



Minute

Meeting name	Meeting date	Location	Attendees/Invites	Apologies
ESCA AGM 2019	19 th November 2019	Stewart's Melville Pavillion, Inverleith	All clubs, ESCA Officials	TBC
Time				
19:30				

1. Welcome & Apologies

- a. 24 clubs were represented, with 7 apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM & Matters arising

- a. The meeting duly approved the Minute of the 2018 meeting. There were no issues arising that were not covered later on the agenda.

3. President's Report

- a. The President spoke to the events of the last year. The full report is available on request, but is summarised below:
 - i. The President noted that there still seemed to be a perception of general decline in the game, with 39 scratched games, with further scratches perhaps disguised by call offs in a particularly wet season.
 - ii. He noted that there continues to be an issue with respect to discipline and overburdening of administration due to spurious complaints, some of which may have had an effect on player and volunteer numbers. 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 as part of the disciplinary review that will be undertaken Feb '20.
 - iii. He noted that there were significant positive points too, with some positive steps forward in the development sub-committee led by David Gibson.
 - iv. The meeting thanked ESCA sponsor, Baillie Gifford, for their support, in particular support for youth cricket.
 - v. The meeting thanked ESCA sponsor, Felsham PD, for their support of the Braw Skelp.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer formally presented his annual report via email previously. These had been reviewed by Sandy Scotland and signed off as accurate. No questions were raised on the night.

5. Competitions Sub-Committee Report

- a. Picked up as part of President's report

6. Development Sub-Committee Report

- a. DG spoke to the remit and ongoing work of the development sub-committee. The group have tasked with developing youth cricket in Lothians, Forth Valley and Borders, whether this is through strategic development or identifying the need for financial support. The group are also looking to develop Women & Girls' cricket, as well as facilities. DG noted that the group have put in place stepping stones for further development during the 2020 season.
- b. DG noted that with respect to ESCA Sunday development league, there were challenges in fixture fulfilment, however positivity in that clubs still keen to be involved.

7. Motions from Clubs

- a. None received

8. Election of new and reapplying clubs

- a. New and reapplying teams were given a chance to speak.
 - i. New - Fauldhouse Victoria CC (dual registration team with Livingston CC) – were not present, but NJG noted email correspondence and Livingston position. Application approved unanimously.
 - ii. Reapplying – Dunfermline & Carnegie 2. Application approved unanimously.

- iii. Reapplying – Falkland 3. Noted that this was a further application after previous years' reapplication, with issues still fulfilling fixtures. Falkland acknowledged this, noting that they had taken further steps, particularly through youth cricket engagement, to help bolster playing numbers. They would look to address travel challenges going forward. Members from other clubs noted concerns about fulfilling fixtures again. Application was approved by majority, however it was noted that this was a potential final warning.
 - iv. Reapplying – Musselburgh 3. Application approved unanimously.
- b. All were admitted to the lowest division.

9. Election of Office Bearers

- a. The meeting elected the following Office Bearers and Committee members as proposed by the Committee:-
- i. President: Neil Granger
 - ii. Vice President: Open
 - iii. Secretary: Jim Brims
 - iv. Treasurer: Peter Kingsbury
 - v. Past President: David Gibson
- b. Committee members:
- i. Ramsay Allan
 - ii. Allan Baxter (ex officio)
 - iii. Pat Edington (ex officio)
 - iv. Senthil Nathan
 - v. Bill Polson
 - vi. Phil Yelland
- c. Roles
- i. Competitions Sub-Committee Lead: Convener: Ramsay Allan
 - ii. Discipline Sub-Committee Lead: Phil Yelland
 - iii. Development Sub-Committee Lead: David Gibson
 - iv. Social Media & Comms Sub-Committee Lead: Neil Granger
 - v. Finance Sub-Committee Lead: Peter Kingsbury
- d. Non-executive advisors
- i. Neil Davidson (Umpires)
 - ii. Chris Grindell (South)
 - iii. TBC (Women's and Girl's Cricket)

Noted thanks to 3 members stepping down: Paul Bailey, Kev Gallagher & Ian Barnes. Particular thanks to PB with respect as Competitions Lead.

10. AOB

- a. It was noted that it was ESCA committee's intention NOT to bring any rule or constitutional changes to the AGM, but address these in an SGM in February or March 2020.
- b. RP noted that Championship clubs to discuss the proposed standards and rules criteria after AGM.
- c. DG request that any clubs wanting to partake in Sunday development league should advise by end Feb '20.
- d. NJG reiterated that ESCA grants were available for youth cricket. Generally it is the same clubs taking ECSA up on the available funding each year and there may be scope to increase available funding if a club has a specific project.
- e. NJG noted that a midweek social league is being looked at for 2020, set up by Scott Russell. More details will be coming out, but any clubs interested should advise by mid-March.
- f. SD requested further details around the reason for loss of 3 committee members. It was noted that this was in relation to a series of events with CS and was in response to appeals decisions by CS. The full details would not be shared, however NJG noted that the outcome was not helpful and the loss of key individuals from the committee was frustrating and disappointing.

- g. It was noted that late fixture changes in the Masterton were disruptive and led to some uncertainty around the finals day. This will be looked at in 2020.
- h. Slow play was discussed, in relation to the findings from PK match return system. Whilst some of the data was input incorrectly, the useful data showed that some sides were generally slow in completing overs timeously, with a number of late finishes (some of which would likely to be able to have been avoided).