

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 26 November 2024
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: C Blake
Present: K Hyatt, M Davies, M Ross, R Belli, M Fox, A Duncan, J Bentall, N Day, E Walls, J Lodge, M Latimer, M Millward

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome & Apologies: Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mike Davies for chairing the last meeting and Kirsty for circulating the minutes.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Adam Gallop and Carolyn Farr.</p>	
2	<p>Minute of meeting held 15th October 2024:</p> <p>The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Proposed: M Ross Seconded: M Fox</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
4	<p>Trophy Winners – including Player of the Year Category Nominations</p> <p>There was clarification in regards to the bowling and batting average as these are different in the Senior League to the Development League. Due to the number of matches forfeited in the Development League, there was a discussion about whether the criteria should be changed to allow more players to be included in being nominated. It was agreed that the criteria should remain as is for this year, however, should be looked at being changed for the 2025 season. Chris will draft a change of criteria.</p> <p>Mark Webster (bowling) from Buckie and Ali Husnain (batting) from Elgin are the two players eligible for the award.</p> <p>Nominations were put forward for the following categories:</p> <p>Senior Player of the Year, Development Player of the Year, Young Player of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award.</p> <p>Any further nominations should be passed on to Chris as soon as possible and a survey will be sent out to clubs to vote.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>ALL</p>
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report and Sponsorship</p> <p>Munro’s report had been circulated in advance and there were no questions.</p> <p>Chris did point out that Cricket Scotland had invoiced clubs for their Development Team matches, which previously they had not done. Chris had communicated with Cricket Scotland and they agreed to cancel the invoices sent out.</p> <p>Chris will contact the Highland Club in regards to sponsorship.</p> <p>Matt Millward spoke of possible future sponsorship due to the new Green Freeport at Nigg, Chris will send Matt information on what sponsorship entails.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Cricket Scotland update</p> <p>Chris gave an update which included that the recruitment of the Development Officer/Community Coach post has been put on hold; Cricket Scotland has been removed from special measures by sportscotland and the EDI Strategy has been launched and can be found on the Cricket Scotland website.</p> <p>Chris spoke about the Cricket Scotland Registration Scheme and confirmed that there would be no charge for 2025, however, uptake is around 40-50%. Results Vault is not linked to the system but this is being looked into by Cricket Scotland.</p> <p>There is a NoSCA vacancy on the Cricket Management Group.</p> <p>Chris attended a meeting for Regional Development Officers, Cricket Scotland are planning to roll out a Fair Play Score, which may reduce clubs submitting complaints against other clubs and to raise behaviour amongst players. Chris hasn't been able to get in touch with Andy Ballantyne, Eadie is to speak to him and get up to date contact details.</p> <p>There may be a possible meeting for Captains which would take place before the season starts, however, this has not been arranged as yet.</p>	<p>EW</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>2025 Season – Proposals</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion on the number of forfeited matches over the 2024 season caused by a reducing number of players across most clubs within the NoSCA region.</p> <p>Mike Davies had emailed all clubs on 29th October with some of his own thoughts on NoSCA fixtures for 2025 and this was discussed. Mike's thoughts were to consider reducing the number of development team fixtures by splitting the NoSCA region into two. This would mean fewer fixtures but would allow home and away matches for teams within their own geographical area. Additionally, it would free up weekends for friendly matches to be organised between teams.</p> <p>Mike Fox spoke about the fortunate position Fochabers CC are in as they have enough players and have generally been able to fulfil games, he also spoke about the costs involved specifically to Fochabers. As a result, Fochabers want as many matches as possible in order to recoup their costs.</p> <p>Jim Lodge spoke about their younger players as they don't want to play friendly matches, they are playing to win.</p> <p>Huntly did advise that they would not be in favour of a regionalised cup that excluded a team due to location.</p> <p>Nick advised that Nairn is being proactive and said that they really only have enough players for one team and were discussing whether to play in the Senior League.</p> <p>Matt Millward said he would be happy with 8-12 games to play.</p> <p>Renato would like to know as early as possible what teams would be playing in the Development League so he can look at fixtures.</p> <p>It was agreed that no proposal would be made.</p> <p>As Nairn have forfeited a number of matches and as per the Playing Conditions, the Executive has the right to request the team to withdraw. This was discussed and as Nairn is addressing the situation, there will be a <i>draft</i> proposal saying that Nairn have been waived to having to play Development League only.</p> <p>Eadie spoke about Buckie playing in the Senior League, however, have their matches</p>	<p>CB</p>

	<p>on a Sunday due to them not having enough players on a Saturday. Chris will draft a proposal and it should be noted that if it did get voted through, it should be on a trial basis.</p> <p>Some clubs play in coloured kit and so pink balls should be used, however, the current pink balls have not been fit for purpose. Readers who supply the balls have agreed that there has been an issue and have a better quality ball for clubs to use.</p> <p>Chris will consider the options regarding using pink balls for both development and senior cricket for the 2025 season. The use of red balls may possibly be used where both clubs are wearing white in a senior game. The use of balls is to be decided before the start of the season to avoid captains discussing at the coin toss.</p> <p>It may be useful to know the stocks of balls clubs have.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
8	<p>AGM Date and Venue</p> <p>Kirsty confirmed that Elgin City Football Club has been booked for Sunday 2 February 2025.</p> <p>There was a suggestion for the Conduct in Sport Manager, Andrew McDowall, to be invited if possible. Another suggestion was for a Cricket Scotland representative that could give an overview on what is happening in other leagues around Scotland.</p> <p>Any formal proposals should be submitted by Christmas Day.</p>	
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>As Chris has fulfilled his two years as NoSCA Chair, Mike Davies will be taking over the role and will look at appointing a vice chair. It was confirmed that Munro, Renato and Kirsty will continue in their roles.</p> <p>Munro advised that CSMOA is carrying out umpire training and that Level 1 can be completed online.</p> <p>Registration for MCC Foundation Hubs is now open.</p>	
10	<p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7pm by Zoom.</p>	