***North of Scotland Cricket Association***

***Minute of Meeting***

**Date**: 3rd December 2019

**Location:** Nairn Community Centre

**Chair:** T MacAbhuinn (TM)

**Present**: L MacAbhuinn (LM), K Neill (KN), R Belli (RB), G Chappell (GC), C Farr (CF), A Farr (AF), M Fox (MF), J Lean (JL), M Bronkhorst (MB), C Blake (CB), A Neill (AN), J Lodge (JL)

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| Item |  | Action |
| 1 | **Apologies**: P Short, P Shepherd, P Curtis, S Lackie, A Duncan, J Bishop, K Fraser, J Ford (JF turned up shortly after the meeting started) |  |
| 2 | **Minute of meeting held on 17th September 2019**: Minute accepted as a true and accurate record.  Proposed: G Chappell Seconded: L MacAbhuinn |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising**:   1. **NCCC update** on Northern Meeting Park– there are currently 2 potential options for the Northern Meeting Park. Firstly, a community asset transfer, where a community group would take over the running of the park, or continuation of ownership by the Highland Council. The hope is that it will be a community run park and this would virtually guarantee the future of cricket at the park. Also NCCC have requested funding to install an artificial wicket. As well as being a better wicket to maintain and safer for youngsters, it would additionally help to safeguard the cricket club’s future at the park. In the meantime it is believed that NCCC will be playing on grass at the Northern Meeting Park next season. 2. **Disciplinary issue** – Mediation is now to be arranged following the receipt of a letter of apology from NCCC to Forres St Lawrence CC. 3. **NoSCA dinner** – Positives: good venue, good food, good speaker, and a fairly good turnout. Negatives: Very few juniors, disappointing number of players.   Ways to improve: if there is to be a speaker it needs to be announced well in advance. £35 is quite expensive, especially when it’s not clear what you will be getting for your money.  There followed a discussion as to the pros and cons of a future dinner. Please send your clubs overall thoughts on this to Nicky or Tina.  It was agreed to donate the profit of the evening between MCA and HDCG (£150 each). | TM |
| 4 | **Bowling and Batting Trophies**: At the annual dinner 3 trophies were awarded to the wrong people. This was very disappointing for all involved. Tina accepted responsibility for the error based on a lack of understanding of the stats. The following was agreed:   1. Letters of apology will be sent to the players incorrectly names as trophy winners. 2. Letters of congratulation will be sent to the players incorrectly not names as winners. 3. The 3 trophies will be re-engraved with the correct names. 4. Tina will respond to J Bishop email   J Lean offered to work closely with Tina next year on the allocation of trophies. The committee as a whole offered their support to Tina and advised her to go to members for their knowledge and experience.  The criteria for the trophies will be agreed at the first meeting following the AGM. | TM  TM  TM  TM |
| 5 | **Cricket Scotland Questionnaires**:  George responded on behalf of NoSCA  2 umpires responded  1 club responded |  |
| 6 | **Disability Cricket** – a team of 6 went down to Perth for a tri-nation event. Scotland beat England and lost to Wales. Feedback given to Kim was how events like this help to improve the self-confidence of the competitors, 3 new schools have come on board – Elgin Academy, Elgin High School and Milne’s High School. The numbers of schools involved has gone up from 4 to 16 in the last 6 months. All very positive.  New Cricket Scotland Disability Officer to be confirmed. |  |
| 7 | **Female Cricket** – An activators course is to be held at Gordonstoun on 29th February from 10am – 12noon. This is a mixture of cricket and high intensity interval training aimed at women and girls. |  |
| 8 | **Junior Cricket**: MCA held their annual awards night on 28th November with around 50 in attendance. Awards were handed out to team and individual winners from MCA summer competitions and also to club volunteers. Winter training squads are well underway with 2 sessions at Milne’s High and one at Elgin Academy every week. There are also weekly girls and boys development squads at Huntly. MCA winter competitions are underway.  Alex described a new initiative from ECB aimed at 8 – 11 year olds. £40 to register on the programme which includes an 8 week coaching course. |  |
| 9 | Adult Cricket – nothing discussed |  |
| 10 | AOCB:  **AGM** – Clubs are reminded that proposals for discussion at the AGM need to be received at least 42 days before the meeting, which this year means the cut off is 24th December. Please forward any proposals to Nicky Gerrard, Secretary.  NG to go back to Iain Mcdonald, Buckie CC to clarify whether their points are changes to playing conditions or constitutional changes.  Once clarified these can be circulated.  **Scorers Course**: GC was contacted by George Burns who was offering a 2 day “Introduction to Scoring” course. The overall cost would be in the region of £1000. After a discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with that course as it was difficult to justify that amount of money and time. However it was agreed that some training is required.  It was agreed that clubs need to take responsibility for encouraging and training juniors to learn how to score.  Carolyn Farr said that she would be happy to sit with someone for a match while they “shadow score”.  Cricket Scotland are working to progress digital scoring – LM volunteered to be a part of that.  S Lackie has intimated that he will be standing down as Vice-President at the AGM. Request for volunteers to be sent out for this post and the post of media secretary.  20th January 2020 – Child Protection Course run by Cricket Scotland.  Huntly have received some funding towards an artificial pitch. Total cost will be £9,500  Winter nets will be starting at Gordonstoun on Friday 10th January for 4 Fridays, 6.00pm – 89.00pm. Anybody interested in attending please speak to Martin Bronkhorst or Dave Woolton. | NG |
| 11 | Date, time and venue of the next meeting  **AGM** – Sunday 2nd February 2020, Elgin City Football Ground at 2.00pm  Next meeting of the executive – Tuesday 18th February 2020, Nairn Community Centre at 6.45pm |  |