

## **Minute of the East of Scotland Cricket Association Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm**

**At the Stewarts Melville Pavilion, Inverleith, Ferry Road, Edinburgh. EH5 2DW.**

### 1: Roll Call.

There were 31 clubs represented and 5 apologies.

Represented clubs:

Boroughmuir, Broomhall, Carlton, Clackmannan, Drummond Trinity, Dunbar, Dunnikier, East Lothian, Edinburgh, Falkland, Freuchie, Glenrothes, Grange, Hawick & Wilton (awards only), Heriots, Holy Cross, Kelso, Largo, Leith FAB, Livingston, Marchmont, Morton, Murrayfield DAFS, Musselburgh, Old Contemptibles, Penicuik, RHC, SMRH, St Boswells, Tranent & Preston Village, Watsonians

### 2: Minutes the 2016 AGM and Matters Arising.

The meeting duly approved the Minute of the 2017 meeting. There were no issues arising that were not covered later on the agenda. Proposed by Boroughmuir and seconded by Watsonians.

### 3: President's Report.

The President spoke to the events of the last year. The full report is appended to these minutes.

The meeting thanked ESCA sponsors, Baillie Gifford, for their support, in particular support for youth cricket.

### 4: Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer formally presented his annual report via email previously. These had been reviewed by Sandy Scotland and signed off as accurate.

Two items of note:

- Eastern Knights reappeared in the accounts as their costs run through the books, but funding is separate and not by ESCA.
- Balls – all clubs' teams put down for 18 balls unless otherwise noted and expectation these will need to be paid for. Clubs to let Peter know by end of January '18 if fewer needed.

### 5: Youth Report.

Bill Polson presented a report on youth representative cricket for the year. The full report is appended to these minutes and will be shared on the website post meeting.

Question:

- James Ross replacement – process being undertaken and candidate identified. The appointment has not been able to be confirmed due to CEC hiring freeze.

### 6: Motions from Clubs.

One motion was reviewed and voted upon on the night, in line with the motion proposed and attached to the notice of AGM.

#### Motion A: Proposed by Morton; seconded by SMRH.

Proposal to change Div 1 to 45 overs from 50. Motion amended (wording amended to “11.1 Except as detailed in 11.3 below, each team shall be entitled to bat for 50 overs in the Championship, 45 overs in Division 1 and 40 in all divisions in all divisions **below division 1.**”

Motion was passed by 24 votes to 4.

## 7. Applications for new and reapplying teams

Musselburgh 3 and Drummond Trinity 3 – motion passed

All reapplying team were asked to provide a statement as to what has changed since 2016/2017 to support the intention to fulfil all fixtures in 2018.

Paul Bailey expressed reservation concerning the applications of Falkland 3 and Broomhall 2, since the former had conceded 3 or more matches in the past 3 seasons, and the latter in the past 2 seasons; he pointed out the extreme difficulty of allocating fixtures in a division of 13 if both clubs are re-elected.

- Marchmont 3 – readmitted, no dissenters
- Falkland 3 – readmitted, motion passed by vote
- Broomhall 2 – readmitted, motion passed by vote

## 8. Election of Office Bearers

The meeting elected the following Office Bearers and Committee members as proposed by the Committee:-

- President: David Gibson (SMRH CC).
- Vice President: Neil Granger (Marchmont CC)
- Secretary: Jim Brims (Edinburgh South CC).
- Treasurer: Peter Kingsbury (Stuart and Stuart Penicuik CC).
- Junior Convener: TBC
  
- Past President: Phil Yelland (Murrayfield/DAFS CC).
- Bruce McTaggart (South of Scotland CC),
- Competitions Convener: Iain Murdoch (Livingston CC)
- Ian Ramage (ESCOA/Umpire representative)

Committee members:

- Paul Bailey (Carlton CC),
- Graeme Donaldson (Tranent CC),
- Bruce Dixon (Linlithgow CC)
- Kevin Gallacher (Gala CC),
- Senthil Nathan (Morton CC),
- Greig Hopcroft (Glenrothes CC),
- Bill Polson (Edinburgh South CC) and
- Scott Russell (Tranent CC).

Ex Officio members:

- Allan Baxter (Freuchie CC)
- Pat Edington

Greig Hopcroft and David Potter stood down from the committee. Clive Allen has stepped down as disciplinary officer. The meeting thanked all three for their efforts over the years.

## 9: League Structure, Rules & Survey.

An update on strategy for league format and rules was presented. This included Saturday T20 league to be run in parallel with existing league setup. It was also noted that trial of measures aimed at shortening the game would be undertaken in 2018. These would be trialled in division 6 to start with

and would be mandatory, as would feedback on the success or otherwise. Feedback will be reviewed post season.

It was noted that rules exist to allow implementation of measure to shorten any game and clubs would be encouraged to trial them, so long as both sides were in agreement.

Clubs will be asked to record start times from 2018 on match return. Clubs will be able to note rain affected games too.

It was noted that deadline was 30<sup>th</sup> November for clubs to return details of teams they plan to enter into each competition.

#### 10. AOCB.

Indoor 6s – the intention is that this competition is run again, however ESCA are appealing for help from the clubs to facilitate the games on each of the evenings.

Council cutbacks on Edinburgh Leisure grounds – Paul Bailey has noted that there was no communication from EL on any cutbacks, or otherwise. It was noted that there is a document for consultation, including on culture & leisure, for feedback to CEC. Clubs encourage to review this. Link will be posted on ESCA website.

Request that ESCA (and CS) review whether CEC/EL can be lobbied to help improve facilities and there may have to be consideration on clubs/members taking more proactive role in pitch maintenance. To be taken to the ECSA committee on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Masterton – Grange circulated proposals and notes on existing Masterton setup. Affected clubs asked to review.

Membership database – If clubs plan to send information to CS for membership of CS, it was noted that clubs must seek permission from their members to do this. The incoming, revised data protection laws were coming live in 2018 and clubs should make themselves familiar with them.

Neil Granger reminded clubs of the availability of Junior grants, noting that 2017 grant values were higher than 2016, but still scope for more to claim.