

Minutes of the 133rd Meeting of the Ulster Hockey Management Board, held on 15th June 2021 at 7.00pm at Harlequins Club and by Zoom conference call

Present: Billy Pollock (BP), Iain Kelly (IK), Ann Rosa (AR), Christine Reid (CR), Linda Johnston (LJ), Jonathan Rose (JR), Mervyn Logan (ML), Neal Lucas (NL), Peter Kelly (PK), Gareth Herron (GH); David Agnew (DA)

In attendance: Rosie Rea (RR) President, Marc Scott (MS) Executive Manager

Apologies: James Wray (JW)

Item	Comments
Chairperson's remarks	The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting either in person or remotely. Welcomed DA to the meeting – all Board members introduced themselves.
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts other than standing HI conflict – BP, IK, AR
President's Report	RR reported that she has now attended a number of matches and would be attending the Saintfield HC Centenary Celebrations.
Minutes of last Board meeting	Agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting. Proposed AR seconded CR
Matters arising	Noted that dates were available for Belfast Pride but that due to an existing conflict of interest BP noted he was unable to participate fully. Congratulations were recorded for Saintfield Hockey Club on celebrating their 100 th Anniversary.
Standing Committee Reports	<u>Executive Manager's report</u> MS provided a report, drawing attention to the following areas: <u>COVID restrictions:</u> COVID restrictions remain unchanged from May which has allowed a return to play. This has allowed Summer League Cups to commence on 22 May and will run for approximately 6 weeks. There are over 30 ladies' teams and 25 mens' teams involved and to date the competitions have been a success. Finals to be played last 2 Saturdays in June. <u>Finance & Office Operations</u>

Ulster Hockey staff have continued to engage with clubs to ensure fees are settled – only one club remains outstanding fees with no agreement in place.

The Finance Committee agreed a 50% discount in fees for 2021/22 based on no increase in fees. This was communicated to clubs as part of the AGM notification.

MS advised that the Hockey Huskey had been completed and was ready for a future launch.

The 125th Anniversary programme is continuing to be developed.

MS advised discussions with a potential Physio partner – however it was agreed that this should be widened to consider additional physios and other service providers. It was also agreed that caution was required to ensure professional standards.

Finance

There was no report as the Treasurer had not received the finance information from the UH Office. MS advised he would address.

Schools

1st face to face meeting of Committee had taken place.

Draws for the competitions had been made.

A one off U15 tournament was to be held to replace last years' U14 event.

School fees are to remain unchanged for 2021/22 but will be reviewed this year.

Tenders are to be received from venues/clubs wishing to host the schools' finals.

Competitions

There was positive feedback regards the hosting of the League Cup events post-Covid.

The Committee was engaged in planning for 2021/22 season.

Provision was being made for 'one-team' clubs to be allowed to enter that team in the Junior Leagues. It would continue that clubs with more than one team would have to have their 1st XI in the Senior Leagues.

Umpires

A sub-group has been convened to develop a strategy to promote the umpire development area. The groups will be contacting clubs to seek nominations for members to attend workshops.

	<p>The Umpires Committee are keen to refresh and promote the 'Respect' campaign.</p> <p>PK has indicated that he is happy to continue to engage with the Umpire's working group.</p> <p>The selection and appointment of Umpires for the Celtic Cup remains a work in progress.</p> <p><u>Coaching</u></p> <p>Contracts have been finalised for both casual and age group coaches ahead of both the new season and summer camp season.</p> <p>Recruitment for Casual and Ulster squad coaches will be launched in May/June to be concluded in August 2021..</p> <p><u>Disciplinary</u></p> <p>No update required as there has not been any hockey activity.</p> <p><u>Board Recruitment</u></p> <p>BP advised of the imminent recruitment for the Board positions of Chair and Finance Director.</p> <p>NL and MS are to co-ordinate the process.</p>
Ulster Hockey Events	<p><u>125th Anniversary</u></p> <p>BP advised the details of the upcoming Masters Celtic Cup event and noted the possibility of promoting as part of the 125th Anniversary celebrations.</p>
Hockey Ireland	<p>A four Provinces meeting has been scheduled for Chairs. Unfortunately as the UH Chair is also a member of the HI Board it was agreed that he would not attend. CR to attend on behalf of UH.</p> <p>MS & PK had drafted a letter sent to HI articulating the opinions of clubs as communicated at the UH AGM.</p> <p>BP advised that Trevor Watkins had been appointed the new Chair of HI with Eric Brady remaining on the Board. The new HI Chair intends to meet with Ulster clubs in the near future – potentially 9th July. MS to liaise with HI Chair.</p>
Correspondence	No correspondence
AOB	
Date of next meeting	<p>Tuesday 17th August – with potential strategy meeting in July.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21.00</p>