North of Scotland Cricket Association Minute of Meeting

Date: 20th March 2024
Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: C Blake

Present: K Hyatt, M Davies, M Ross, M Fox, R Belli, C Thornton, A Green, G Ravi, A

Duncan, C Farr, M Latimer, J Lodge, M Millward, A Ballantyne, J Bentall

Item		Action
1	Welcome & Apologies : Kevin O'Meara sent apologies, however, Charlie Thornton attended in his place.	
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	Chris welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Minute of meeting held on 22 February 2024:	
	It was clarified that if a match in the Development League was called off, the teams have to play each other at least once before the cut off at the end of September.	
	The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.	
	Proposed: M Latimer Seconded: A Duncan	
3	Matters Arising	
	Chris advised that following the last meeting, he had spoken to Munro in regard to the grant application from Highland CC. As the last application request had been over two years ago, they did not have any issues and awarded the grant. Ravi confirmed that the equipment had been purchased and thanked NoSCA for the award.	
4	Draft Fixtures & Cup Draws	
	It was noted that it has been difficult drafting the fixtures due to ground unavailability and sharing of grounds.	
	A correction was made to the draft Development Cup fixtures which were sent out – 23 rd August should be Highland v Forres.	
	Jim Lodge asked whether their Home and Away matches with Elgin could be swapped and will email Carolyn with his request.	JL
	The Nairn v Ross County matches were discussed as they are playing their Senior and Development League matches on 1 st and 2 nd June. It was confirmed that it won't be the same team playing on the two days.	
	It was confirmed that Clubs would require dispensation from NoSCA, should they wish to borrow players from other Clubs.	
	Chris will issue the T20 matches in due course.	СВ
	Mike advised that Nairn would not be available to play on 20 th April as they are playing a XL match. Alternative solutions were discussed and also continued by email after the meeting to find a solution if Nairn did not withdraw from the Cup.	
	The Senior Cup was drawn with 7 teams taking part. Ross County drew a bye in the first round. Fixtures will be sent out.	

5	Location for Cup Finals	
	Mike will check whether Nairn is available for the Senior Cup Final on 3 rd August due to the Games and will advise.	MD
	For the Development League Cup Final, Jim will advise if Huntly CC is available.	JL
	The location for the T20 Final will be discussed at the next meeting.	СВ
6	Treasurer's Report including Ball Orders	
	The report had been circulated in advance with the meeting papers and advised that he was working on getting sponsors for the Cup matches. He asked that if anyone had any contacts to let him know.	ALL
	Pink balls will be used for Development League matches, should a ball be lost during a game, it was discussed whether a new pink ball or a used red ball should be used. It was agreed that as there won't be a used pink ball, Clubs could either use a new pink ball or a used red ball, however, it will be down to the Club Captains and decided at the start of the game.	
	All ball orders to be with Kirsty by Friday 22 nd March. Once the balls arrive, arrangements will be made to get balls to Clubs.	
7	CSMOA and Cricket Scotland Update	
	Chris advised that a Chair has not yet been allocated to CSMOA and that Cricket Scotland having been providing administration and seeing whether this set up works. Should anyone have any feedback regarding this, they should let Chris know.	ALL
	There was a discussion regarding the recent Cricket Scotland McKinney Report. Whilst the situation has has improved, there is still a lot to do in regards to women and girls cricket. There was a suggestion whether NoSCA could set up a women's league in the next few years, this will be considered.	
	Also mentioned was that players, through registration, are obligated to be members of a racist and misogynist organisation.	
8	Scottish Cricket Registration System	
	Cricket Scotland has confirmed that all players should be registered with the new system as they are required to provide statistics to the ICC and Sport Scotland. For the first year, there will be no charge to register. NoSCA will continue to push for the system to remain free of charge to players in future years.	
	There was a query what would happen if a player didn't register. If that was the case, that player would then not be insured.	
9	Executive Committee Vacancies	
	Chris said they are still looking for the following roles to be filled:	
	- Regional Disciplinary Officer	
	- Senior Fixture Secretary	
	- Women and Girls Liaison Officer	

10	AOCB	
	a. Ravi thanked NoSCA for the grant towards their equipment.	İ
	b. Allan enquired about the possibility of coloured clothing and Chris said that it is something that is being considered in future, making it more modern for short games and more attractive for female players. However, this would mean new team strips, clads for pads and removal of white sight screens.	
	c. It is noted that there was a discussion regarding cricket at an International level, as Australia recently withdrew their T20 matches against Afghanistan due to concern over women's rights. Carolyn advised that she has written to Cricket Scotland regarding the way Afghanistan treat women.	
	d. Mike asked if it was possible to get statistics in regard to Development clubs; how long the matches last, how many teams bat for 40 overs, the ideal game length so that the League can be improved.	
11	Date and time of the next meeting:	
	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30 th April at 7pm by Zoom.	