



Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Ulster Management Board, held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm by  
Zoom conference call

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

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

**Apologies:** Christopher McCandless (CMcC)

| Item                          | Comments   |
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| Chairperson's remarks         | The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting remotely.  |
| Conflict of Interest          | None noted   |
| President's Report            | <p>The President updated that he had continued contacting older members who may be isolated at this time to maintain contact and engagement for those members with Ulster Hockey.</p> <p>Advised that a request had been made to make a virtual presentation to Queens Ladies HC, Ladies Premier League Winners – this award is pending.</p>   |
| Minutes of last Board meeting | Agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed PK, seconded ML  |
| Matters arising               | <p><b><u>Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>The annual report is being finalised. It was queried whether the accounts should be sent with the annual report. As it was agreed that it was best to present in a forum where questions can be pitched, it was agreed that these be circulated ahead of the AGM.</p> <p>ML agreed to provide a brief summary of the financial position for the Annual Report.</p> <p><b><u>Appeals</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed following the appeals process which had been implemented regards the conclusion of the season, that a proposal was to be made to the members to raise the fee for submitting an appeal.</p> |

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| <p>Standing Committee Reports</p> | <p><b><u>Executive Manager's report</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Manager provided a written report and drew attention to the following areas:</p> <p>The Executive Manager and Ann Rosa had been nominated to sit on the Hockey Ireland return to hockey working group. A draft protocol for return to hockey in phase one was presented.</p> <p>A risk assessment has been undertaken to consider the risks of re-opening the Ulster Hockey office on a restricted basis in the first instance. Safe working protocols have been developed it was agreed that the office is re-opened on 1st July 2020 on a restricted basis.</p> <p>It was discussed that a working group should be established to initiate plans for marking the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of hockey in Ulster.</p> <p>The Executive Office has advised that the application to the Central Good Relations Fund has been successful subject to pre-vouching checks. It is proposed that this grant be used to off-set the costs of the Domestic Hockey Officer's salary and for 2021-21 the role be split into the 2 part-time elements.</p> <p>It was advised that a comment was posted on the UH Instagram querying the fact that we had not posted anything during the Black Lives Matter campaign. A response was provided to the individual who had posted the message outlining the rationale for not posting anything and advising the ongoing (and often sector leading) work in the area of equality. One such area is the future development of an Equality, Ethics and Welfare Committee as part of the future UH structure. The 'poster' had been advised that we will be developing a working group to develop the terms of reference for the committee and to consider how we can proactively rise to the challenges faced in all areas of equality and he has agreed to participate in this group. The Board also agreed that UH should participate in the Belfast Pride in the future.</p> <p>It was advised that the formal letter of offer was received from the Executive Office for the Good Relations funding.</p> <p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>ML Advised that the only outstanding major expense was the new Umpires radios.</p> <p>It was agreed that the staff pay review would remain on hold until the next Finance Committee review.</p> |

### **Schools**

AR advised that the affiliation return had been strong.

Meetings are scheduled for w/c 22/6 with the Boys' and Girls' committees.

### **Competitions**

No meeting held since the May Board meeting.

It was advised that the Committee has written to Brian Caruth for an update on the EYHL2 plans for the 2020/21 season.

It was agreed that UH (via the Chair) should write to the HI Chair to outline the UH position regards the EYHL2 proposals.

CR advised that the IHUA were aligned to UH's position in opposing a full EYHL2 to be implemented in 2020/21.

Affiliation responses are to be returned by the end of June.

### **Umpires**

It was clarified that the Umpires AGM could be held by Zoom.

The process for changing the rules of the Umpires Committee were clarified.

JA advised that he had emailed all Umpires qualified in the last 3 years in a communications drive. Feedback to this communications was positive.

It was advised that the development of a Club liaison Role in the Committee was being considered.

A proposal was put forwards and outlined regards a change to Rule 6a. The proposed changes are intended to improve compliance, including sanctions for non-compliance and potential points deductions.

The Board agreed for the proposals to be made to the AGM and that this proposal be sent out alongside the Annual Report.

### **Coaching**


No update

### **Disciplinary**

MS to facilitate Zoom call for Disciplinary Committee

The Board expressed that a number of issues needed addressed urgently.

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|                      | <b>AGM</b><br>Remains on hold.   |
| UHU Events           | All events currently on hold.  |
| Hockey Ireland       | Ulster's nominations are sought for representation on the HI Board.  |
| Correspondence       | None noted.  |
| AOB                  | None   |
| Date of next meeting | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August<br><br>(Potential for zoom call on 21 <sup>st</sup> July if required)<br><br>The meeting closed at 21.40pm |

APPROVED:   
 W. McFadden CHAIRMAN

DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020