** R Belli (RB), C Farr (CF), Nicky Gerrard (NicG), C Blake (CB), M Fox (MF), J Lodge (JL), J Corsie (JC), J Ford (JF), A Duncan (AD), M Ross (MR), J Lean (JLean), A Ballantine (AB), A Botley (ABotley), R Paul (JP), M Bronkhurst (MB)

Item		Action
	<b>Welcome:</b> NG welcomed everybody.	
1	<b>Apologies:</b> K Neill, A Green	
2	<b>Minute of the AGM held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020:</b> The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: J Ford    Seconded: C Blake	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Letters of apology were sent out to those who had been incorrectly awarded trophies and those who had not received trophies in the 2019 season.</li> <li>b. The 2019 accounts were not approved at the last AGM. They will be presented to this AGM.</li> </ol>	
5	<b>President's Report</b>  Last year was a particularly challenging year for everyone, with little cricket being played. The committee spent the early part of the season working on various plans for some sort of organised cricket in the hope that the season could get under way. Unfortunately, this did not happen, although towards the end of the season some clubs were able to play a few friendlies.  A working group was formed to look at what the objectives of NoSCA should be. Hopefully the work started will continue and we can start to look at a development plan to grow cricket in our region.  With the resignation of Tina due to health grounds early in the year, I stepped into the Presidents role, and have appreciated all the support that has been given. Sadly, at the end of the year, Kim Neill also had to stand down for health reasons. I am sure everyone joins with me in thanking both for their contribution to cricket in the North of Scotland.  There is no doubt that the 2021 season is also going to be a challenge, but we should all be hopeful that it will be possible to play some form of competitive cricket. Although it looks unlikely that we will start in April, fingers crossed we will be able to start a little later. Cricket Scotland have a similar view. At the regional meeting I attended last week there were plans being discussed by the other associations to extend the season into September.  Attendance of the NoSCA meetings throughout the year has been good - a by-product perhaps of moving to virtual meetings- but also an indication that there is still a desire to play cricket and interest in getting the right things put in place. For	

	the coming year this will be even more important as we will all need to work together to help clubs, the league, and cricket to survive; without clubs there is no league and without players there will be no clubs.	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>2019 and 2020 account statements have been produced and circulated.</p> <p>It was asked if future grant awards could be shown separately to the actual accounts as this would make it clearer to understand. MR will investigate this for any future grants.</p> <p>The accounts for 2019 and 2020 were approved.</p> <p>It was agreed in principle to maintain the current subscription fee of £135 for affiliated clubs and £75 for non-affiliated clubs. However, it was noted and agreed that this amount could be adjusted on a pro rata basis, without the need for an EGM, if the season were cut short or if Cricket Scotland made any decision that may affect this. This decision was agreed unanimously, although Highland noted that their club will be struggling financially in the season ahead.</p>	MR
7	<p><b>Constitution Changes / Resolutions</b></p> <p>There was one proposal, which was to pay umpires in senior league matches. It was questioned whether this had to be by cash. A vote was taken, and the change was agreed by the majority. It may be possible for clubs to negotiate with individual umpires if they prefer to pay by bank transfer.</p>	
10	<p><b>Appointment of Office Bearers:</b></p> <p>N Gerrard thanked T MacAbhuinn and K Neill for their contribution to NoSCA over the previous year.</p> <p>President: Nigel Gerrard</p> <p>Vice-President: Chris Blake</p> <p>Secretary: Nicky Gerrard</p> <p>Treasurer: Munro Ross</p> <p>Senior Match Secretary: James Lean</p> <p>Reserve Match Secretary: Renato Belli</p> <p>Media Officer: Vacant</p> <p>Women &amp; Girls Liaison Officer: Vacant - It was agreed to speak to Kim Neill to find out what is involved in this role, as it is important to NoSCA to support and address the development of cricket for all.</p>	NG
10	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buckie asked about 2021 fixtures. J Lean responded to say that he will initially plan for multiple lengths of season, starting with a full season and reducing accordingly if necessary.</li> <li>• All clubs to forward details of the following representatives from their club to the NoSCA Secretary: 1<sup>st</sup> team captain, reserve team captain, secretary, junior contact, and child protection officer when these have been agreed.</li> <li>• All requests for the transfer of players between clubs must be sent to the Secretary.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was asked if Fort William would be re-joining the league in 2021. No information to this effect has been received.</li> <li>• It was asked if the equipment purchased for the cricket for all programme, using the awards for all grant, is available for clubs to use. M Bronkhurst will check what equipment is available and its whereabouts.</li> <li>• It was noted that whatever the season ahead holds, there will be restrictions in place that all clubs will need to adhere to, and that clubs should help and support each other.</li> </ul>	MB
	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> N Gerrard thanked all for their attendance.	
12	<b>Date of next AGM</b> The next AGM will be held on Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.	