

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 26th July 2022
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: Nigel Gerrard
Present: J Lean, C Blake, N Gerrard, M Ross, J Lodge, K O'Meara, A Duncan, J Corsie, J Bentall, C Farr, M Fox

Item		Action
	Welcome: Nigel welcomed all to the meeting. Jerry from Skye & Lochalsh was introduced to those who hadn't met him before.	
1	Apologies: R Belli, Nairn CC, Highland CC	
2	Minute of meeting held on 28th June 2022: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: A Duncan Seconded: J Lean	
3	Matters Arising a. The Plan4sport report has been released. To be discussed at item 5.	
4	<p>Reserve League</p> <p>Nigel reported that he and Chris had spoken to representatives from Buckie CC and Nigel has also spoken to Highland CC since the last meeting. Chris apologised to the group for losing his temper at the last meeting. He reiterated that the current situation within the Reserve League is unsustainable as there are 2 strong teams and other clubs who are using the team to develop juniors and / or allow senior (less competitive) players the opportunity to play. Some of these clubs may be unwilling to play the stronger teams in future seasons. Chris suggested a number of options that could be considered, some of which are below. He will send out a full list of his ideas to clubs for their consideration and asks clubs to share their thoughts.</p> <p>Softer options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reintroducing LPL • Fluid LPL • LPL that is not linked to stats • Retirement at a fixed number of runs in Cup and / or League games • Cease bowling at a fixed number of wickets in Cup and / or League games. • Invite Buckie and Highland back into the senior league and play some of their games on Sunday <p>Harder options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory promotion from the reserve league to the senior league • Mandatory junior participation <p>There is certainly lots to think about and discuss. Skye – have enjoyed some good games and would definitely like to remain in the Reserve Cup. They would like reassurance that the Cup will be included in any considerations.</p>	CB

	<p>Munro – keen for Buckie and Highland to be back in the Senior League Forres – don’t necessarily care <u>who</u> they play, just <u>how</u> the game is played.</p> <p>The general consensus would seem to be for clubs to be able to input their thoughts, possibly at a face-to-face meeting, then create a concrete proposal for the next AGM.</p>	
5	<p>Cricket Scotland Update</p> <p>The Plan4Sport report was released on Monday 25th July. It is felt that the report is worse than Cricket Scotland could have imagined, with them failing to meet 29 of the 31 indicators of institutional racism. On Sunday 24th July the entire Executive Board of Cricket Scotland resigned as they felt they would not be able to implement the recommendations in the allocated time.</p> <p>It is worth bearing in mind that Louise Tideswell did say “But I also want to add that, whilst the governance and leadership practices of the organisation have been institutionally racist, the same should not be said for cricket in Scotland. There are many outstanding clubs and individuals delivering local programmes which truly engage with diverse communities”.</p> <p>The report was commissioned by SportScotland who will now be taking the lead on the recommendations.</p> <p>The interim CEO will need to try and recruit the positions requested in the report, ie HR Manager, Anti-racism and EDI Manager, Communications Manager, and Discipline Manager.</p> <p>It has been recognised that there is a lack of training on all issues related to EDI including training, governance, policies and procedures, accountability, strategies, and initiatives.</p> <p>It was agreed that NoSCA would release a statement in response to the report. We will be proactive in looking at policies that may be in place at other Associations and also reviewing our own policies and procedures, as well as getting together some information / guidance for clubs to disseminate to their members.</p> <p>It should be noted that NoSCA had been looking to CS to provide guidance and have been bringing things into line eg Disciplinary Procedure.</p>	NG
6	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>There have been no variations since the last statement was circulated.</p>	
7	<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Reserve cup final will be held at Grant Park, Forres b. James Lean will be standing down as Fixtures Secretary at the next AGM. Nigel thanked him, not only for arranging fixtures, but also for the support that he gives the committee with everything. Obviously it is vital that a new fixtures secretary is appointed at the AGM. Therefore all clubs are asked to help find a replacement. c. Congratulations to Forres St Lawrence CC for winning the Senior T20 in a well-played final. 	All clubs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Forres agreed it was a good game and thanked Ross County for hosting it. e. The Senior cup final will be held at Fort Augustus. Kevin reminded teams that there is only one changing room available so it might be advisable to come dressed for the game. f. Fort Augustus have held some training sessions for youngsters, with girls and boys attending. They are hoping junior sessions will continue through the winter. 	
8	<p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	