

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 4th May 2021

Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: Nigel Gerrard (NG)

Present: R Belli (RB), C Farr (CF), N Gerrard (NicG), C Blake (CB), J Lean (JLean) M Fox (MF), J Lodge (JL), A Duncan (AD), M Ross (MR), S Hooker (SH), A Ballantine (AB)

Item		Action
	Welcome: NG welcomed everybody	
1	Apologies: P Short (PS), M Bronkhorst (MB), J Ford (JF)	
2	Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2021: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: M Ross Seconded: J Lodge	
3	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Handbook: The handbook has been finalised and is now available on the NoSCA website. Thanks to Chris for his work on this. b. MCC match, 13th June 2021. Dave Wolton will be contacted to ask if he would be prepared to be captain of the NoSCA team. c. Davie Duncan update: Davie has been repatriated to the UK and is currently in intensive care at Raigmore hospital. 	NG
4	Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was circulated for information.	
5	Update from Cricket Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Code of Conduct 2021 – all clubs confirmed receipt and acceptance of the CS code of conduct. This is now available on the NoSCA website. b. Disciplinary Panel – CS asked for NoSCA to nominate 3 people who, if required, would be prepared to sit on a disciplinary panel for CS Cup competitions this season– Andy Ballantyne, Allan Duncan and Munro Ross all volunteered. Thanks to them. Nicky will confirm with CS. c. CS AGM – The CS AGM took place on 28th April. All very straight forward. There followed an EGM where it was proposed to pay a fee to the Chair of CS. This caused some concern as the existing chair, Tony Brian, has always refused expenses. Decision still to be made. <p>Nigel had attended a regional meeting – the main point from this was the agreement on the importance of sharing information about Covid concerns and regional associations means of dealing with them.</p>	NicG
6	Disciplinary Process – Nigel has done some work to compare the CS disciplinary process with the existing NoSCA disciplinary process. Nigel and James will work on this some more and circulate a proposed updated version before the next meeting. If anybody else would like to be involved, please let Nigel know.	NG / JL

	Munro informed members that he felt the last CSMOA meeting was positive in that there was an understanding that umpires should be consistent and use a degree of common sense in their responses to behaviour.	
7	<p>2021 Season</p> <p>a. Scoring System – Chris started by apologising for his lack of communication and abrupt email on the new scoring system. The office bearers had agreed to use the new system before seeking all clubs approval. He also confirmed that it is the stats system that is being replaced not the scoring system. The background to this is that CS have been looking to have an “in house” scoring system for all leagues to use. NoSCA are currently using a voluntary system, Cricket Stats, however this will only be available for one more season. The proposed system will be paid for and managed by CS. There is no obligation for NoSCA to accept this new system. It was acknowledged that CS would have a data base of players, however we have only agreed to the minimum requirement of first name and surname of players. No personal details will be passed to CS. It was agreed to trial this new system on the understanding that we could fall back on the existing system if there are any issues.</p> <p>b. Subscriptions - It was confirmed that subscriptions would be as per agreed at the AGM (£135 for full member clubs, and £75 for affiliate member clubs).</p> <p>c. Playing conditions – Following a few very minor amendments, these have been updated and are available to view on the NoSCA website.</p> <p>d. Teas – It was agreed that all players would be responsible for bringing their own teas to matches. It was also agreed that the tradition of bringing drinks on at the drinks break would not continue. All players are to have their own drinks and it was suggested to use the Covid cleaning break as an opportunity for players to have a drink and wash their hands.</p>	
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>a. The CSMOA Covid match official checklist for information was attached. Nigel stressed the importance of clubs and players having a knowledge of this checklist together with the Club Cricket Checklist Level 3. All clubs must have a Covid officer, and the club is responsible for all Covid monitoring, not the umpire.</p> <p>b. Cricket balls – still waiting for ball requirements from Highland (now received), Huntly and Skye.</p> <p>c. Bill Hope, a patron of NoSCA, has made a donation to the organisation. The cheque will be forwarded to Munro and Nigel will write to convey our thanks.</p> <p>d. Nigel has responded to the parent from Northern Counties who had concerns about juniors playing in the reserve league. He confirmed to the executive that the reserve league isn’t necessarily a development league, however clubs will be asked to ensure that the spirit of the game is upheld and there is an awareness of some player’s ability. We need to adopt a sensible approach to keep youngsters safe whilst still encouraging competitiveness.</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>NG</p>

	<p>e. James has provided a fixture list to CSMOA. He will liaise with Steve Murphy about umpire appointment.</p> <p>f. Allan spoke about virtual MCA meetings. It was agreed they could use the NoSCA zoom account in future.</p> <p>g. Buckie CC have come up with some proposals to share for future seasons. These include possible options of limited overs, Sunday games, 11am starts, and if teams have only one club, then that club is in the senior league. These are good starter points and will definitely be part of future discussions.</p> <p>h. Forres agreed with comments about the importance of young players to the league and the need to develop them.</p> <p>i. The link to coaches on the NoSCA website is not working. Nicky to investigate.</p> <p>j. There was a discussion about grant awards from NoSCA. Munro confirmed that he ensures that grant guidance is adhered to, and if a club has advised that it will fundraise part of the costs of a project, Munro will ask for evidence of this.</p> <p>k. Highland have requested for their games to be played away from home to save on costs. If, with as much notice as possible, the opposition club is able to accommodate this request then it was agreed.</p> <p>l. Chris advised that Nic Wilson, Head of Development at CS, had contacted him to see if Buckie and Highland needed additional support in raising a first team. It was agreed that NoSCA clubs as a whole would welcome any support that could be offered by CS. Chris to go back to Nic and ask if this would be possible.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>NicG</p> <p>CB</p>
9	<p>Date and time of the next meeting: Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.00pm.</p>	