

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 26th June 2023
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: C Blake
Present: N Gerrard, M Fox, C Farr, J Lean, R Belli, J Bentall, M Davies, T McKenna, A Ballantyne, P Shepherd

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies:</p> <p>Chris welcomed all to the meeting and accepted apologies from A Duncan, M Ross, J Lodge</p>	
2	<p>Minute of meeting held on 23rd May 2023:</p> <p>The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: M Fox Seconded: R Belli</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising that are not covered by the agenda.</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The treasurer's report and comments were circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.</p>	
5	<p>Fixtures – Senior T20 Final, KO Cup Final, Development Fixtures</p> <p>The Senior T20 final and the KO Cup final are both between Forres St Lawrence and Northern Counties. The T20 final is to be played on 15th July and M Davies kindly offered the use of Nairn pitch / pavilion for the final. The KO cup final will be played on 12th August – venue tbc.</p> <p>The Development league is all in hand. There had been a small issue with the points on the scoring system, but James is aware of this and will fix it.</p> <p>M Davies made the point that 40 overs for the Development League seems like quite a lot for youngsters and those new to cricket. This is something that can be looked at and reviewed before our next AGM.</p> <p>Following on from this, C Farr made the point that the 12noon start doesn't seem to have resulted in an earlier finish to games. There was a general concern about time taken for drinks breaks, tea, and just a general slow pace to a game. Chris will liaise with Willie Ferguson from CSMOA and ask him to send something out to all umpires.</p>	<p>JLean</p> <p>JLean</p> <p>CB</p>
6	<p>Umpiring & Scoring System</p> <p>The following questions were asked of CSMOA.</p> <p>Are clubs billed if a match is abandoned? YES</p> <p>Is the rate of 1.5 for a single umpire set in stone? YES</p> <p>What are the terms if a club defaults on a payment? The Association would be asked to intervene.</p>	

	<p>The playing condition 3.1 will need to be updated to reflect this.</p> <p>The scoring system seems to be ok now. Fochabers and Fort Augustus are both struggling to input their results. Chris will organise a tutorial so that members of those clubs can be reminded of the process.</p>	CB
7	<p>Disciplinary Directive</p> <p>It would appear that Cricket Scotland wasn't properly prepared to take on disciplinary cases. An offence from 10th June is still outstanding, which is unfair on the player and club involved. It was agreed that the player concerned could play until a decision is reached.</p> <p>There was a discussion as to whether we should rule on our disciplinary cases "in house" as before or outsource to Cricket Scotland. It was agreed that we would rule in house, then look to amend our constitution in February 2024 where we will look to outsource for future seasons.</p> <p>James Lean will head the disciplinary board together with Andy Ballantyne and Mike Fox.</p> <p>Chris will inform CS of our intentions, and we will need to review the constitution for the AGM.</p>	JLean CB
8	<p>Level 1 Coaching Course</p> <p>Possible dates proposed by Tony were Saturday 16th and 30th September, Sunday 17th and 24th September, or Sunday 24th September / 1st October. The course needs to be held at a venue with space for practical work, and the cost will be less if held outside. Nairn could be a possible venue.</p> <p>Please could clubs get back to Tony and / or Chris with their preferences.</p>	All
9	<p>Cricket Scotland Update</p> <p>The Cricket Scotland AGM is to be held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 6pm. Chris will be chairing it and encouraged us to register if we want to attend.</p> <p>As the first part of a wider consultation, Cricket Scotland has released its largest ever survey. The survey consists of 24 questions and should take around 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey has been created to ensure there is a shared vision around the future of cricket in Scotland and we encourage all clubs' members, players, volunteers, and communities to complete it.</p>	All
10	<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mike Fox very much enjoyed his day at Lords watching the England v Ireland test. b. There was a concern raised about moveable spring stumps. Clubs will be reminded that if they are using moveable spring stumps they should be marked. c. M Davies told the committee that Nairn played a very enjoyable fixture against Dornoch CC. Good to see more development league games being played. d. Jerry asked if there was any response to his feedback to the Cricket Scotland meeting. Chris advised that actions were still under consultation. e. Tony advised that a successful "come and play" session for refugees was held. There will be another at the Northern Meeting Park in July. Also, Tony is hoping to have some "tapeball" events from October onwards. 	CB

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Date and time of the next meeting:

Next meeting to be held on Monday 31st July 2023 at 7.00pm.