

North of Scotland Cricket Association
Minute of Meeting

Date: 21st February 2023
Location: Virtual meeting
Chair: C Blake
Present: A Duncan, R Belli, M Ross, N Gerrard, J Corsie, M Fox, P Shepherd, C Farr, J Bentall, D Wolton, B Rigby, G Ravi, J Lodge

Item		Action
	Welcome: Chris welcomed all to the meeting. Unfortunately, there was nobody present from Dornoch CC, however they were officially welcomed to NoSCA.	
1	Apologies: A Ballantyne, M Davies	
2	Minute of meeting held on 10th January 2023: The minute was accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed: M Ross Seconded: A Duncan	
3	Matters Arising a. AGM: Chris thanked Nigel and Nicky for their effort in organising the AGM. A paper copy of the Laws of Cricket (2022) was distributed to all clubs. The constitution will be updated following the agreed addition. b. The coaching course did not take place due to lack of nominees.	NG
4	Office Bearers Chris informed the committee that Mike Davies had kindly agreed to be Vice President. The position of Senior Fixtures Secretary is still vacant. Clubs are asked to go back to their members and ask if anybody would like to take up this position.	
5	Competition Entry and Ground Unavailability All clubs had provided details of their ground unavailability. Nicky will forward all relevant emails to Chris and Renato. It was agreed that there would be no fixtures on Saturday 6 th May due to the King's coronation. Clubs confirmed which leagues and cup competitions they would be entering.	NG
6	Playing Conditions Senior and Reserve League Elgin proposed the introduction of fielding restrictions to look at replicating what is already there for the T20, to the leagues and cup. The reason for this is that they feel they have come across a few instances in the past few seasons where teams have camped nearly all their players on the boundary defending a total. Both league and cup are limited over matches, so fielding restrictions should be part of the playing conditions. It has been in the cup previously, but it was removed as it was a "burden" on clubs to mark out a fielding circle. With the majority of clubs using artificial wickets, the positioning of the fielding circle would be in the same place for each game. There followed a discussion on the pros and cons of this proposal and a vote was taken. It was agreed that this would be incorporated in the playing conditions for the Senior League, Cup and T20 matches. It will not be incorporated in the	

8	<p>Cricket Scotland Update</p> <p>Chris, Mike Davies, and Nicky met with Gordon Arthur (CEO), Lucy Preston (Head of Finance), and Charles Paterson (Head of Communications) from Cricket Scotland, to discuss where we are. It is hoped that the existing 2 boards from CS will merge into 1. It is also possible that Cricket Scotland will aim to take on the Disciplinary action for associations. This would take some burden away from NoSCA, it would mean that all offences were dealt with equally, and would potentially stop players with a disciplinary record changing leagues. Although it would also mean that there would be no ability to tailor action to our league.</p> <p>It was suggested that there could be a registration scheme introduced in line with the majority of other sports, as Cricket Scotland are under pressure from SportScotland to gather numbers and more detailed information on cricketers in Scotland.</p> <p>Gordon hopes to physically meet with us in the coming months.</p>	
9	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chris is concerned by the lack of umpires available and feels that some people may have been put off by CSMOA. Chris will raise his concerns with CSMOA. b. Dave Wolton asked for confirmation that the MCC match was planned for the May Bank Holiday and agreed to organise a team as in previous years. Chris thanked him for this. c. Payment of umpires needs to be automated this season. Chris will also raise this with CSMOA. d. Carolyn felt that the expenses for the AGM were excessive. e. Carolyn asked if clubs could ensure that their toilet facilities were in a clean and fit state for use. 	<p>CB</p> <p>DW</p> <p>CB</p>
10	<p>Date and time of the next meeting:</p> <p>Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.00pm.</p>	