## North of Scotland Cricket Association Minute of Meeting

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022Location: Virtual meetingChair: Nigel Gerrard

Present: J Lean, A Duncan, C Blake, R Belli, M Ross, M Davies, Nicky Gerrard, J

Lodge, A Ballantine, J Bentall

Item		Action
	Welcome: Nigel welcomed all to the meeting, and was pleased to welcome David Diracles and Matt Millward, representatives from Dornoch CC. Dornoch have put in a formal request to join NoSCA, which will be considered at the AGM in February. David and Matt were invited to share their plans and aspirations in advance of the AGM. (See AOCB).	
1	Apologies: P Shepherd, Highland CC, T McKenna, C Farr, M Fox, K O'Meara	
2	Minute of meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022:	
	The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record.	
	Proposed: R Belli Seconded: M Davies	
3	Matters Arising	
	a. Munro has spoken to Jack Nixon and will follow up again when he is fully fit. However, Jack is willing to do features on cricket.	
	b. Tony McKenna asked for clubs to be reminded that there will be a Level 1 ICC Coaching course on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> February at Nairn Sports Club. Please contact him for further details.	
4	Cricket Scotland Update	
	Following Chris's attendance at a meeting of the Council in Perth, he will circulate a separate report with a Cricket Scotland update.	СВ
	Nic Wilson has recently sent out an email to all clubs with regard to a survey on Regional Development Officers and the Development Team structure. All clubs are encouraged to complete the survey.	
5	Treasurer's Report	
	No change to last month's account statement.	
	It was noted that the NoSCA constitution states that all clubs should have a copy of the "Laws of Cricket" in their pavilion or at their ground. Nicky to check whether clubs have this, and if not NoSCA will provide a copy.	NicG
6	AGM Details	
	The AGM has been booked to take place at Elgin City FC on Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. The AGM will be followed by the presentation of trophies, a few drinks, and a hot buffet.	
	It was agreed to invite the new chairman of Cricket Scotland and also a representative from The Highland Club.	NicG
	Nicky will send out a request to all trophy winners to return their trophies in advance of the AGM.	NicG
	Currently James Lean is not totally sure whether he will be standing for re-election	

	next year.	
	Any resolutions to be included on the AGM agenda need to be submitted in writing by 25 <sup>th</sup> December.	
7	AOCB	
	a. Chris had sent out a proposed change to playing conditions for the completion of league matches. The proposal was unanimously agreed.	
	b. There is currently no mention of EDI is our constitution. Chris will draft an EDI statement, and this will go to the AGM as a formal proposal.	СВ
	c. David and Matt introduced Dornoch Cricket club. They were set up in February 2022, mainly for juniors. They have been given a new wicket and training nets. Having been into the local schools, they have about 40 junior members, mostly late primary, early secondary age. Some adults have become involved through the juniors and would be keen to get some games if possible. Ross County have already hosted some informal cricket with them. One option would be to take part in the Reserve cup, like Skye, or alternatively they could focus on friendlies. Allan gave them some information on the Moray Cricket Association.	
	d. Mike Davies had sent Nigel and Chris some of Nairn's thoughts after their recent EGM. Nigel shared this with clubs prior to the meeting. Mike stated how great it was to hear what Dornoch was doing, especially with juniors. One of Nairn's main thoughts is that the more flexibility that can be offered, the better. Again, the question of whether the Sunday league should be called "Reserve" or "Development" was raised. The point was made that some clubs are still happy with the playing of competitive cricket on Sundays. Mike clarified that he is completely in favour of competitive cricket. Andy made the valid point that there is no "right or wrong" outcome here. There are various points to consider such as:	
	Additional guidance for captains?	
	<ul><li>Incentives to play juniors?</li><li>Make money available to support junior competitions?</li></ul>	
	Nigel thanked Mike and Nairn for putting their thoughts forward. Andy and Chris will draft some ideas in addition to the ones above. It was agreed that a point Carolyn made recently is the thing to remember ie it is the spirit that a game is played that is important.	AB / CB
	e. Carolyn had emailed clubs prior to the meeting asking if we should consider making it easier for non-registered umpires to officiate. It was felt that this is already covered in the existing Playing Conditions at item 3, although Carolyn had sent her apologies for this meeting, so if we have missed something it can be discussed at the next meeting.	
	f. Nigel confirmed that the MCC game will be played on 1 <sup>st</sup> May at Gordonstoun.	
8	Date and time of the next meeting:	
	Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm.	