



Minute

Meeting name	Meeting date	Location	Attendees/Invites	Apologies
ESCA AGM 2021/22	26 ^h January '22	Zoom	All clubs, ESCA Officials	As noted
Time				
19:30				

1. Welcome & Apologies

- a. 24 clubs were represented, with no noted apologies.
- b. Present: Bass Rock, Boroughmuir, Carlton, Clackmannan, Drummond Trinity, Dunbar, Dunnikier, Edinburgh South, Gala, Grange, Heriots, Holy Cross, Livingston, Marchmont, MDAFS, Morton, Musselburgh, Old Contemptibles, RHC, S&S Penicuik, Stewart's Melville, Tranent & Preston Village, Watsonians, Westquarter

2. Approval of Minutes of 2020/21 AGM, 2021 SGM & Matters arising

- a. The meeting duly approved the Minute of the 2020/21 meeting and the 2021 SGM. 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, including the Plan4Sport independent investigation, reiterating previous calls for individuals to come forward and share experiences.
- b. 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 Neil Craigmile (thanked by PK) and signed off as accurate. No questions were raised on the night.
- b. Requested again that all Clubs' Secretary's email address up to date on the main returns system portal.

5. Update on plan for 2022

- a. Picked up, in part, as part of President's report, noting also that planning is under way, with EPL fixtures having been issued on 25th January 2022. ESCA fixtures to follow.
- b. Note that with number of clubs potentially being voted in tonight, there may need to be a change in structure to the lowest division.
- c. NJG noted continuing strain on ground availability, with 6 new teams this year. Reiteration for flexibility in lower divisions.
- d. A new scoring system for season 2022 will be introduced. Training for the system is being coordinated by George Burns (GB) and more details will follow in early February, including training. It was reiterated that live scoring will not be mandatory, but the player registration system will be (replacing PK's Cricket Stats portal).
- e. Further clarification from EL required on pavilions, but hopefully teas will be introduced, though it was noted that some clubs had reservations around this.
- f. Noted that Clubs' Pre-season meeting and SGM are tentatively pencilled in for 13th April '22, which will include the rules review. Clubs invited to submit any motions at this.

6. Election of new and reapplying clubs

- a. Applications for the following clubs approved unanimously and admitted to the lowest division:
 - i. Bass Rock 2
 - ii. Livingston 3
 - iii. MDAFS 4

- iv. Drummond Trinity 5
- v. Tranent & PV 3
- vi. Edinburgh South 4
- b. Noted that Heriots 4 had withdrawn their previous intention to field a 4th XI

7. Notification of new teams applying for 2023 (proposed)

- a. Stirling 1 & 2
 - i. It was noted by NJG that Stirling had intimated to ESCA their intention to investigate joining ESCA leagues, leaving WDCU. This would be for 2023.
 - ii. Formal notice has not been received, but Stirling has been asked to provide this prior to the ESCA SGM in April.
 - iii. If and when received, ESCA will engage with all clubs, particularly around where Stirling 1s would fit into the league structure. It was reiterated that all clubs would know of any alternate promotion and relegation arrangements prior to the SGM, so there would be no 'surprises'.

8. Motions

- a. Change of ESCA Financial Year to November - Proposed by ESCA Committee
 - i. PK discussed the reasoning behind the proposal to realign the end of ESCA's financial year from September to November, given revised AGM dates and to give some additional time to close out the season's finances and have them reviewed / audited.
 - ii. Unanimously voted through

9. Election of Office Bearers

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

- a. President: Neil Granger
 - i) This included agreement to extension of term of Presidency by 1 year via a Special Resolution. This was in light of challenges presented by Covid-19 pandemic over the previous 2 years and the need for succession planning.
 - ii) It was reiterated that the special resolution is being used for exceptional circumstances and ESCA do not propose to change the wording of the constitution, with length of term maintained as a maximum of 3 years.
- b. Vice President: Kashif Hussain
- c. Secretary: Tom Pickles
- d. Treasurer: Peter Kingsbury
- e. Past President: David Gibson
- f. Existing Committee members:
 - i) Annette Aitken-Drummond
 - ii) Ramsay Allan
 - iii) Jim Brims
 - iv) Senthil Nathan
 - v) Bill Polson
 - i) Kevin Stump
 - ii) Phil Yelland
- g. New Committee members:
 - iii) It is noted that there are two further individuals who ESCA are currently discussing roles with. If agreed, these individuals would be on-boarded to ESCA committee as soon as possible. We are not in a position to confirm these individuals to coincide with the AGM, however it is proposed to allow ESCA to engage these individuals, with formal ratification at SGM.

- iv) It was reiterated that if their support is for sub-committee, competitions (e.g. Divisional rep) or advisory, they would not require to be a full committee member and ratification would not be required.
- 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: Sam Dyer

Finance Sub-Committee Lead: Peter Kingsbury

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

Diversity, Equality & Inclusion: TBC *

Appeals: TBC *

** New sub-committee created. Sub-committee lead to be confirmed.*

- i. Non-executive advisors
 - i) Clive Allen (Masterton Operating Committee Lead)
 - ii) George Burns (CSMOA - Match Officials)
 - iii) Richard Ward (South)
- j. Standing down
 - i) Chris Grindell (South)

Noted thanks to Chris Grindell for his help over the last few year, as well as to current committee volunteers for all efforts in keeping things running.

10. AOB

- a. Query raised in relation to whether ESCA clubs with EPL teams with a stock of red balls can use these in the ESCA leagues (given EPL move to pink balls). Would be discussed at the next ESCA committee meeting, but likely that there will be some leeway on this, but consideration to be given to both teams using the same type of ball in a match.