

# North of Scotland Cricket Association

## Minute of Meeting

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**Location:** Virtual meeting  
**Chair:** C Blake  
**Present:** K Hyatt, M Ross, M Davies, M Fox, A Duncan, J Lodge, R Dhanaraj, M Millward, A Gallop, K O'Meara, J Bentall

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from Renato Belli, Carolyn Farr and Matthew Latimer</p> <p>Chris welcomed all to the meeting including Adam Gallop from Fort Augustus who has recently joined.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minute of meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024:</b></p> <p>The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed: C Blake                      Seconded: A Duncan</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Chris advised that he and Allan had met with Nic Wilson regarding Neil Nicol's role. It was confirmed that his funding is being continued and he will assist Tony McKenna. As yet, the Development Officer/Coach position hasn't been advertised.</p> <p>Mike Fox confirmed that he has now received his certificate from Cricket Scotland.</p>	
4	<p><b>Fixtures and Statistics – Senior and Development</b></p> <p>The Senior season has now finished with Northern Counties winning the league. There are still Development games to take place.</p> <p>Chris asked for all clubs to check Results Vault to ensure the results and points accredited are correct, and that individual stats are correct. Any issues/errors should be passed on to Chris as soon as possible.</p>	ALL
5	<p><b>Trophy Winners</b></p> <p>Chris advised that this will be carried over to the next meeting once all matches have taken place.</p>	CB/KH
6	<p><b>Next Season and Player Registration</b></p> <p>Mike Davies advised that Nairn had had a number of forfeits due to lack of numbers. In accordance with the Playing Conditions, the Executive has the right to request the team to withdraw from the Senior league. Mike reiterated that Nairn wants to continue in the Senior League and there was a discussion about there being flexibility with when teams can play and for players to be able to play with other teams so that games can go ahead.</p> <p>It was noted that all clubs are struggling to put a team out each week and by being more flexible, it would ensure that matches can go ahead, hopefully, with less forfeits.</p> <p>Rob Quilliam from Elgin CC has spoken with Allan about his recent post on the NoSCA Facebook page regarding the 2025 Season and will be putting a proposal forward to the AGM for a Senior League containing 8 teams rather than 7 and their</p>	

	<p>preference for a Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>Chris will contact Rob Quilliam to discuss his proposals.</p> <p>Adam, who has come from ESCA, advised that ESCA were very flexible so that games could go ahead and that it was common in other areas for players to play for other teams.</p> <p>There was also a discussion on the timing of the AGM and whether it would be beneficial to hold it in November instead. Currently the financial year end is 30<sup>th</sup> November, however, this could be changed to 31<sup>st</sup> October if the AGM moved to November. It is unlikely that this change will be made in 2024.</p> <p>Chris confirmed he will look at the Constitution and Playing Conditions in regards to whether changes can be made by Committees or whether they should go through an EGM or AGM. Information will be circulated with the minutes.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB/KH</p>
7	<p><b>AGM Date</b></p> <p>The date of the 2025 AGM will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>Any formal proposals should be submitted by Christmas Day.</p>	
8	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Munro's report had been circulated with the Agenda and is waiting on a couple of payments, however, all is looking as it should be.</p>	
9	<p><b>Insurance Query</b></p> <p>Chris advised that he had received an anonymous email from a resident who lives next to a cricket ground asking whether clubs had insurance as their property had been damaged. They were concerned for their safety when in their garden and a match was taking place. Chris had responded and confirmed that all clubs have 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability.</p> <p>The club involved confirmed that any damage had been fixed.</p> <p>All clubs are asked to check that their insurance and risk assessments are valid and up to date.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Skye have their own insurance when using the ground at Fort Augustus.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
10	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>An email was circulated prior to the meeting in regards to a proposal by Lords cricket balls.</p> <p>Carolyn Farr was not at the meeting, however, in an email, said that Forres strongly oppose the use of Lords cricket balls.</p> <p>Chris said that Lords make contact every year and, in his own experience, has not found them very good. Chris mentioned that he had met with other league Presidents and in the past, each league have ordered their own balls from different suppliers. They agreed that it would be better for them all to order from one supplier so they can get a better price.</p> <p>There was also a discussion regarding pink balls and coloured clothing which is more appealing for younger and female players.</p> <p>It was decided that at the next meeting, there will be an agenda item to discuss a roll</p>	

	out of pink balls in the Senior league. Mike Davies thanked Jerry and Matt for their help at Nairn matches. Matt advised that Dornoch will soon be meeting to discuss having a Development Team.	CB/KH
<b>11</b>	<b>Date and time of the next meeting:</b> The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm by Zoom.	