

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 28th June 2022
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: Nigel Gerrard
Present: J Lean, R Belli, C Blake, N Gerrard, M Ross, A Ballantine, J Lodge, K O'Meara, A Duncan, J Paul, G Ravi, M Bronkhorst

Item		Action
	Welcome: Nigel welcomed all to the meeting.	
1	Apologies: C Farr, M Fox	
2	Minute of meeting held on 24th May 2022: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: J Lean Seconded: M Ross	
3	Matters Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nigel wrote a letter of thanks to the Head Teacher of Gordonstoun for hosting the MCC game. b. Plan4sport – awaiting a report which is due around 9th / 10th July. Nobody has heard back from Running out Racism, which can be seen as a positive. c. It was agreed that clubs are getting better at using NoSCA.live.com. It is very easy to input a match result. If anybody is struggling to put stats in it was reiterated that they can contact James or Chris to assist. Jim will drop Chris an email with a few issues that they are experiencing. d. The senior playing conditions have been updated with the agreed umpire fees, and CSMOA have been advised of our agreement. e. Munro confirmed that he had looked into the quality of this season's balls, and they are the same standard as ones we've had previously. It was confirmed that all balls from earlier seasons can be used for matches, even if they are marked with a previous sponsor. 	Jim
4	Cricket Scotland Update Cricket Scotland have launched a national anti-racism campaign called #CallitOut. Bat stickers will be sent to all five Scottish regional cricket associations, which we will distribute to clubs. NoSCA has also pledged their support to the campaign It is likely that the Plan4sport report will have recommendations on the structure of Cricket Scotland, the relationship between CS and Regional Associations, and strategies. As a consequence, Cricket Scotland have decided not to appoint a new CEO until the report is received. They will appoint a chair then start the CEO recruitment process again.	
5	Disciplinary Procedures All clubs were asked to vote whether to bring the NoSCA disciplinary process in line with the Cricket Scotland disciplinary process. The vote was agreed	

	unanimously. The NoSCA disciplinary process will be updated.	Nicky
6	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The latest Treasurer's report was circulated.</p> <p>Munro reminded clubs to use the sponsors name wherever possible.</p>	
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a. Munro is hoping to invite the sponsor to present a trophy. He will be advised of dates and locations when this information is available.</p> <p>b. It was asked whether catering should be provided at cup finals. It was agreed this would not be the case as NoSCA have already agreed that catering would not be provided at any matches.</p> <p>c. Nairn confirmed they are happy to host the reserve T20 final and encouraged other teams to host cup finals.</p> <p>d. Chris raised his concerns about the mismatch in some of the reserve league games, and what purpose it serves for a strong team to overwhelm a team that may be made up of juniors and older players. Chris then left the meeting. There followed a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the reserve league as it is, with a variety of considerations to be taken into account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was felt that games have been played in good spirit. • No rules have been broken by being competitive. • Young players may welcome the opportunity to bowl / bat against strong opposition, in order to learn. • Playing against Highland and Buckie may improve player's sense of achievement. • Although a high score may have been achieved by a player, this could have happened in any game where there are missed opportunities. • It would be preferable for Highland and Buckie to play senior cricket – can we make this happen for next season. • Focussing on juniors shouldn't necessarily take priority over everything else. <p>This will be further discussed by the Executive, however in the meantime clubs are asked to continue to consider the ability and experience of the opposition and the overall position of the game.</p> <p>e. The association wishes Northern Counties all the best in the quarter finals of the Cricket Scotland challenge cup.</p> <p>f. It was agreed that the first game of the T20 finals will be Highland v Buckie.</p> <p>g. Fort Augustus raised concerns about the distances they are having to travel,</p>	

	and the costs involved.	
8	Date and time of the next meeting: Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 th July 2022 at 7.00pm.	