



Minutes of the 118th Meeting of the Ulster Management Board, held on 18th February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Ulster Hockey Office.

Present: Billy Pollock (BP), Peter Kelly (PK), Gareth Herron (GH), Jamie Aiken (JA), Christine Reid (CR), Mervyn Logan (ML), Iain Kelly (IK), Ann Rosa (AR), Jonny Rose (JR)

In attendance: Terry Templeton (TT) President UH, Rosie Rea (RR) Vice President, Marc Scott (MS) Executive Manager.


Apologies: Christopher McCandless (CMcC)

Item	Comments
Chairperson's remarks	<p>The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair read out a letter received from Eric Cunningham expressing his thanks for the nomination and support at the Belfast telegraph Sports Awards.</p> <p>Apologies provided to the President for the oversight with regards the invite to the Department for Communities Minister's reception held in recognition of the Irish ladies Team's qualification for the 2020 Olympic games. It was agreed that the President should also attend all competition draws and MS agreed to develop a protocol for the inclusion of the President where appropriate.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to write to Hockey Ireland to express disappointment that it had not invited the Ulster President to the reception.</p>
Conflict of Interest	None noted
President's Report	<p>The President provided a verbal report of his activities over the past month.</p> <p>The President provided correspondence from Simon Bell at Queens University regards a proposal to host and organise the Ulster Senior Indoor Championships. It was agreed that MS would meet with SB to discuss in further detail.</p> <p>The President wished to note his recognition of the contribution made to Ulster Hockey by Andrew Johnston and his hard work over a number of years in his posts in the organisation.</p>
Minutes of last	Agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed JA, seconded IK

Board meeting	
Matters arising	<p><u>Insurance</u></p> <p>Advice has been requested regards cover for Umpires overseeing matches outside of the UK.</p> <p>A debate was held regards the requirement for qualifications for a Physio listed on the match card on the bench.</p>
Standing Committee Reports	<p><u>Executive Manager's report</u></p> <p>MS provided a written report and highlighted the following:</p> <p>There were currently issues in identifying a suitable date for the Burney Cup Final. Discussions were ongoing to identify a suitable venue.</p> <p>27th February was identified as a suitable date for strategic planning sessions to commence.</p> <p>The Domestic Hockey Officer was leaving Ulster Hockey and MS wished to recognise the fantastic contribution made by Andrew Johnston in his time with Ulster Hockey and in particular his assistance to MS in the last 7 months.</p> <p>Charities Commission – Ulster Hockey has been called forward to register after a prolonged period on a waiting list. This is positive news sitting alongside the work required to complete incorporation.</p> <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Key areas reported by Finance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighted an issue regards Umpires costs and income and clarification was sought on the figures provided. JA requested a breakdown of costs to be provided to allow for analysis of income streams. - Highlighted that the Finance Committee had authorised a budget of up to £12,000 be allocated for an IT systems upgrade project – subject to fulfilment of procurement policy. - Thanks were expressed to Jill Poots and Ann Rosa for manning the gates at the Schools' Final. - MS is to provide up to date [position on Schools Fees. <p><u>Schools</u></p> <p>It was noted that the facilities and service provided by Playball at the Belfast Telegraph Schools semi-finals was excellent.</p> <p>AR advised that the eligibility issue regarding a schoolboy had been concluded.</p>

	<p>A request had been made to AR for information regarding competition winners to allow for the development of a book on the history of local hockey. It is being considered how best to provide this information.</p> <p><u>Competitions</u></p> <p>It was noted that Portrush HC had provided all required registrations.</p> <p>A number of non-compliance fines have been issued.</p> <p>An agreed meeting between the Competitions Committee and Umpires committee was yet to be scheduled.</p> <p>IK advised that no solution had been identified to allow Antrim HC to host a major final as part of its Centenary Year.</p> <p>MS & IK are to arrange a meeting to discuss how the Executive can best provide support to the Competition Committee going forward.</p> <p>IK advised that the survey was currently out as a consultation and that the outcomes and findings would be advised at the March Management Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Umpires</u></p> <p>JA highlighted that there had been a productive meeting with MS to discuss better working with the Executive.</p> <p>The impact of Umpires officiating at the EY Leagues was highlighted and it was noted that there was a potential proposal to change the bye-laws to address this issue.</p> <p>The need to include all qualified Umpires and Young Umpires in correspondence was highlighted. MS is to look to provide a list of contacts whilst remaining GDPR compliant.</p> <p>It was agreed that GO Membership details should be used to contact all members.</p> <p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>No report submitted. The establishment of a working group is ongoing.</p> <p><u>Disciplinary</u></p> <p>No report provided. Disciplinary Committee to be sent reminder to provide updates.</p>
UHU Events	<p>The AGM will provisionally be held on 19th May, with an Incorporation information session being held in early April. The terms of reference for the committees are to be drafted by 26th March.</p>

Hockey Ireland	MS is still awaiting feedback from the HI Board regards the support for an Ulster Development post. This is to be discussed with the HI Chair. It was noted that increased Ulster representation on the HI Board should be encouraged.
Correspondence	None noted.
AOB	A query as made regards a change in eligibility for PL players. It was agreed to recognise Eugene Magee's International retirement.
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 17th ^{18th} March The meeting closed at 21.45pm

APPROVED : 
WUC Brian Carr CHAIR UH

DATE : 18TH MARCH 2020