

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 2nd November 2021

Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: Nigel Gerrard

Present: C Farr, J Lean, J Lodge, A Duncan, R Belli, C Blake, N Gerrard, A Ballantine, M Fox, J Paul

| Item | | Action |
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| | Welcome: Nigel welcomed everybody | |
| 1 | Apologies: M Bronkhorst, P Short, M Ross | |
| 2 | Minute of meeting held on 5th October 2021: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: C Blake Seconded: R Belli | |
| 3 | Matters Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All cricket stats have now been entered. b. The meeting with Tony McKenna did not go ahead. It will be rescheduled once we get a second log in for the Zoom account. c. The NoSCA website has been updated with 2021 winners. d. Chris asked Dave Wolton if the Forty Club were aware that Johanas Van EE had received a ban in our league. Dave had told the Regional Secretary that Van EE had a past, but he was not aware of the ban. He will now go back to the Regional Secretary with that information. Although NoSCA can't prevent Van EE playing, the Forty Club will now be aware of the potential reputational damage of him playing for them. e. JP thanked NoSCA for sending a letter of support to Highland Council. He has now met with councillors, and they gave permission in principle to lay an artificial wicket at Fraser Park. Highland are now in the process of applying to the Cricket Scotland Development Trust for funding. Mike told JP that Fochabers is receiving £10,000 from SSE to renew their artificial wicket. The 2 clubs will liaise to share ideas and see if they can save any costs when it comes to fitting the wickets. | |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Treasurer's report was circulated for information with the only difference being the payment of an outstanding invoice from 2019. | |
| 5 | 2022 Season Nigel asked clubs to put forward their ideas and thoughts, no matter how outlandish they may seem, to improve the future of the game in the North of Scotland. The list below is a "brainstorm" of the ideas / thoughts / problems faced by clubs, in no particular order. Chris will put a questionnaire together and circulate to all. | CB |

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| | <p>It was felt that games go on too long.</p> <p>Reduce the over rate? Reduce the number of overs in a game? Earlier start?</p> <p>Should the match days be swapped ie first team matches on Sunday, Reserve league on Saturday?</p> <p>Take out the NoSCA cup competition?</p> <p>Play other teams once in the league and retain both cups?</p> <p>What is a club's aspiration for their 2nd team? What is the purpose of a club's 2nd team, or the reason for playing a team the reserve competitions?</p> <p>Shortened season, later in the year start, earlier in the year finish?</p> <p>Lack of qualified coaches</p> <p>We need to cater for recreational, competitive, and developmental cricket.</p> <p>Have some fun, smaller competitions eg 9 a side, 7 a side</p> <p>Keep some free weeks for friendlies or local competitions</p> <p>Can other grounds be used for games to avoid long distance travelling</p> <p>Can a workgroup be set up including an independent person to work on a development plan for NoSCA, which can then be passed on to clubs.</p> <p>Short term ideas are important, but also need to look at long term plans.</p> <p>Does the term "reserve" league actually reflect what the league is. Consider a different name for this league.</p> <p>Could there be a regional XI for the more competitive cricketers which would travel outwith the area to play games?</p> <p>It seems wrong for teams to only field a "reserve" team when they only have 1 team.</p> <p>There are more funding options available for junior development.</p> <p>We need to try and work out the factors for the lack of 1st teams.</p> <p>Could it be up to the home team to select what day a game is played?</p> <p>Clubs need to help each other.</p> <p>Loosen up the playing conditions for the reserve league eg free hits for no balls</p> <p>"Share" younger players to give them an opportunity for games. Alternatively, "share" senior players to give the younger ones an opportunity in their own teams.</p> <p>We need more people in cricket, not more cricket for the same people.</p> <p>Have a junior competitive game before the cup finals.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that the AGM will be a physical meeting. The MCC v NoSCA select XI will be held on Monday 2nd May 2022 at Gordonstoun School Chris asked if James could send him disciplinary stats that he will forward to Cricket Scotland | <p>NicG</p> <p>JLean</p> |
| 7 | Date and time of the next meeting: | |

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| | Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 th December 2021 at 7.00pm. | |
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