

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

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
**Location:** Virtual meeting  
**Chair:** Nigel Gerrard  
**Present:** J Lean, A Duncan, C Blake, R Belli, M Ross, M Davies, Nicky Gerrard, J Corsie, Mike Fox, P Shepherd, T McKenna, C Farr, J Bentall, R Dhanaraj

| Item |   | Action                 |
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|      | <b>Welcome:</b> Nigel welcomed all to the meeting.  |                        |
| 1    | <b>Apologies:</b> A Ballantyne, K O'Meara, J Lodge, D Diracles  |                        |
| 2    | <b>Minute of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022:</b><br>The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.<br>Proposed: M Ross    Seconded: M Davies  |                        |
| 3    | <b>Matters Arising</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The new chairman of Cricket Scotland and a representative from The Highland Club have been invited to the AGM. No response as yet.</li> <li>b. It was agreed to purchase a paper copy of the most recent Laws of Cricket (2022) for every club. This will be funded by NoSCA.</li> <li>c. Andy Ballantyne had submitted some ideas for the Reserve League. They will be shared prior to the next meeting and will be high on the agenda.</li> <li>d. It was clarified that Jack Nixon is a freelance journalist who writes for the Press and Journal.</li> </ol> | CB                     |
| 4    | <b>Cricket Scotland Update</b><br>Scotland Men's head coach, Shane Burger, will leave his position at the end of February to move to a new role coaching at Somerset County CC.<br>There have also been some reductions in budgets.<br>Other than that it has been very quiet.  |                        |
| 5    | <b>Treasurer's Report</b><br>No change to last month's account statement.<br>Unfortunately, Macleod & Maccallum have informed M Ross that they will not be in a position to offer their sponsorship of £500 for the cup competitions this season.   |                        |
| 6    | <b>AGM Details</b><br>The AGM has been booked to take place in the upstairs social room at Elgin City FC on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. The AGM will be followed by the presentation of trophies, a few drinks, and a buffet.<br>It was agreed that £25 a head was too expensive to pay for a buffet. More options to be looked at.<br>Trophy winners will be invited, and all clubs are asked to encourage trophy winners to attend.<br>Resolutions to be considered at the AGM will be sent out this week.  | NG<br><br>NG<br><br>NG |

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| 7 | <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. With effect 2023 all sports pitches / pavilions / grounds etc will receive a non-domestic rating revaluation from the relevant Assessor, with a view to paying rates for the facility. NoSCA clubs have various arrangements / agreements with regard to their pavilions and grounds. No clubs have, as yet, received an invoice. M Ross reassured clubs that if they do receive an invoice, they should be entitled to a % relief payment, which will be explained in their invoice. Clubs are asked to share all communication in order for us to support each other.</li> <li>b. An application for a grant of £450 from MCA had been circulated prior to the meeting. The grant was unanimously approved. M Ross will liaise with Neil Nicol to organise payment. Clubs were reminded that a grant application form must be completed for all requests.</li> <li>c. Tony reminded all clubs of the coaching course to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February. 6 – 8 people are needed for this course to go ahead. All clubs are asked to encourage their coaches to attend.</li> <li>d. Juniors who have had 2 years hard ball experience are encouraged to push to join the performance pathway.</li> <li>e. Tony stressed the importance of all those involved in coaching to be PVG'd.</li> <li>f. Chance to Shine is a charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. A funder has enabled the charity to offer street cricket and school engagement opportunities in Inverness. Inverness clubs should hear more about this soon.</li> <li>g. It was confirmed that J Lean had made it clear that he would not be standing for re-election as Senior Fixtures Secretary, unless there is absolutely nobody else willing to take on the role.</li> <li>h. It was confirmed that Dornoch CC have requested to join NoSCA and this will be presented at the AGM.</li> <li>i. Carolyn raised the fact that last season there were some weeks where no umpires were available for games. It was agreed that the next senior fixtures secretary should work closely with the umpire association to try and reduce the times this happens.</li> <li>j. Peter informed the group that Fort Augustus had lost a few players for this season and wondered if any further thought had been put into a player pool. There has been no real headway with this, however it may still be a consideration in the future.</li> <li>k. James reminded all clubs of the importance of sending through their ground availability as early as possible after the AGM.</li> <li>l. Mike Fox asked what other clubs were paying for their insurance. Responses ranged from £200 a year to £640. Fochabers CC are currently paying £1400 and will therefore look to find an alternative provider. Chris advised that Ross County use Zurich Insurance.</li> <li>m. It was made clear that the fixtures secretaries will need to know what league and competitions teams will be entering as soon as possible after AGM.</li> </ol> | MR |
| 8 | <p><b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b></p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm.</p>   |    |

