



Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited (“CSHL”)

Minute of the 8th AGM of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited (“CSHL”) held on April 12th 2018 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)

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 (P Reddish)
SMRH CC (R Barclay & N Leitch)
Western District Cricket Union (C. Mitchell)
West of Scotland CC (D Lockhart)
Carlton CC (B Forrester & H Parker)
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 & A Miller)
Rossie Priory CC (B McFarlane)
Aberdeenshire CC (W Donald)
Hillhead CC (B Mitchell)
Aberdeenshire Cricket Association (I Stephen)
Dumfries CC (S Strachan)
Grange CC (Edward Duboulay & R Hesketh)
Perth Doo’cot (G Ferguson)
Strathmore and Perthshire Cricket Union (G McKinnie)
Renfrew CC (S Majeed)
Drumpellier CC (B McPate)
Tranent CC (S Russell)
Forfarshire CC (D Auchinleck)

Additional Personal Members – none

Others Present – K Ross (NOSCA), I Sandbrook (Cricket Scotland), David Edwards (Linlithgow CC)

1. Opening remarks

The President, Bruce Dixon (BD) welcomed and thanked all those present at 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, Glenrothes CC, DHSFP CC, R Allan, N Bowman, D Hays, E Grierson, C Mair, J Reid

3. Previous Minutes

BD presented the minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of Cricket Scotland Holdings Limited held on **Wednesday 23rd March 2017** at Stirling County CC. One amendment was requested - that Edinburgh CC won ESCA championship and not, as stated, SMRH. The minutes, as so amended, were proposed for acceptance by J Bishop and seconded by AGS Brian and accepted as an accurate reflection by the membership.

4. President's Report

Bruce Dixon delivered his report for the year as below;

"It does not seem two years since I was elected President, but I have to say how much I have enjoyed and appreciated the honour of being elected and have tried in the two years to get to as many games and events as possible.

The last 12 months have been a period of advancement for Scottish cricket. Our National Men's team have beaten a Full Member nation for the first time and during 2017 not only beat one Full Member but did so against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. In the course of 2017 we also beat Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Kenya and UAE finishing runners up to Holland in the World Cricket League. In the Intercontinental Cup draws with Namibia, in a game badly affected by rain in Ayr, PNG and a loss to Ireland meant that we finished in 6th place, although many of our games were curtailed by rain.

Finishing 2nd in the World Cricket League gained us entry to the World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe in March this year. Our performances in Zimbabwe were exceptional and if a couple of decisions had gone our way and a thunderstorm had missed Harare, we might well have been on our way to next year's World Cup. Grant Bradley and Kyle Coetzer and all of the team and support staff can be very proud of our performances in Zimbabwe, where we beat Afghanistan, Hong Kong and Nepal and tied with Zimbabwe in the Group stages before beating UAE and then losing narrowly to Ireland and Windies in the Super Sixes. It was appropriate that both Kyle and Safyaan Sharif were named in the Team of the Tournament.

The progress that the team have in the last two years has been exceptional and I hope that we can benefit from our experiences in Zimbabwe and continue on the road we are on.

The Scotland Women also had a successful season, they topped the ICC Europe/America Qualifier played at a very wet Stirling in August, beating Holland and USA and retaining the Trophy. They will now play in the ICC T20 Qualifier in Holland in July this year and I am sure that we wish them well.

Domestically the Women had a mixed year, losing to Ireland, the Wildcats A finishing second ECB 50 Over Tournament and the Wildcats in mid table in ECB T20 Cup division 2 after stepping up from Division 3.

There is still a great deal of travel involved for the Wildcats but they are still mainly a young and enthusiastic team who will continue to improve.



I was in Jersey in July to follow our Men's Under 19 play an ICC World Cup Qualifier. Despite beating Denmark and Jersey twice each, we lost narrowly twice to Ireland who qualified for the tournament in New Zealand in January this year. Our team were unlucky in both games but the consolation is that we have some exceptional talent, some of whom should progress to the full National team.

In our domestic game, The Premiership play off was won by Prestwick, narrowly beating Heriots in a low scoring game at Ferguslie. The Scottish Cup was won by Carlton who beat Watsonians at Forthill in a game that both sides looked like winning at times. A great knock by Ali Evans late in the innings gave Carlton a reasonable total but Mike Carson's hundred almost took Watsonians to victory only for a late order collapse to cost them the game

The Beyond Boundaries Women's T20 Scottish Cup was won by Watson's College and the League was won by Carlton.

The Murgitroyd T20 semi-finals and final were rained off twice and will, hopefully, be played later this month. The Challenge Cup was won by Irvine, who comprehensively beat holders Gordonians in the final at Uddingston.

In the Regional Series both the Pro 50 and the T20 Blitz were rain affected, the 50 over competition was won by the Western Warriors and the T20 by the Eastern Knights. The challenge for us now is to raise the profile of these competitions and ensure that they provide a pathway to the National team.

The under-age trophies were spread around more this year. Grange won the Nat West under 13 and Under 15 trophies, Carlton won the Scottish Under 13 Cup, Clydesdale the Under 15 while rain intervened in the Under 18 Finals day and this will also need to be resolved later this month.

It was always my intention, during my time as President, to see as much cricket as possible and this year, in addition to most of the games mentioned previously, I attended the Two and Three Counties Cup finals at Doo'cot Park, won by Forfarshire 2nd XI and Perth Doo'cot respectively, the NOSCA Cup Final in Nairn where Northern Counties beat Forres, a double header of Women's T20 games in Durham, the Masterton Cup Final and the Rowan Cup Final where I managed to live up to my reputation as the Raining President!

I was fortunate that Scotland played MCC at Lords last year. This was a truly memorable day for the Cricket Scotland representatives as the hospitality from Matthew Fleming, the MCC President and the MCC staff was wonderful. The day was made even better by Scotland winning the game comfortably.

Nairn County CC celebrated 175 years of cricket in Nairn with a game against a President's XI in September. Despite the weather early on, this was an excellent day with a drawn game, a novelty these days, and the day ending with an excellent evening in the Golf View Hotel. My thanks to Nairn County for their wonderful hospitality and to my team who travelled long distances to play.

In November last year a Cricket Exhibition was opened in the Scottish Football Museum at Hampden Park. This will run until the end of July and features memorabilia from numerous clubs together with many personal items. A great deal of hard work has gone into making this exhibition a success and my thanks go to everyone involved, especially those who have travelled far and wide to collect items for display. An Open Day was held yesterday at Hampden which featured many current aspects of cricket in Scotland and guest speakers. The day went



well and I believe it was well received by all who attended. My thanks to all who were involved in the organisation of this event.

Over my two years as President I have witnessed how much Cricket Scotland has advanced both on and off the field. As a National Governing Body we are now well respected by both Sports Scotland and the ICC. On the field both our Women's and Men's teams have gained widespread respect through their achievements. This has not been achieved without a massive commitment from all of the players and the staff in Headquarters. The issue now is to persuade the ICC to increase our funding in order that we can provide enough cricket to continue the progress we are making.

We have lost Ross Brooks, a huge loss to the organisation and will be losing Ian Sandbrook, who has made the All Stars initiative such a success, and who has done so much to move cricket in Scotland forward in his time here. Ramsay Allan will leave later in the year. Ramsay has made my life so much easier over the past two years. I simply turned up to present the trophies, knowing that Ramsay had everything organised.

I would like to wish all three of them well for futures.

As always my thanks to Malcolm Cannon, Tony Brian and the staff in HQ for the support they have given in my two years as President and for at least trying to keep me in order.

Willie Donald will take over as President. Willie was a superb player at Club and International level whom I have known for many years, so I wish him well in the knowledge that he will do a great job.

Thank You."

The Basil D'Oliveira Trophy was awarded to Ken Ross for his outstanding service to umpiring Scottish Cricket over 40 years – he was nominated by NOSCA.

The Eve Mawdsley fair-play trophy was awarded to the Forty Club of Scotland for their great work in spreading the cricketing message and the spirit of cricket and accepted on their behalf by Forty Club chair and Cricket Scotland past-president Colin Neill.

5. **2017 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 Ross Brooks (at the end of 2017), Ian Sandbrook (in May 2018) and Ramsay Allan who will retire in the summer of 2018 were noted and they were thanked for their huge contributions to CS.

6. **Performance Pathway Update** was presented by **Malcolm Cannon**, in the absence of Gordon Drummond (Performance Pathway Manager at CS) who was unavailable due to coaching duties.

The main thrust was more transparency and clarity for the pathway to encourage more talent into the game and to demonstrate the path to international representation to athletes, parents and coaches. Changes include a new focus on skill-sets with age-groups training together, introduction of new age-groups and greater investment into the women's and regional structures.



7. Receipt of the accounts for Cricket Scotland Holdings Ltd

Cricket Scotland Finance Manager, David Johnson spoke to the accounts of CSHL for the 2017 financial year.

The membership approved the accounts.

David also presented on the accounts of CSL for information.

8. To confirm the level of Subscriptions for 2018

It was 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 2017 for 2018

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.

These subscription rates were approved by the membership – proposed by Neil Leitch and seconded by Jerry Bishop.

9. Confirmation of election of President

Willie Donald was confirmed by the membership as President for 2018/19 and welcomed into the post by the outgoing president B Dixon.

10. Election of Directors



Bob McFarlane was elected unopposed to serve as Director on CSHL Board for another 2 years (until 2020).

Paul Reddish was elected unopposed to serve as Director on CSHL Board for another 4 years (until 2022).

Tony Brian's continuation as Chair of Cricket Scotland Limited (CSL) to 2021 was ratified by the membership.

11. Any other competent business

Bruce Dixon issued his thanks to Stirling County CC for hosting the evening.

Tony Brian updated the membership on directorships on the Board of CSL. Shelley Watson will step down from the Board in June 2018 due to her increased workload. Douglas Lockhart has agreed to continue as Director for a further 4 years.

There was a question from B. Mitchell regarding the financial risk of the Grange summer international series. M Cannon said the risk was significant, but all steps were being made to mitigate this including insurance against bad weather. All clubs and associations were asked to help sell more tickets for the Pakistan T20i series.

Willie Donald issued his thanks on behalf of the membership for all the hard work that Bruce Dixon had done during his term as President. Bruce thanked the membership and stated that it had been an honour and a great enjoyment to serve as President of Cricket Scotland.

Meeting Closed at 8.53pm