***North of Scotland Cricket Association***

***Minute of Meeting***

**Date**: 18th February 2020

**Location:** Nairn Community Centre

**Chair:** Nigel Gerrard (NG) and T MacAbhuinn (TM)

**Present**: L MacAbhuinn (LM), K Neill (KN), R Belli (RB), C Farr (CF), A Farr (AF), A Duncan (AD), M Fox (MF), J Lean (JL), M Bronkhorst (MB), Nicky Gerrard (NicG), K Fraser (KF), J Ford (JF), W Ford (WF), M Ross (MR), A Green (AG)

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| Item |  | Action |
| 1 | **Apologies:** P Short, J Lodge, C Blake, J Bishop |  |
| 2 | **Minute of meeting held on 3rd December 2019**: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.  Proposed: R Belli Seconded: M Fox |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising**   1. JL attended the first meeting of the Cricket Scotland Disciplinary Task Force. There are some suggested changes to the Cricket Scotland code of conduct to bring it in line with ICC code of conduct. James will send out relevant information, but any changes would not need to be adopted until 2021. 2. Bowling and batting trophy criteria – it was agreed to postpone any decision on the criteria until the format for the forthcoming season has been agreed. 3. Disciplinary Issue – mediation has been arranged for Forres St Lawrence and NCCC through mediation Scotland. 4. It was agreed that the Disciplinary Panel would continue to comprise MF, AD and JL. 5. It was noted that letters of apology had still not been sent to players affected by the mis-presentation of trophies. It was agreed that letters will be sent to club secretaries to be passed to the players. | JL  TM |
| 4 | **NoSCA Accounts 2019**  Munro Ross is the newly appointed Treasurer and was handed the NoSCA accounts. Munro will look through the accounts and prepare a report for the next meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions please email him.  The cheque book signatories are currently MF and AD. It was agreed that MR needs to be added as a signatory plus one other signatory, preferably based in / around Inverness. It was agreed that James Lean will be an additional signatory. Paperwork to be organised. | MR / JL |
| 5 | **Review of Playing Conditions and Constitution**  Before individual proposals were discussed it was agreed that all future proposals need to be presented in the proper format. Clubs need to submit a change by writing what they want to change and re-writing any rule that it will affect. Proposals also need to be presented to the committee before November so that the committee can review them before they are circulated to clubs for decisions.  It was agreed that the guidelines for proposals will be clarified and circulated to clubs.  **Proposals from Buckie CC.**   1. “If a team has less than 11 players on the team sheet, that is taken into account in any rain calculation result. (I.e. a team has 9 players on the team sheet and has lost 3 wickets when the rain calculator is used. Then 5 wickets down should be entered).” **This was agreed**. 2. “Stage 1 and 2 qualified umpires appointed by E.S.C.O.A. to be paid £30 match fee. This is to be paid for by home club. This should encourage more umpires to become qualified.” This was discussed in a lot of detail, however further clarification is needed from Buckie CC before a decision is reached.   **Proposals from Northern Counties CC**   * Consider moving T20 / 100 ball comp to mid-week evenings. **This was withdrawn as a proposal.** * Increase the number of overs for League to 50 and start at noon. **This was not agreed**. * Consideration of a “loan” system where clubs struggling for numbers could play members from other clubs who had not been selected but are available**. It was agreed this was not feasible.**   **Skye and Lochalsh**   * “Clarification - can rained-off cup games be re-scheduled providing a date is available for both teams before the semi-final or final?” The revised wording for the proposal will be sent out to clubs and voted for at the next meeting.   It was agreed that a number of items put forward as proposals needed to be discussed in further depth by a working group. It was agreed that this working party would comprise JF, NG, TM and AG, however it is open to anybody else who may wish to contribute. Some of the items to be discussed will be a business plan, clarification of roles within NoSCA, links to Cricket Scotland, and promoting NoSCA.  The working party hope to present their findings to the April meeting | KF  JL / NicG |
| 6 | **Location of Cup Final and T20 Final**  Decision deferred until the format and fixtures have been agreed. |  |
| 7 | **T20 Format**  JL to email out suggestions | JL |
|  | **Senior Format**  7 teams in the senior league.  Proposed to start 25th April with all games to be played by the last Saturday in September.  Proposed that home and away games should be played.  Senior fixtures should be out by 10th March hopefully. | JL |
| 8 | **Reserve Format**  Jim Lodge had sent RB a suggestion for fixtures.  9 teams in the reserve league.  Proposed to start 19th April through to 20th September.  Proposed to split the league after the first round of games. **This was agreed.** |  |
| 9 | **Review of the role of board members**  To be discussed at working party |  |
| 10 | **Role and responsibilities of the Media Officer**  To be discussed at working party |  |
| 11 | **NoSCA website**  It was agreed that there are currently a large number of items with a higher priority than the website and the decision to build a new website has been deferred. |  |
| 12 | **Disability Cricket**  Nairn County Cricket Club will be hosting a Charity match on the 19th of April in the afternoon. They would also like to introduce Legends Cricket (walking Cricket) in the morning of the match. Outfield is smaller, wicket is shorter and no running allowed. If anybody is interested please send your name to KN  6th May – national finals of table cricket |  |
| 13 | **Female Cricket**  Kim reminded us that the CricHiit activator course is to be held on 29th February at Gordonstoun. |  |
| 14 | **Junior Cricket**  6 North girls (3 X Huntly, 2 X Elgin & 1 X Stoneywood Dyce) went down to Edinburgh for U18/U15 trial. The girls had to take a day off school, unfortunately the trial didn't happen as a lot of Edinburgh girls were away for mid-term. It therefore became a training session. The trials have been postponed to Sunday 22nd March.  AG told the committee about Dynamos cricket for 8-11 year olds – A number of the committee were not aware of this so Alex will email information out.  All Stars cricket for 5 to 8 year olds – this has proved a problem for some clubs due to the insurance situation. It was asked if NoSCA could cover the cost of insurance instead of individual clubs. | AG |
| 15 | **AOCB**  Cricket balls – The treasurer will get a cost from Readers and the number to be ordered will be agreed at the next meeting.  KN asked if NoSCA will be paying the ESCoA subs for registered umpires – **this was agreed by the committee**.  AD asked about this season’s handbook. Jerry Bishop will be approached to see if he would be willing to do this.  KF asked if NoSCA still offered grants to clubs. He was advised that NoSCA does consider grant requests and the application form is on our website.  Sponsorship – to be discussed at next meeting.  NicG has not received any information about player registration from Callum Howard. Jerry Bishop provided details up to 2018 and JL will forward stats from last year. | MR  RB  JL |
| 16 | **Date, time and venue of next meeting**  Wednesday 11th March 2020 at Nairn Community Centre at 7.30pm. |  |