

Minute of the East of Scotland Cricket Association Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm

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

1: Roll Call.

There were 30 clubs represented and 3 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 2017 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 Carlton and seconded by Largo.

3: President's Report.

The President spoke to the events of the last year. The full report is summarised below:

- The President reiterate the position of the ESCA committee with regard to discipline. ESCA will continue to look to engage with those clubs at the lower end and will look to take action against clubs and captains going forward. It was also noted that there were significant positive points, particularly in the lower divisions.
- Vote of thanks to Clive Allen on a job well done in organising umpires
- Juniors, women's cricket, etc. Indoor club events proving popular.

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

- DG & PY will take on Sunday Development League

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:

- 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 '19 if fewer needed.
- Secretary club contacts on ESCA system will be used. Please keep up to date.

5: Youth Report.

No formal report. Huge U14 and U16 wins for Knights at interregional comps

- Eastern Knights now with CS

6: Motions from ESCA Committee.

One motion (2 sections) was reviewed and voted upon on the night, in line with the motion proposed and attached to the notice of AGM.

Motion A (parts 1 & 2):

Change to rule 2.1 – seconded by Holy Cross. Bob Mowat raised that should this not be in exceptional circumstances.

Change to rule 2.3 – “absolute” deleted and “in exception circumstances”

Both changes passed unanimously

Motion B – Short form return

Change to rule 15 – by the end of the day of the match.

RM (Leith) – concerns of whether this is necessary - noted also by TM (Accies)

BF (Carlton) & CC (Heriots) – For in principle as it takes little time

RP (Grange) – Concerns as a rep.

Clacks 5 points – same penalty as a scratch on a day.

Falkland – mobile signal

5 for, rest against, excepting 2 abstentions. Motion defeated.

7. Applications for new and reapplying teams

New teams were given an offer to speak on

- Bass Rock – Rob Bainbridge
- Drummond Trinity 4s – Tom Turpie
- Leith 3s – Rob Mann

All voted in unanimously.

All reapplying team were asked to provide a statement as to what has changed since 2017/2018 to support the intention to fulfil all fixtures in 2019.

- Broomhall 2 – readmitted, motion passed by vote
- Falkland 3 – 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: Neil Granger (Marchmont CC)
- Vice President: Open
- Secretary: Jim Brims (Edinburgh South CC).
- Treasurer: Peter Kingsbury (Stuart and Stuart Penicuik CC).
- Junior Convener: TBC

- Past President: David Gibson (Stewarts Melville CC) & 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),
- Kevin Gallacher (Gala CC),
- Senthil Nathan (Morton CC),

- Bill Polson (Edinburgh South CC)

Ex Officio members:

- Allan Baxter (Freuchie CC)
- Pat Edington

Noted thanks to 3 members stepping down: Graeme Donaldson, Scott Russell and Bruce Dixon.

9. AOCB.

BF – DLS. Mixed initial response in the room. RP to send email round gauging interest.

BF – Pink ball. GD concerned about quality. Development better with red ball? JR (Watsonians) – concerns about quality. TB (Haddington) concerns of quality in wet. Tiflex - £12.50
Concerns about picking up pink ball in the light.

EL Pitch booking – Sandra resigned. Now being done in a different place, with a new system. PB to send contact to NJG for the website.

CA – umpiring. L1 course available – Livingston, Aberdeen – 19th and 20th Jan; Inchtute & Elgin – 26th and 27th. Email Clive Allen. ESCA will send something round. £400.

Masterton – sub-committee coming on 4th Dec to present. Similar setup to last year.

Dinner – silent auction for Scottish signed bat.

Experimental rules? – Pink ball.

Neil Granger reminded clubs of the availability of Junior grants, noting that 2018 grant values were higher than 2017, but still scope for more to claim.