

**Ulster Hockey Staff Meeting Minutes
14 October 2025 via Zoom**

Present:	Ann Rosa (Chair)	Marc Scott
	Greg Thompson	Dawie Holley
	Cathy Moreland	Robbie McMinn
	Sarah McGrath	Emma Quinn
	Michelle McMillan	Zoe Lindsay
	Owen Magee	Ali McNeill

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Jill Oliver Jeremy Macafee</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome – Ann Rosa welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes Agreed from Previous Meeting</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Greg Thompson and seconded by Dawie Holley.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – none</p>	
5.	<p>Matters for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome two new members of Ulster Hockey staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ali McNeill Domestic Hockey Officer - Zoe Lindsay Domestic Hockey Assistant • Welcome to new committee members - Emma Quinn & Sarah McGrath • <u>Stevenson Cup Seniors Update</u> <p>At quarter final stage. Draw as follows:</p> <p>RSA v Ballymena BRA v Methody Portadown v Rainey Banbridge v Strathearn (To be played on or before 22 Oct)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Stevenson Bowl Seniors Update</u> <p>One game is still outstanding. Royal & Prior v Down HS - being played 16 Oct.</p>	

	<p><u>U-14 Stevenson Cup Update</u></p> <p>At quarter final stage. Draw as follows:</p> <p>Strathearn v Ballymena Rainey v Killicomaine Methody v Wallace Banbridge v Coleraine (To be played on or before 22 Oct)</p> <p>Banbridge v Coleraine & Rainey v Killicomaine being played 23 Oct</p> <p><u>Under 14 Stevenson Bowl</u></p> <p>One game still outstanding. Royal & Prior v Down HS - being played 16 Oct.</p> <p><u>McCullough Cup Update</u></p> <p>Tier 1 & Tier 2 currently on track. Some matches not played due to storm. Catch up week scheduled for Wed 15 Oct or week after half term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Competitions after Christmas</u> <p>Preparation is ongoing and on track.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Late Entry Requests for Competitions</u> <p>Following backlash from last year, late entries for competitions will not be accepted. Teams who had previously entered the year before and not entered in current year will be contacted to check if this is correct. Ulidia and Ballyclare High School boys had late entry requests turned down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rules around Conceding Matches</u> <p>Discussion took place around a school offering to concede a group game, due to being unable to arrange a suitable date to be played with other school. It was agreed that some rule should be put in place for future occurrences. Schools Committee to do this at a later date.</p>	Committee
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven teams from Ulster competing in Boys Irish Schools Cup in Limerick – Banbridge Academy; Campbell College; Friends School; Wallace High School; RBAI; Cookstown High School and Sullivan Upper. Ann said that there was no information 	

	<p>about the tournament on the Hockey Ireland website and the Ulster President had not received an invitation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussion is needed on Under 15 boys playing on the 2nd X1. • Greg raised some queries around the Kate Russell tournament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date, venue, and format of this year’s tournament. - Who arranges tournament and Irish Hockey input - Guidance on how to host a tournament - Having experienced umpires - How many Ulster teams will be going to Kate Russell and qualification process for same. <p>Marc to send an email to Hockey Ireland regarding Kate Russell.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a query over if the Daphne Hall tournament is being run this year – to check. • Discussion took place on teams tied on points at end of group stages of competitions. Greg suggested he would look at the possibility of more separations for this and will discuss with committee. Robbie queried if runs-in could be option for tied games – to be discussed further. • The draws for the Belfast Telegraph Schools’ Cup and the Under 14 Cup will be done on Friday 17th October, with Schools that reached the quarterfinals of the Stevenson Cups entering in round 3. It was noted that Cambridge House and Carrickfergus Grammar should not be in the 2 High Schools’ cups. • With Ali McNeill taking over the role of Domestic Hockey Officer, Michelle was thanked for all her hard work behind the scenes. 	<p>Marc</p> <p>Greg</p> <p>Committee</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Date to be confirmed for the New Year.</p>	