

***North of Scotland Cricket Association***  
***Minute of Meeting***

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
**Location:** Virtual meeting  
**Chair:** Nigel Gerrard  
**Present:** C Farr, J Lean, A Duncan, R Belli, C Blake, N Gerrard, M Fox, M Ross

Item		Action
	<b>Welcome:</b> Chris chaired the meeting and welcomed everybody	
1	<b>Apologies:</b> M Bronkhorst, A Ballantine, J Lodge	
2	<b>Minute of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021:</b> The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: R Belli    Seconded: M Fox	
3	<b>Matters Arising</b> a. None that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.	
4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> a. No changes to the previous month report.	
5	<b>Equality Action Plan</b> Most of us will be aware of the racism accusations within cricket throughout the UK, and these include accusations against Cricket Scotland. There are a lot of people calling for something to be done, and it is hoped that following any action decided, a representative from Cricket Scotland will meet with us as a regional body and roll out what is expected of clubs.  Some issues were discussed, such as the fact that if a player is banned by any association, they should be banned from any cricket activity in Scotland.  This can only be achieved through the sharing of information, which is currently missing.  Chris will keep abreast of any developments, although he did feel that we are already quite a diverse league and perhaps not as unhealthy as some of the other associations.  <b>Update from Cricket Scotland on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:</b> "Cricket Scotland welcomes today's statement from sportscotland in relation to the appointment of a team of independent experts to carry out a full review of racism in Scottish cricket. Cricket Scotland is committed to engaging fully in the review process and to acting upon the recommendations which come out of it."	CB
6	<b>Survey Results</b> There was a good response to the survey from clubs and individuals. Chris discussed a few of the trends that came out of the responses.  Senior League – Earlier start (12noon), move towards 40 overs  Start and end dates of the season were ok	

	<p>Reserve League – earlier start (12noon), move towards regionalisation</p> <p>Start and end dates of the season were ok.</p> <p>For both leagues there was no real appetite for a 100 competition.</p> <p>There were a couple of mentions of sexist behaviour.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would put 2 proposals to the AGM as a response to the survey; the 12noon start and the reduction of the senior league to 40 overs.</p> <p>There is already a proposal in to change senior league matches to Sunday and reserve league matches to Saturday.</p> <p>Some of the other items mentioned would be tweaks to the playing conditions and these can be addressed at our monthly meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that NoSCA needs to work on a development plan, and this should be supported by Cricket Scotland. However, Cricket Scotland are already dealing with a number of their own issues so we will have to keep pushing them.</p> <p>It also looks like Alex Green will not be replaced. Tony McKenna’s contract has been extended but obviously now covers a very large area, which is disappointing for our region.</p>	CB
7	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>The AGM will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2.00pm. It will be held at Elgin City Football Club and will incorporate the trophy presentation.</p> <p>Tony McKenna will be invited, and Cricket Scotland will be informed so that they have the opportunity to attend if they wish.</p>	NicG
8	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nigel will contact Rick Wimble to organise engraving of the trophies.</li> <li>b. Nigel was contacted by a Kenny McCurdie, ex Aberdeenshire CC groundsman, on behalf of an English artificial pitch installer looking for a contractor to do the basic pitch preparation for a proposed instal in Dornoch. As Northern Counties recently installed an artificial, Nigel passed on James Lean’s details as someone who might be able to help.</li> <li>c. Lifetime achievement award – please bring any nominations for this award to the next meeting.</li> <li>d. Nigel will start to formalise a nominations form for next year’s awards so that the process is more organised / fair / professional.</li> </ol>	<p>NG</p> <p>All</p> <p>NG</p>
9	<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b></p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	