

North of Scotland Cricket Association

Minute of Meeting

Date: 15th October 2024

Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: M Davies

Present: K Hyatt, M Ross, M Fox, R Belli, A Duncan, A Gallop, J Bentall, J Corsie, N Day, F Gillani, S Thomas, S Tode, C Farr

Item		Action
1	Welcome & Apologies: Apologies were received from Chris Blake and Jim Lodge	
2	Minute of meeting held 10th September 2024: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: A Gallop Seconded: A Duncan	
3	Matters Arising Mike Davies advised that a discussion on using pink balls will be covered in AOCB as it had not been included on the Agenda. There were no other matters arising.	
4	Treasurer's Report Munro's report had been circulated with the Agenda. There was a discussion regarding sponsorship for the 2025 season as this will need to be confirmed. Chris advised prior to the meeting that he will speak to The Highland Club to see if they will continue with their sponsorship. Adam and Kevin O'Meara from Fort Augustus have also had thoughts on sponsorship and will arrange to speak to Chris. It was confirmed that Cricket Scotland should invoice NoSCA directly with the exception of Huntly, and NoSCA will invoice clubs as in previous years. Kirsty will confirm. It should be noted that Cricket Scotland will not charge for registration for the 2025 season. Carolyn asked for clarification of subscriptions for clubs, this is to be confirmed.	CB/AG KH
5	Fixtures and Statistics and Trophy Winners A draft of the 2024 trophy winners was circulated in advance of the meeting. Geoff Parker was confirmed as the Player of the Match at the Senior Cup Final and Samantha Robson as Player of the Match at the Development Cup Final. There was a discussion about who should receive the Player of the Year awards in the different categories and it was agreed that clubs should discuss this and propose names in advance of the next meeting. Ideally awards in the Development League should be going to younger players. It was also noted that a lot of matches are forfeited, mainly due to insufficient players being available.	ALL
6	AGM Date Change – Discussion Paper A paper had been circulated in advance of the meeting and Mike Davies advised that as it is too late to change the date for this year, a proposal would be made at the AGM	

	<p>which has been agreed for 2nd February 2025.</p> <p>There was a discussion in regards to the AGM moving to October/November and there was a concern that clubs wouldn't have had their own AGM and would need to adapt their plans. However, it was noted that moving the NoSCA AGM to later in the year means that clubs can make plans over the winter, ready for the new season starting in the Spring.</p> <p>Munro said that if the date changed, he would need to have the year-end accounts ready in time to have them independently audited, this just requires advance planning.</p> <p>Any formal proposals should be submitted by Christmas Day.</p>	ALL
7	<p>Sunday Fixtures – Discussion Paper</p> <p>There was a discussion in regards to Senior games being played on a Sunday, it is hoped that Buckie can get back into the Senior League, however, as they are unable to put a team out on a Saturday, they would like to play on a Sunday instead and come out of the Development League. It was discussed that this could pose a problem if other clubs wanted to play on a Sunday and it then makes it difficult for Development League matches to go ahead.</p> <p>It was asked if the registration process could be amended to allow players to play for other clubs when low on numbers as mentioned at the last meeting on 10th September 2024.</p> <p>It was agreed that a short questionnaire should be put to clubs asking for their views and to include as many people as possible. Mike Davies will discuss this with Chris and carried over to the next meeting.</p>	MD/CB
8	<p>AGM Date and Venue</p> <p>The date of the 2025 AGM will be on Sunday 2nd February 2025. It was proposed that the venue again be at Elgin City Football Club with a similar set up to last year. Kirsty will contact the venue and obtain costs.</p> <p>Any formal proposals should be submitted by Christmas Day.</p>	KH
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Pink Balls</p> <p>Everyone agreed that the pink balls which are currently being used for Development League games as well as the Challenge Cup match are poor quality, they are not lasting and starting to come apart.</p> <p>It was agreed that Munro will contact Readers to get quotes for better quality balls and will advise at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was asked whether getting balls to use as a trial would be possible as they could be used at friendly matches to get a better idea of how they will perform. Chris had also advised that Cricket Scotland are looking to have one supplier which will supply all clubs with the same ball so we shouldn't get tied into a three year contract with a supplier.</p> <p>Due to the dissatisfaction of pink balls, it was agreed that they should not be rolled out to Senior League matches in 2025.</p> <p>It will be confirmed at the next meeting whether red balls are used for the Development League games next year.</p> <p>Shaun clarified that despite some rumours circulating, he and Alex Green are not</p>	MR

	going to be playing for Huntly.	
10	Date and time of the next meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26 th November 2024 at 7pm by Zoom.	