

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 6th September 2022
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: Nigel Gerrard
Present: J Lean, A Duncan, C Farr, R Giridhar, C Blake, R Belli, P Shepherd, M Ross, M Bronkhorst, J Lodge, J Bentall, T McKenna

Item		Action
	Welcome: Nigel welcomed all to the meeting.	
1	Apologies: M Fox, Nicky Gerrard	
2	Minute of meeting held on 26th July 2022: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: M Ross Seconded: A Duncan	
3	Matters Arising a. CB shared Reserve League ideas with clubs. To be discussed at item 7. b. Nicky G. prepared NoSCA Statement/position on Racism in Cricket and posted on the website.	
4	Cricket Scotland Update Correspondence that Chris has been receiving has all but dried up. Things have been very quiet. Recap that the Plan4Sport report landed and resulted in the Executive board (those responsible for decisions) resigning on mass along with the President and the Chairman; the report was so damning and critical of the way cricket in Scotland was administrated that the Board felt they were unable to implement the recommendations within the time scale given within the report. Since then, CB has had one email from Gordon Arthur (the interim Chief Executive Officer) stating that the positions for President and 2 non-executive directors have been advertised and the recruitment process is underway. Once they are in place, they can start looking at a CEO and filling the rest of the positions. CB represents NoSCA on the council along with other representatives from the other associations. Only other contact has been an email from George Burns (administrator for the the NoSCALive Scoring system) requesting feedback on the system with a view to improvements and changes for 2023. This will be picked up in item 6. NG hasn't received anything from CS and was wondering who is running CS. CB said they are down to the bare bones – the employees are there, and he believes that the likes of Paul Macari etc. are running around making sure that things like the international matches are happening as planned, but no decisions are being made because there is no one to make them. CS Cricket Development	

If there is anything that the NoSCA clubs want from TM then let him know. TM is hoping to have more time to assist clubs over the winter.

ICC foundation Level 1 course details and dates (13th and 27th November) to be held at the Moray Sports Centre in Elgin have been sent to clubs

On the 26th November and 10th December another ICC foundation Level 1 course at Culloden Academy is being run by CS along with Highlife, bringing in a little bit of a disability cricket aspect. To be confirmed with CS Development Coach Education Manager. This information should be going out in the next couple of days.

CS has changed from ECB accreditation to ICC accreditation. Content is slightly different, but awards are weighted the same. Subsidies are different – the full amount should be paid (£150); once completed CS should reimburse you 40% of the cost. ICC level 2 would be 60% subsidy. Questions can be emailed to TM.

TM is wanting to get feelings around Women and Girls cricket and do we see an area for that within NoSCA. Something to have a chat about for the next meeting perhaps.

NG responded that NoSCA currently doesn't differentiate between Women/Girls/Mens/Boys cricket – participation is open to all but we may be missing out on growing the game for Women and Girls because we don't target them separately.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to fill the Women & Girls Liaison post on the executive committee for several years now. We should consider changing this post to something like a Diversity/Participation role.

Get in contact with TM or Rosie Ryan at CS if there is any information required around W/G participation.

Finally, if there are any Juniors at the clubs who are at a level to play at under 15 or under 17 Caley Highlands hardball and you would like to put them forward for trials at the end of October beginning November then again contact TM.

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Treasurer's Report

The statement circulated with the minutes contains all the known expenses and MR doesn't expect there to be any changes between now and our financial year end of the 31st October.

Helped by sponsorship income we have a surplus for the year, hence he will be recommending no increase on club fees for 2023.at the next AGM. MR also asked the question whether some of the surplus could be used next year for developing juniors etc.

NG agreed that it is something that we could look at and falls in line with things we need to look at for the future of NoSCA.

CF asked other than Umpire expenses, what else was covered under the Cup Finals umpiring and expenses on the report.

MR responded that there were expenses incurred by Fort Augustus including refreshment expenses. NG iterated that this is normal.

MR also confirmed that the expenses listed were inclusive of all cup

	competitions e.g., Senior & Reserve Cup and T20.							
6	<p>2022 Season</p> <p>NG congratulated Northern Counties for winning the Senior League and Highland for the Reserve League and Reserve Cup.</p> <p>The roll of honour for 2022 being:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Senior League – Northern Counties</td> <td>Reserve League - Highland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Cup - Ross County</td> <td>Reserve Cup - Highland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior T20 – Forres St. Lawrence</td> <td>Reserve T20 – Buckie</td> </tr> </table> <p>CB - NoSCA live Senior Statistics is up to date but doesn't show the number of overs a bowler has bowled. CB will download a spreadsheet for the various tournaments and will forward them.</p> <p>RB has concerns for the Reserve data as not all teams have been entering data. He will get back to those clubs that still need to add data to system.</p> <p>Clubs are encouraged to enter the data as soon as they can. If there is issue with data input, then give CB a shout.</p> <p>There are issues and glitches that are known with the system that George Burns is aware of such as not being able to enter opposition elevens unless games are live and CB would be surprised if this isn't rectified for next season. Other things include not being able to select a wicket keeper and overs not showing in the statistics. There is a huge difference between the app and the website.</p> <p>George Burns has asked for feedback for the 19th September. Any feedback should be sent to CB so that he can forward it to George.</p> <p>Other Feedback on NoSCA season:</p> <p>CB thought season had a good symmetry about it with Senior clubs playing each other twice but one thing that needs to be addressed is a gap in the senior playing conditions regarding games that have been lost to rain needing to be played; it doesn't say that matches need to be played or when they need to be played and what happens to home advantage in the case of a ground not being available. CB will look to put together a proposal ahead of the next meeting to close that gap.</p> <p>RB said in the Reserve League there were a disappointing number of games not played/conceded as due to clubs being unable to raise a team (especially at the beginning of the season).</p> <p>AD asked for Umpire payment ratification as not all Umpires accepted being paid by bank transfer. NG feels we should move to paying the Umpires through 'WhosTheUmpire' or CSMOA.</p> <p>The SPCU pay up front and at end of season get any rebate (JLod).</p> <p>Also there was a question around why some games got two Umpires whilst others none on the same day.</p>	Senior League – Northern Counties	Reserve League - Highland	Senior Cup - Ross County	Reserve Cup - Highland	Senior T20 – Forres St. Lawrence	Reserve T20 – Buckie	<p>CB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>All</p> <p>CB</p>
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7	Reserve League							

	<p>Chris received 3 or 4 emails regarding what was sent out about his thoughts on the reserve league. The responses were so wide ranging that he couldn't form a consensus or a solution that would keep everyone happy.</p> <p>Nigel saw some of those responses and thought that perhaps it was taken a bit out of context on what the suggestions were trying to achieve. The idea was not to put people off playing but find a way conducive to giving players a chance to develop.</p> <p>With Highland intending to enter a team into the senior league next year that would solve a lot of the problems but doesn't resolve all the issues.</p> <p>RG confirmed that Highland are hoping to field a senior team next season but a decision would have to be made at their own AGM before committing.</p> <p>Chris said he was moving more towards CF's attitude in 'its more how the game is played rather than changing the rules to make the game be played in a certain way'.</p>	
7	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Awards for 2022 - If the stats are in then we should be able to add discussions around nominated awards to the next meeting. Nomination forms will be sent out and should be returned in time for the meeting where they can be voted on. b. NoSCA Dinner/Awards – may be short notice. A vote was taken to see if a Dinner should be arranged. The consensus was that it sounded a good idea. CB suggested that if the time frame was an issue maybe there was some scope to make the awards like last year at the AGM but make it an AGM plus with a Buffet, drinks, something like an informal get together afterwards. If people don't want to attend the AGM but the gathering afterwards then that would be fine. E.g., 2pm AGM, 4pm Buffet. NG to talk to NickyG c. Match balls – general opinion was that the balls this season had been poor. MR will pick this up with Readers. d. CF NoSCA executive didn't do a very good job of putting forward our sponsors this year. Nothing on Website about the competitions or the facebook page. It was left to the clubs that took part in the competitions to put the sponsors name out there –but the league has a responsibility too. MR agreed. Nigel agreed. One issue that NoSCA has had is that there hasn't been an encumbrment in the Press & Publicity role for several seasons. MR will approach Jack Nickson who writes a piece on the Aberdeen Grades to see if he can suggest someone locally who might look at doing something similar for NoSCA. e. Laws of Cricket Change on the 1st October 2022. MR will contact CSMOA to find out what those changes are and will arrange for that information and facilitate sessions to share with the clubs. f. NoSCA Future – Nigel will set a time frame for clubs to provide their thoughts and ideas on how cricket in NoSCA can be improved and developed. This would lead to a face-to-face meeting between clubs and a 	<p>NG</p> <p>NG/ NickyG</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>NG</p>

	<p>proper discussion. Any recommendations would then be fed into the AGM for approval etc.</p> <p>g. JL reminded everyone that if there are proposals for the AGM that they should be put in early so that the Executive can ratify and correct wording before submission.</p>	
8	<p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.00pm.</p>	