

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 14th November 2023

Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: C Blake

Present: N Gerrard, M Fox, C Farr, R Belli, M Davies, T McKenna, A Duncan, J Lodge, J Bentall, G Ravi, M Latimer, K O'Meara, M Ross

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies:</p> <p>Chris welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Minute of meeting held on 26th September 2023:</p> <p>The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed: M Davies Seconded: R Belli</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Nicky has informed clubs that she will not be continuing in her role as Secretary at the AGM. Chris thanked her for her work and asked clubs to help take responsibility to find a replacement, whether that be a player, or relative of a player or someone connected to a club. This is a vital role for the continuation of NoSCA.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Munro had consulted with CSMOA's Domestic Umpire Manager Neil Cauldwell about a ball hitting the base of a set of moveable stumps. He was advised that, in accordance with a rule from the ECN10, if the base of the stumps is hit, the laws around wicket down will take effect, ie if the wicket isn't put down (bails not dislodged) then treat exactly as if the ball had hit the stumps and not dislodged the bail ordinarily. It was agreed that this will be incorporated in our playing conditions for next year.</p> <p>Covering the cost of the coaching course has left NoSCA with a deficit of £900 for the year. The Treasurer may therefore propose an increase in fees at the AGM.</p> <p>There has been no response from Lucy Preston at Cricket Scotland about duplicate invoices being received.</p> <p>Allan has received and signed the cheques sent to him.</p>	
5	<p>NoSCA Trophies and AGM</p> <p>Nominations have been received from most clubs for the season awards, and the following were confirmed:</p> <p>Senior League Player – Shaun Thomas</p> <p>Development League Player – Michael Myron-Petrie</p> <p>Young Player of the Year – Shakoor Ahmedzai</p> <p>The exec will discuss the nominations for the Lifetime Achievement award.</p> <p>Mike Davies suggested perhaps a change in philosophy for the Development League awards next season.</p>	

	The AGM will be held on Sunday 4 th February.	
6.	<p>Player Registration</p> <p>Chris sent out a revised draft directive on Player Registration which tries to simplify and modernise the existing registration process. There is key use of the phrase “different club” as we do not want to penalise a club such as Huntly who have players who play in different leagues.</p> <p>We will look to adopt at the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Disciplinary Directive</p> <p>Chris has drafted a revision to the Disciplinary Directive in that the NoSCA Disciplinary Officer will process and determine the outcome of cases defined as Level 1 under the Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct, those cases defined as Level 2, 3 and or 4 will be processed by Cricket Scotland.</p> <p>There was concern that CS may be overwhelmed or not fit to undertake the work involved.</p> <p>It was agreed to carry the proposal but reserve the right to withdraw from that system if it’s not working. It will be voted on at the AGM.</p>	
8	<p>Level 1 coaching course</p> <p>Well done to all those who attended and Tony for organising.</p> <p>Jim asked if 3 players from Huntly could be funded to attend the Inverurie course, Andy Petrie, Emily Henderson and Lucy Milne. This was agreed.</p> <p>The player from Fort Augustus could only manage one day. Inverurie is fully booked so Tony will speak to Gordon Drummond to see what else can be done.</p>	AM
9	<p>Copyright Claim</p> <p>A word of caution to all clubs - Chris was contacted by a firm called PicRights representing Reuters, stating that we were to remove a photo and make payment for the use of a photo on our website. The photo was of Angus Fraser and was used by us to help promote sales of tickets for the 2015 dinner. We removed the photo immediately and Chris requested that they waive the fee as we are a voluntary, not for profit organisation with no funds.</p> <p>They reduced the fee from £111 to £70 and Chris paid it so will need to be reimbursed.</p>	
10	<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fochabers circulated some proposals that they will be presenting at the AGM so that they can be digested by clubs beforehand. There was plenty of mixed discussion around the proposals. b. Carolyn asked what NoSCA were going to do about the language used against Forres St Lawrence CC by members of Northern Counties CC. She was asked to ensure that any incidents were fed back post-match, rather than used as a defence if there is a disciplinary issue raised. c. Tony reported that there was to be an MCC foundation hub at Gordon School, Huntly for U14 boys, U16 boys and U16 girls. This will be open to all in the North of Scotland. d. Munro reported that CS are going to run an EDI course for CSMOA if there 	

	are enough numbers.	
11	Date and time of the next meeting: Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19 th December 2023 at 7.00pm.	