



Minute

Meeting name	Meeting date	Location	Attendees/Invites	Apologies
ESCA AGM 2020/21	28 th January '21	Zoom	All clubs, ESCA Officials	As noted
Time				
19:30				

1. Welcome & Apologies

- a. 21 clubs were represented, with 5 apologies.
- b. Present: Boroughmuir, Carlton, Drummond Trinity, Dunbar, Dunnikier, Edinburgh South, EUSCC, Gala, Grange, Holy Cross, Kelso, Livingston, Marchmont, MDAFS, Morton, Musselburgh, RHC, S&S Penicuik, Stewart's Melville, Watsonians, Westquarter

2. Approval of Minutes of 2019 AGM & Matters arising

- a. The meeting duly approved the Minute of the 2019 meeting. There were no issues arising that were not covered later on the agenda. Proposed: Robin Pollok, Seconded: Phil Yelland

3. President's Report

- a. The President spoke to the events of the last year. The full report is attached to these minutes.

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. Proposed: Dunbar, Seconded: Watsonians
- b. PK noted that Sandy is stepping down from the role as auditor / reviewer of accounts and PK thanked him for his efforts over the years. It was noted that a replacement will need to be found for 2021/2022 and we would like any volunteers to put their name forward. Proposed: Rob
- c. Balls – ball order needed by end of February.
- d. Requested again that all Clubs' Secretary's email address up to date on the main returns system portal.

5. Update on plan for 2021

- a. Picked up as part of President's report, noting also that planning had been started by the committee, looking at some shortened season.
- b. Noted that decisions are unlikely to be made until March or April, but Clubs' Pre-season meeting and SGM are pencilled in for 15th April '21.

6. Motions from Clubs

- a. None received

7. Election of new and reapplying clubs

- a. Bass Rock 2 - application approved unanimously and admitted to the lowest division

8. Election of Office Bearers

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

- a. President: Neil Granger
- b. Vice President: Open
- c. Secretary: Open
- d. Treasurer: Peter Kingsbury
- e. Past President: David Gibson
- f. Existing Committee members:
 - i) Ramsay Allan
 - ii) Jim Brims
 - iii) Senthil Nathan

- iv) Bill Polson
- v) Phil Yelland
- g. New Committee members:
 - i) Kevin Stump*
 - ii) Annette Aitken-Drummond*
- h. Honorary Vice-Presidents
 - i) Allan Baxter (ex officio)
 - ii) Pat Edington (ex officio)

Roles

Competitions Sub-Committee Lead: Convener: Ramsay Allan

Discipline Sub-Committee Lead: Phil Yelland

Development Sub-Committee Lead: David Gibson

Social Media & Comms Sub-Committee Lead: Lizzie Sleet*, Sam Dyer*, Conall Howard*

Finance Sub-Committee Lead: Peter Kingsbury

Women's and Girl's Cricket: Annette Aitken-Drummond*

- i. Non-executive advisors
 - i) George Burns (CSMOA - Match Officials)
 - ii) Chris Grindell (South)
- j. Standing down
 - i) Neil Davidson (ESCOA - Match Officials)

** Provisional position - individual noted currently in the process of being on-boarded to ESCA committee and we would request approval in principle.*

Noted thanks to members stepping down, particularly Jim Brims in his role as secretary, but who will remain on the committee.

The above proposed by ESCA and seconded by Westquarter and S&S Penicuik

9. AOB

- a. Nothing raised.

ESCA Club Engagement Meeting 28th January 2021

- 1) How did your club and membership cope with 2020?
 - a) Want competitive cricket
 - b) Issue with lack of nets
 - c) Positive to allow some of the older youngsters to play senior cricket at friendlies
 - d) Brought club closer together given intraclub fixture and working together. Keen to do a bit more.
 - e) Glad to get some cricket
 - f) Net system on covid and booking system did work well and people used it a lot
 - g) Lack of school cricket actually helped numbers, though some challenges with school grounds
 - h) Some players did want longer matches
 - i) Reduced sub for some club members
 - j) Very few of the senior players played at all (DT, RHC) - get use to not playing. Is this a risk?
 - k) Players put job and job retention ahead of cricket
 - l) Finances – some clubs lost money – hard to get money off clubs – no subs, but still had to pay insurance
 - m) Sponsorship gone
 - n) Challenges over getting a side due to being same team vs same team
 - o) Some mismatches but some clubs were more accommodating because of friendlies, rather than competitive. Concerns on regionalisation
 - p) More midweek fixtures
 - q) Flexibility on over lengths worked well for multi club teams
 - r) Nominal sub helped increase membership
 - s) Able to get government grant

- 2) Did your club and membership find the Covid playing measures reasonable - anything that did or didn't work?
 - a) Covid compliance without umpires?
 - b) Covid monitor for away teams seem sporadic.
 - c) First week ignorance
 - d) Time turning up to the game – too early for a lot of players (up to an hour before hand)
 - e) Social distancing a challenge
 - f) No huddles on celebration
 - g) Impact on cricket if social media highlights non-compliance
 - h) Need to reiterate importance for the good of the game
 - i) WRCC saw a real positive observation of standards
 - j) Things did get better – perhaps clubs who had intra club games helped educate the others
 - k) South had a club captain's meeting to discuss
 - l) Running up and down line – impractical to enforce?
 - m) Spectators not allowed to be in? Can this be looked at for parents & amateurs.

- 3) How has the 2020 season affected membership and participation for 2021?
 - a) Largely a question mark. Without indoor nets, difficult to gauge, but also attract new players.
 - b) Still appetite, but will be tested if no competitive cricket
 - c) Lost one of the teams, down to 2.
 - d) May be losing one team, but looking at ways to share resource with other club

- 4) What were players thoughts on reduced match length?
 - a) Maybe can't read too much into season with respect to length – was a lot of this down to simply getting cricket?
 - b) What will Ed Leisure's view – availability of facilities, rain, etc and does that affect game length decision.
 - c) Case to case basis for overs
 - d) Midweek is positive and for getting more people engaged

- 5) Were comms from CS suitable and frequent enough?
 - a) Clubs recognised that there needed to be a lag from Scottish Government decision through sportscotland, to CS, to ESCA
 - b) Disappointed early doors with speed / visibility of what they were doing, but ultimately very good. If there had been more comms early, it would have been better.

- 6) Were comms from ESCA suitable and frequent enough?
 - a) Redundant PAT communications not necessary
 - b) EL comms – need more. Some lack of comms put down to furlough

- 7) Are there any suggestions for 2021?
 - a) Planning and avoiding a delay between announcement and getting games started. Greater scenario planning early.
 - b) Junior planning – looking at this through Lothian Juniors
 - c) ECB are planning on running Dynamos and All Stars (perhaps a little)
 - d) Other sports playing into summer (e.g. rugby, hockey). Not just grounds, but completing interests.