



Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ulster Management Board, held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Ulster Hockey Office and by conference call.

**Present:** Billy Pollock (BP), Peter Kelly (PK), Jamie Aiken (JA), 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), Gareth Herron (GH), Christine Reid (CR)

Item	Comments
Chairperson's remarks	<p>The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting in person or remotely.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Ulster Hockey AGM was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> May but that this was unlikely to take place. It was agreed that MS should consider developing an information video regarding the Incorporation process. A date for the AGM will be set once things are clearer, potentially in September.</p> <p>It was also advised that the UH Office was to close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and that MS was working with the staff to develop work programmes and arrange working from home processes. This would be advised to members through the website and social media platforms.</p> <p>Finally, the Chair wished recognise that Shirley McCay was to receive a honorary doctorate from Queen's University Belfast. Congratulations were conveyed on behalf of the Board.</p>
Conflict of Interest	None noted
President's Report	<p>The President provided an update that following the Burney Cup Semi-Finals, an issue was raised by Friends School regards unavailable players on the proposed finals date. There was no issue with the originally published date and the President and Executive Manager had agreed an alternative date as originally published. Thanks conveyed to Civil Service Hockey Club for rearranging its fixtures on 25<sup>th</sup> March to accommodate the Final.</p> <p>It was advised that the President was still trying to identify a candidate for the Vice Presidency next year.</p>

Minutes of last Board meeting	Agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed IK, seconded JA
Matters arising	<p>JA noted that following a conference call with the Umpires, the Umpires AGM had been postponed from 14<sup>th</sup> May until a later date to be confirmed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that insurance was in place for Umpires outside of the UK. MS to provide umpire contact details to ensure umpires at all levels are communicated to.</p>
Standing Committee Reports	<p><b><u>Executive Manager's report</u></b></p> <p>MS provided a written report and highlighted the following:</p> <p>The schoolgirls finals and Burney Cup Semi-Finals had taken place with the valuable assistance of Jill Poots, Alan Poots and Jonathan McMeekin assisting during the events.</p> <p>The recruitment process for the vacant Domestic Hockey Officer post had identified a preferred candidate. It was advised that the preferred candidate would be offered the role but that the appointment could not commence until the COVID 19 situation had been resolved and normal office operations had returned. MS expressed thanks to AR and Karen Rollo (Executive Manager, Netball NI acting as independent panel member) for forming assisting with the process. It was also acknowledged that the pool of candidates had been of a very high standard.</p> <p>A meeting had taken place with Simon Bell and Chloe McIlwaine regards the Senior Indoor Championships being hosted by Queen's University. The scheduling of the event was being referred to the Competitions Committee for discussion.</p> <p>The Erasmus funded trip to Holland was to be postponed from April until the summer of possible.</p> <p>The partnership with Ulster University had been finalised to support youth hockey, a new partnership was agreed with Linwoods and that £25,000 investment had been secured from the Department for Communities for the purchase of equipment.</p> <p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>Key areas reported by Finance Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working radios being returned from Umpires may be re-deployed for coaching purposes;</li> <li>- There was a requirement for Umpires expenses to be accrued;</li> <li>- It is proposed to recover IHUA fees in May as part of the expenses exercise.</li> <li>- An updated list of clubs with outstanding fees is to be provided (MS)</li> <li>- The Committee requests that the Board considers opportunities</li> </ul>

and methods to cover gates at events

- TT is to investigate options for contactless payment at the gate.

### **Schools**

AR wished to register thanks to the staff at Playball for their assistance during the schoolgirls finals.

AR wished to recognise the support of the Executive Manager and staff during the finals.

It was advised that there were to be no changes to the semi finals venues and that MS was to revert to Gareth Kidd to advise of this position. It was reiterated that operation of and communications in boys school hockey could needed to be improved through the re-constitution of the committee.

### **Competitions**

IK noted that a number of fines were still to be followed up.

It was advised that a conference call was scheduled with the Hockey Ireland Board to discuss the suspension of the sport due to the COVID 19 situation.

IK advised that at this point priority would be given to finishing the leagues and then consideration to structures next year.

The results of the consultation with men's clubs was circulated and it was noted that clarification was being sought from clubs which had submitted more than one response.

It was noted that it was unlikely to be an issue accommodating the Senior Indoor event next season; but that this would be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

### **Umpires**

It was advised that the Umpires AGM was postponed. At this AGM there are likely resolutions presented to change the Constitution to allow an alteration of Umpires' structures.

It was clarified that acts of urination were deemed to be a Code of Conduct violation.

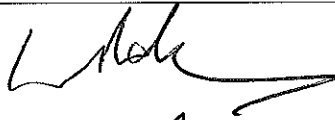
### **Coaching**

No report submitted. The establishment of a working group is ongoing.

### **Disciplinary**

No report provided. Disciplinary Committee meetings have been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID 19 situation however GH is actioned with

	providing a situation report on outstanding matters.
UHU Events	All events currently on hold.
Hockey Ireland	No update.
Correspondence	None noted.
AOB	<p>No concerns raised regards the Finance Committee considering staff salary review and making a proposal to the Board.</p> <p>MS provided an update regard the current situation regards Sport NI funding and multi-sport meetings being held by Sport NI and the Department for Communities.</p> <p>It was agreed that information be circulated to clubs re the home working arrangements.</p> <p>BP highlighted the importance of promoting the NI Children's Hospice at this time.</p>
Date of next meeting	<p>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.45pm</p>

APPROVED :   
 L. White on behalf of CHAAR UH

DATE : 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2020