**NoSCA AGM Minutes held on the 3rd February 2019 Elgin Football Club, Elgin**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

J Bishop welcomed everyone and introduced the Cricket Scotland representatives Tony Brian, Malcom Cannon and Nicola Wilson

**2. Apologies:**

G Chappell, A Duncan, N Nicol, M Bronkhorst, C Lavin, M Blyce

In Attendance: J Bishop, Tina MacAbhuinn, Leo MacAbhuim, Graham Carney, Renato Belli, Munro Ross, Eadie Walls, Kevin Fraser, Stewart Lackie, James Lean, Ken Ross, K Neill, P Shepherd, P Short, M Fox, Callum Howard, Kev O'Meara, Jim Lodge, Charlie Luxton

J Bishop informed the meeting that G Chappell is not well, and wished him a speedy recovery.

**3. Minutes from the previous AGM;**

Minutes were read and accepted.

**4. Matters arising**

No matters were raised - accepted by the room.

**5. Cricket Scotland Presentation Q + A**

J Bishop handed the floor over to the CS - Tony Brian stated he was grateful with the relationship built between NoSCA and CS over the past years. He stated that it was important that Strategy on and off the field needed to improve and that Cricket needed to become mainstream in Scotland.

Malcom Cannon said that Cricket Scotland had more credit with the ICC due to the win over England in June last year. He said that competing with other sport , social media, netflix and electronic media/games was difficult, and we had to make sure that we address the population and expand the focus on cricket. Money was also another shortcoming in promoting the sport. Not having TV coverage, cricket in schools and lack of advertisement did not help.

S Lackie asked how we could improve the status of cricket? M Cannon stated that the help of corporate Scotland investment and other corporate funding played a very important part. The return on investment was crucial, and they had secured a new sponsorship for all the national teams from Grey Niccolls.

The ICC have 23 criteria points that CS were working towards. 19 points have been ticked with some points having time bands, which need to be kept up to date. Beating another full ICC member, qualifying in 2020 and the women qualifying and getting full status is what needed.

He said that CS was working hard at recruitment in helping the development of cricket in the North as well as filling empty posts.

R Munro suggested that it would be good to have a West/East top 10 league to encourage and promote the sport. Tony Brian said that the highest opportunity is been given to the national and potential nationals players in the Tilney Pro and T20 Leagues.

D Davies spoke about how players in other sport draw the crowds and how could we have players that would do the same for the sport.

M Fox expressed his concern that due to the Active Schools posts been cut that it might lead to less access into schools. M Cannon said it could lead to more opportunities as some Active Schools Activators had too much to do, and could open doors if there were enough people to go into schools. M Fox suggested that a letter from CS could help with the decision not to cut posts.

The All Stars program could also have a change in direction which could offer schools cricket where there is no cricket clubs available.

K Ross said that in the past there was such good support from the high schools, but that does happen anymore. K Neill also said that the costs of training facilities differed tremendously from the Highlands and Moray schools, as well as some schools were not been open over the weekends and holidays, which could dampen the services offered.

Nicola Wilson explained the wonderful work that the MCA were doing, to encourage girls cricket in the North. She also said that there was some funding for the girls U/16 Cally Regional development program which N Nicol was running in Huntly. She also spoke about other programs that were offered and that CricHit seemed to connect better with mothers and daughters and getting fit at the same time. She said that embracing all types of cricket is the way forward.

K Fraser asked about the increase of teams in women's cricket, and how the associate countries were working hard to increase the numbers . T Brian spoke about how most of the funding came from broadcasting rights and that they have a 8 year period which impacted on revenue.

**6. Presidents report Attached-**

**7. Treasurers report attached - adopted - COPY AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

J Bishop stated that the current fees to NoSCA and Membership to CS plus the free ticket could stay the same, but not guaranteed as CS have not had their AGM yet.

K. Fraser asked about the funding for umpires travelling out of NoSCA. J Bishop explained that the travel was paid up to the border of NoSCA and SPCU picked the tab after that.

J Bishop suggested that monies from MCA, NoSCA and HCDG could add to the Development Officer post which could make it more desirable, if the new committee agreed to it.

**8. Constitution Changes**

**Proposal 1**

Creation of Women and Girls Liaison Officer Office Bearer - accepted by all

**Proposal 2**

Removal of Junior Liaison Officer Bearer - accepted by all

**9. Appointment of Office Bearers**

President: Tina MacAbhuinn - T MacAbhuinn thank J Bishop for his services

Vice President: Stuart Leckie - Nominated J Bishop - Seconded M Fox

Treasurer: George Chappel

Secretary: - Kevin Fraser - Nominated J Bishop - Seconded T MacAbhuinn

Registration Secretary - Callum Howard - Nominated J Bishop - Seconded L MacAbhuinn

Senior Match Secretary - James Lean

Reserve Match Secretary - Renato Beli Nominated J Bishop - Seconded M Fox

Female/Girls Representative - Kim Neill

Press Officer: Open

**10. AOCB**

K Fraser asked if the position of Female Representative had any funding attached to it. Will go forward to meeting.

M Fox - put a suggestion for playing conditions in the Reserve League - attached

Skye/Lochalish - Ground Sharing field to be changed , and that they would prefer 5 bowlers/6 overs in matches - forward to meeting.

K Neill asked about player registration due to the new laws - each club to produce a list of players

**11. Vote of thanks**

T MacAbhuinn thanked all outgoing post bearers for their services.

**12. Date of next AGM**

**2 February 2020. tbc at later date.**