

Cricket Scotland Council Limited (CSCL)

Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April
via virtual conference

Present:

Phil Yelland (President CSCL) in the chair
Sue Strachan (interim Chair CSL)
John Lunn (Interim CS CEO)

Representatives of Clubs and Regional Associations

Dunblane CC (Alan Robertson)
Murrayfield Dafs CC (Phil Yelland)
RH Corstorphine CC (Tom Pickles)
Dundee HSFP CC (Gavin Garden)
Westquarter and Redding CC(Umar Aslam)
Heriots CC (Charlie Clark)
Dumfries (Andrew Reed)
Grange CC (Neil Leitch and Ramsay Allan)
Hillhead CC (Bernie Mitchell)
Ross County CC (Chris Blake)
Edinburgh South CC (Paul Reddish)
Stewart's Melville CC (Robert Barclay)
Clydesdale CC (Asim Khan)
West of Scotland CC (Paul Coffey and Colin Mair)
Edinburgh CC (Mohammad Nazish)
NOCA (Nigel Gerrard)
NESC SCIO (Paul Gray and Martin Auld)
SPCU (Gordon McKinnie)

Personal and Life Members

CK Oliver, Kenneth Godsman, Jerry Bishop, Bill Polson and Tony Brian

Others Present

Lucy Preston, Nic Wilson, Paul Macari, Rob Moffat (all CS staff)
Colin Mitchell, Andrew Wallace, Jonathan Kemp Sheelagh Duffield, Douglas Lockhart, (all CSL and CSCL board members)
Sandy Hodge (sportscotland)
Louise Tideswell (Plan4Sport)

Apologies

Mark Colman (WDCU), Neil Granger (ESCA), David Gibson (ESCA), Steven McLaren (Stenhousemuir CC), Bob McFarlane and Euan MacIntyre

1. Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited

PY presented the minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited. These had been made available prior to the meeting on the CS website. The minutes were proposed for acceptance by Charlie Clark and seconded by Neil Leitch, and accepted as an accurate reflection by the membership.

2. 2021 Annual Report presented by John Lunn (Interim CEO, Cricket Scotland)

JL reviewed some highlights from the annual report including:

- A small surplus was made in the year
- Parkmead and Wolf 77 provided sponsorship
- The navigation of the COVID restrictions was a huge amount of work from the operations teams
- Domestic cups were successfully completed
- CSLive launched
- Successful series versus Zimbabwe during restrictions
- Revised regional series including a new womens format which was highly competitive
- The Women's Team won the Euro T 20 qualifiers
- The Men's Team Won qualifiers and beat ICC Full members Zimbabwe and Bangladesh and won the T 20 qualifying group to qualify for the Super 12s
- The performances of the Women's and Men's team had been recognised in the ICC Associate Nations performance awards
- Additional support to regions and clubs additional development officers to restart cricket
- Expanded the Lord Taverners programme to Edinburgh
- Launched Chance to Shine programmes in Edinburgh and Aberdeen
- Formed the CSMOA
- Thanks to ICC and sportscotland as our key funders

C Oliver asked a question about the number of board changes that have occurred during the year. Sue Strachan replied that individuals have had different reason for leaving the board and for some it was time requirement, however it would be inappropriate to go into individual reasons. All the Board members have given great t service to cricket in Scotland and she thanked them for this.

3. Past President's Report

Past President Sue Strachan reported on the past year and gave an overview of her highlights as President. In summary, this included:

- It was great to get out in the spring with reduction of restrictions when clubs opened up and teams got together again
- All Stars, Dynamos, juniors to seniors made it a game for all
- Attending the disability HUB Day at Dumfries and talking to participants and parents on their joy of playing cricket
- Pleased at the growth of the womens and girl's game and watching successful womens regional super series
- Sitting at the Grange watching Scotland men play Zimbabwe
- Our national womens side beating Ireland and finishing top of the ICC T20 Women's World Cup European qualifying group
- Watching the Men's U19's on Sky TV gaining the experience of a lifetime and then being glued to the screen as our men beat Bangladesh in the T20 world cup
- Witnessing the joy and pride shown by all that play for Scotland being a small part of a big team
- Towards the end of the year, we faced a different enemy and it was clear that people have experienced racism within cricket in Scotland and for that we are truly sorry
- Through engagement with sportscotland and Plan4Sport we have shown that we are fully committed to any changes required so we can eradicate racism from cricket in Scotland and show we can be a safe, welcoming and inclusive place for people to come together and enjoy the sport we love and for cricket to bring us together.

SS finished by reflected on the good and adversity we have all faced over the past two years. She thanked everyone that has supported and advised her during her period as President.

Special thanks was given to Tony Brian, who had retired as Chair after seven years in post. During that time, Tony was a tireless force for nurturing Scottish cricket and seeing growth in the game and for representing Scotland on the world stage with the ICC. Last year Tony had offered to continue for an extra year as the game recovered from Covid and had worked many hours and should take great pride in many achievements in time as chair including: the growth of the game, work of the development team encouraging new communities to play cricket in all of its forms, the global launch of CricHIT, individual players receiving accolades, and our national teams performing brilliantly on the international stage. On behalf of everyone, SS thanked Tony..

4. Receipt of the accounts for Cricket Scotland Council Ltd and Cricket Scotland Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021 (available on the Cricket Scotland website)

Lucy Preston (CS Head of Finance) presented and overview of the accounts. In summary:

- CSCL Accounts
 - Standard accounts – the only income is subscriptions which are recharged to CS
 - There is no profit or loss
- SCL Accounts
 - Total income £2.3M

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- Slight operating surplus of £2k
- Major recovery from 2020 due to increasing ICC funding
- sportscotland funding increased slightly
- Commercial income increased due to more cricket
- Job retention scheme continued until May 2021
- Other income includes partnership income
- Expenditure went up due to more cricket being played
- In 2020 the ICC requested that we repay a HP fund (£274k) which they had given us. We have provided for it in 2020 however we are still waiting for a decision on whether we have to pay this back

C Oliver asked two questions and these were clarified:

- Parkmead sponsorship is shown under commercial income
- The credit on balance sheet includes the £274k referred to above.

The accounts were adopted:

- CSCL accounts were proposed by Martin Auld and seconded by Umar Aslam
- CSL accounts proposed by Umar Aslam and seconded by Charlie Clark

The meeting approved both sets of accounts.

5. Confirmation of the level of subscriptions for 2022 (paper enclosed)

Subscriptions were confirmed for the year as follows:

- Club subscriptions
 - Class 1: £203
 - Class 2: £130
 - Class 3: £60
- Personal
 - £20 within Scotland
 - £5 outwith Scotland

(All figures include VAT)

These were proposed by Phil Yelland and seconded by Colin Mitchell.

The meeting approved the proposals.

6. Confirmation of President

Sue Strachan commended Phil Yelland as the next President of Cricket Scotland and there were no objections.

PY thanked everyone for confirming him as President and gave a short summary of his involvement in cricket since first playing league cricket 50 years ago. He re-iterated that there should be no barriers in cricket and all players should respect each other and enjoy playing the game and making new friendships.

PY highlighted the Plan4Sport review and repeated that there was evidence of racism in the game in Scotland and that CS was truly sorry for anyone who had experienced racism within cricket in Scotland. PY highlighted as SS had the Plan4Sport review and the commitment of CS to bring about the changes to eradicate racism from the sport in Scotland.

7. Election of CSCL Board Member

The Chair explained that there were no nominations for the two vacant positions. He indicated he would discuss with the Council how these positions could be filled including how to spread the net widely to attract interest and candidates.

8. Any other competent business

- A presentation was made to the meeting from Louise Tideswell from Plan4Sport which updated on where the review into racism within Scottish cricket currently is and what the next steps are (this presentation is available on the CS website within the Plan4Sport review pages)
- Bill Polson enquired if the Eve Mawdsley Trophy had been awarded. Ramsay Allan added some context in regard to the awarding of the trophy. It was confirmed that it had not been awarded so for 2021 yet and will be considered by the Council

The Chair thanked all for attending and hoped that next years meeting will be held in person.

The meeting finished at 6.45pm

