



## **Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited (“CSHL”)**

Minute of the 7<sup>th</sup>AGM of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited (“CSHL”) held at Stirling County Cricket Club, New Williamfield, Royal Stuart Way, Stirling FK7 7WS

### **Present:**

B Dixon (President) – Chair of AGM  
AGS Brian (Chair)  
M Cannon (Director & CEO)  
D Johnson (CS Finance Manager)  
RD Brooks (Secretary)

### **Representatives of Clubs, Leagues and Associations** per attendance role.

Helensburgh CC (C Neill)  
Linlithgow CC (B Dixon)  
East of Scotland Cricket Association (S Russell)  
Edinburgh South CC (B Polson)  
SMRH CC (J Archer & N Leitch)  
Grange CC (R Allan)  
Ayr CC (A Baird)  
Western District Cricket Union (I Murdoch)  
Livingston CC (I Murdoch)  
West of Scotland CC (C Mair)  
Carlton CC (B Forrester)  
Ross County CC (J Bishop)  
North of Scotland Cricket Association (J Bishop)  
Watsonian CC (AGS Brian)  
Stirling County CC (R Turnbull)  
Kelburne CC (J McClymont)  
Rossie Priory CC (B McFarlane)  
Aberdeenshire CC  
Heriots CC (K McLaren)  
Hillhead CC  
Dumfries CC (S Strachan)  
Stoneywood Dyce CC  
Doo’cot Park (G McKimmie)  
Strathmore Perthshire Cricket Union (G McKimmie)  
Renfrew CC (S Majeed)  
East Renfrewshire CC (A Ashraf)  
Tranent CC (S Russell)

**Personal Members** – RW Barclay, WM Polson, J McClymont, RM Wylie, A R Allan

**Others Present** - GE Bradburn (Cricket Scotland), J Kemp (Director Cricket Scotland Ltd), A Aitken (Cricket Scotland)

## **1. Opening remarks**



The President, Bruce Dixon (BD) welcomed and thanked all those present to the AGM and asked that all points raised and questions be put through the chair and for those present to identify themselves and their club or association prior to any questions.

## 2. Apologies

Apologies had been intimated from Kinross-shire CC, D Auchinleck, J Kennedy, I Downie, A Bowman, P Hall, Glenrothes CC, N Bowman, I Stephen, D Hays, P Reddish, K Young and K Oliver

## 3. Previous Minutes

*BD proposed the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Glasgow and these were accepted as read by the membership.*

## 4. President's Report

**Bruce Dixon delivered his report for the year as below;**

“It was a much appreciated honour to be appointed President of Cricket Scotland and I have enjoyed every moment of it so far. Since being appointed as President at last year’s AGM, I have tried to watch as much cricket as possible at all levels of the game. I have certainly had a lot of pleasure in doing so and would thank everyone for the hospitality afforded to me.

I attended most of the Under Age finals and there are some talented cricketers around at that level. The various competitions were dominated by Grange who won four of the trophies, winning the ECB Under 13 and Under 15 trophies together with Under 13 and Under 15 Scottish cups. The Under 18 Scottish Cup was won by Clydesdale. I was able to attend a number of games involving the Under15, 17 and 19 National sides who all had mixed seasons, with some good results recorded. There is no doubt that we have a great deal of talent within junior cricket in Scotland. The challenge for us is to develop this talent to fulfil its’ undoubted potential.

I managed to see a number of Club matches, both as an umpire and spectator, many of which were excellent games of cricket. The Scottish Cup Final was played at Hamilton Crescent and was won by Clydesdale, beating Arbroath in a tight match which could have gone either way, but was decided by a partnership between Con de Lange and Majid Haq for Clydesdale.

A couple of weeks later, Clydesdale lost to Carlton at Grange Loan in the National Club Championship Play-Off. The deciding factor in this game was probably a blistering knock by Hugo Southwell for Carlton. These two games convinced me personally of the need for our top Clubs to be playing each other in a National League.

Gordonians beat Kelso in the Challenge Cup final at Drumpellier in a game that went to the final over and Aberdeen Grammar School FP beat Ellon in the Small Clubs Cup final.

An excellent day’s cricket at Poloc CC saw Grange beat Aberdeenshire in the final of the Murgitroyd Cup. Thanks to Keith Young, Poloc CC and to Murgitroyd & Co for their sponsorship which I hope will continue.

The Women had a successful season. They qualified for the World T20 Qualifiers in Sri Lanka by beating the Netherland in Southend. Although they only managed one win in Sri Lanka, against Papua New Guinea, the team were competitive in all games and the experience will benefit a mainly young team. They also had an excellent season winning the Nat West T20 Cup Division 3 with 8 wins out of 8 and winning 3 out of 8 of their One day league matches. It is a great pity that the Women have to travel to England for all their league games but I really enjoyed my days in Derbyshire where we beat both Derbyshire and Cornwall and in Cheshire where we beat the hosts comfortably. The spirit in the team is great to see.

The National side had a mixed season. The July fixtures with Afghanistan saw one game abandoned due to rain and the second match lost by a substantial margin. Next up was an iCup game v UAE which was moved to Ayr very much at the last minute. However the match was ruined by rain and play was only possible on the first day and for a few overs on the second day. The World Cricket League fixtures against UAE were played at Grange CC and both



were won comprehensively. We then moved on to two fixtures with Hong Kong in early September. The first was abandoned as a no result due to bad light (but was still an interesting game of cricket which could have gone either way) and the second was won comfortably. The Braidwood Trophy was won back after defeats in Hong Kong in January 2016.

The game v MCC at Forthill in June was rained off without a ball being bowled. Around this time Bob McFarlane christened me the Raining President and the Chief Executive and Chair suggested I stop attending games we needed to play and win! This was on the back of the trip to Hong Kong where it rained incessantly and the UAE game in Ayr where hardly any play was possible.

The trip to UAE in January for the Desert T20 saw the team win all three section games but lost the Ireland in the semi-final. The two ODI's that followed showed that we still lack consistency. We have a challenging year ahead in both the iCup and the World Cricket League and I wish the team well.

Much has been achieved in terms of the governance and financial stability of Cricket Scotland, mainly due to the efforts of the Chair and Chief Executive, Tony Brian and Malcolm Cannon, but there is still much to be done to achieve the on field results that most of us desire.

There are some excellent ongoing initiatives, such as Cricket Force and Thriving Clubs which help make clubs more visible in their community and to rejuvenate their grounds, helping clubs who are prepared to help themselves. The latest initiative, All Stars, which is designed to bring 5 to 8 year old kids into cricket clubs and with them maybe some parents. This programme looks an exciting and innovative development for which a number of clubs have already signed up.

In conclusion I would like to thank past Presidents Colin Neill and Bob McFarlane for their help and advice and Tony Brian, Malcolm Cannon and all the Cricket Scotland staff for their support in my first year as President and I look forward to my second year”

The Basil D'Oliveira Trophy was awarded to Robert 'Bert' Barclay for his outstanding service to Scottish Cricket having served on the various Board managing Cricket Scotland & previously the SCU over a 40 year period prior to stepping down in 2017. 'Bert' was present to collect his award and issue his thanks to Bruce Dixon.

**5. 2016 Annual Report** presented by **Malcolm Cannon** (CEO, Cricket Scotland)

Malcolm Cannon addressed the meeting and introduced the Annual Report that had been made available to members on the Cricket Scotland website in the weeks prior to the meeting.

The departures of Craig Wright, Andy Tennant and Kari Carswell who all left the organisation since the last AGM were noted and each was thanked for their efforts over many years.

In addition, a note of thanks was given to Preston Mommsen who stood down as captain of the National Men's side following leading Scotland to a Cricket World Cup and a World T20 during his time at the helm.

**6. International Cricket and High Performance Update** by **Grant Bradburn**, Scotland Men's Head Coach

Grant Bradburn spoke at length to the audience delivering a presentation on Winning our Way and an update on the High Performance programme

**7. Receipt of the accounts for Cricket Scotland Holdings Ltd**

Cricket Scotland Finance Manager, David Johnson spoke to the accounts for the year end 2016.



The membership confirmed acceptance of the accounts, proposed by Neil Leitch (SMRH CC) and seconded by Alex Miller (Kelburne CC)

#### **8. To confirm the level of Subscriptions for 2017**

It is proposed by Cricket Scotland (Malcolm Cannon – CEO, CSL and Tony Brian – Chair, CSL) that the subscriptions to Cricket Scotland Holdings remain at the same level as 2016 for 2017

That being;

##### Class I Members

Clubs usually fielding three or more senior teams on their main playing day  
**£203** inclusive of VAT

##### Class II Members

Clubs usually fielding two senior teams on their main playing day  
**£130** inclusive of VAT

##### Class III Members

- Leagues and associations
- Clubs usually fielding one senior team on their main playing day
- Clubs who play no league cricket or who do not play regularly but wish to support the governing body and be eligible to benefit from membership

**£60** inclusive of VAT

##### Personal Memberships of Cricket Scotland Holdings Ltd

Proposed to remain at 2016 levels for 2017

Life: £150 plus VAT

Annual: £20 including VAT if resident in Scotland; £5 including VAT minimum if living out with Scotland.

#### **9. Election of President Elect**

Willie Donald was accepted as the unopposed candidate for the role of President Elect for the 2017.

Tony Brian issued his thanks on behalf of the membership for all the hard work that Colin Neil had done during his term as President Elect, President and Past President over four years and also issued gratitude for the efforts of Keith Young who was stepping down from the board.

#### **10. Election of Director**

Sai Majeed was accepted as the unopposed candidate for the role of Director on the CSHL Board.

#### **11. Any other competent business**

Bruce Dixon issued his thanks to Stirling County CC and their President Rod Turnbull for hosting the evening.

Meeting Closed at 8.57pm

