

Minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Ulster Hockey Board, held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm at Ulster Hockey Office & by Zoom.

**Present:** Billy Pollock (BP), Neal Lucas (NL), Mervyn Logan (ML), Sarah Little (SL), Tim Cockram (TC)

**In attendance:** Rosie Rea (RR) President, George Wilson (GW), Vice President, Marc Scott (MS) Executive Manager & Company Secretary

**Apologies:** Christine Reid (CR), Gareth Herron (GH), Peter Kelly (PK)

Item	Comments
Chairperson's remarks	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that this was the first meeting of the Incorporated Board and the contribution of the Board members who have taken up more operational committee roles.</p>
Conflict of Interest	No conflicts other than standing HI conflict – BP
President's Report	<p>RR provided a written report</p> <p>She highlighted noted that the last few weeks were particularly busy with presentations to clubs and at cup finals.</p> <p>RR was scheduled to attend the Umpires Committee AGM and was due to present the Young Umpire's Award.</p> <p>Highlighted the charitable cause which was promoted at the Kilkeel HC Annual Dinner. It was agreed that UH could promote through sharing on Social media platforms.</p> <p>As this is RR's final meeting as President she thanked the Board, Chair and Executive team for support and assistance over her tenure. She also thanked HI President Ann Rosa, the Competitions Committee and Past Presidents for their support. Finally, she wished George Wilson good luck as he took over as President.</p> <p>On behalf of The Board and Ulster Hockey family, BP thanks RR for her commitment to Ulster Hockey.</p>
Minutes of last Board meeting	Proposed ML seconded GL
Matters arising	MS provided an update on the Anniversary Dinner, which unfortunately had to be postponed due to a catering issue.

<p>Standing Committee Reports</p>	<p><b><u>Executive Manager's report</u></b></p> <p>MS provided a report.</p> <p>MS provided an update on the useful staff planning day on 17<sup>th</sup> May at the National Stadium, Windsor Park. The input of IFA Director of Women's Football, Angela Platt was acknowledged.</p> <p>MS provided an overview of the completed 2021/22 Operational Plan and progress against all strategic targets to date.</p> <p>MS provided an overview of the proposed targets for 2022/23. There were some amendments from the strategic plan where targets were already exceeded. The Board agreed the amended targets.</p> <p>A few amendments to the Operational Plan were suggested, in particular columns to record an accumulative progress.</p> <p><b><u>Finance &amp; Governance &amp; AGM</u></b></p> <p>The draft accounts were 2021/22 were provide and a few items highlighted which may be raised at the AGM. It was agreed that these accounts be presented to the members at the AGM.</p> <p>Membership fees were discussed. There is no proposed increase for 2022/23 however it was agreed that the potential of an increase for 2023/24 be advised to members at the AGM for future planning.</p> <p>The Board have agreed to defer the decision on proposing any fees increase to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>MS gave an overview of the proposed format of the Annual Report. Minor amendments were agreed.</p> <p>There was no further discussion around reports and it was agreed to focus on the format of future meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be 6-8 meeting per annum, to include training and planning.</p> <p>NL requested that minutes be circulated immediately (1-2 days) after the Board meeting.</p> <p>Future papers to be submitted 9-10 days out from meetings, allowing these to be circulated to the Board 7 days ahead of the meeting. MS to liaise with Nicki Bayes and agree/publish a calendar of Board &amp; Committee meetings and paper deadlines.</p> <p>Proposed Board meeting schedule:</p> <p>September October – Training and/or Planning November January</p>
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	March – End of year monitoring April – End of year finances May – AGM Preparation
Ulster Hockey Events	No report.
Hockey Ireland	MS advised that discussions around the contribution to UH from the fees structure was still under discussion.
Correspondence	None
AOB	None
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May  The meeting closed at 20.55