

Ulster Hockey Staff Meeting Minutes
16 February 2025 at 2.30pm
Ulster Hockey Office

Present:

Ann Rosa (Chair)	Marc Scott
Jeremy McAfee	Dawie Holley
Cathy Moreland	Robbie McMinn
Michelle McMillan	Owen Magee
Ali McNeill	

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Jill Oliver Sarah McGrath Emma Quinn</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome – Ann Rosa welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes Agreed from Previous Meeting</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Cathy Moreland and seconded by Owen Magee.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – none</p> <p><u>Girls Competitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stevenson Cup Seniors winners - Royal School Armagh • Stevenson Cup Bowl Seniors winners - Lurgan College • Stevenson Under 14 Cup winners - Banbridge Academy • Stevenson Under 14 Bowl winners - Cookstown High School <p><u>Boys Competitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCullough Cup Tier 1 winners – RBA1 • McCullough Cup Tier 2 winners – Grosvenor Grammar • Prior Shield winners – RBA1 2's <p><u>Competitions after Christmas</u> – on track</p> <p>Discussion took place about matches being played on time and requested extensions. To discuss at next meeting.</p> <p><u>Rules around Conceding Matches</u> – league format</p> <p>To be discussed further at future meeting for rules and competition formats.</p>	

	<p><u>Kate Russell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on format emailed to Schools Committee – 14 November 2025. The team that was scheduled to host the tournament this year is no longer able to fulfil this responsibility and Royal School Armagh have agreed to host instead. 	
5.	Matters for Discussion	
5.1	<p><u>Schools Competitions Representatives – Irish School</u></p> <p>Owen Magee has now joined the committee for the boys, and Greg Thompson has agreed to serve as the girls’ representative.</p> <p>Libby Henry was originally on the committee and will be replaced by Owen Magee and Greg Thompson, with the possibility of Carolyn Burns stepping when Greg not available. Marc will write to thank her for her contributions to the committee.</p>	Marc
5.2	<p><u>Competition Rules</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capped Results Over-aged Players High School Cup Criteria (letters received from Markethill and Parkhall regarding criteria – briefly discussed by committee) Taylor Cup criteria and rules McCullough Cup Tier 1 rules and format <p>The above to be discussed further at future meeting for rules and competition formats.</p>	
5.3	<p><u>Photoshoots and Draws</u></p> <p>Discussion took place around photoshoots and the draws taking place separately to reduce time pressure and make the process more manageable. Some ideas were mentioned, Ali and Michelle to discuss these with Andy, Ulster Hockey Communications Officer and discuss a way to try and streamline this.</p>	Ali Michelle
5.4	<p><u>Photography/Banners/Drones</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion took place around the following: Photography - no unofficial photographers are permitted. Permission for any photographers must be obtained from Ulster Hockey. No photographers are allowed on the pitch. 	

5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banners - host club have requested that no banners be put up due to their own advertising and because cable ties have previously been left on the ground. • Drones – permission to use a drone at Ulster Hockey events should be sought from them as per Drone Policy. <p><u>Living Streaming of Finals</u></p> <p>Requests for live streaming of the finals should be submitted to Ulster Hockey in good time, with the agreement of the opposing team.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Date of John Waring Competition</u></p> <p>Ulster Hockey has been advised of the tournament date and noticed that it has changed from the originally proposed date. The tournament is normally played on a Wednesday. Ali will contact Irish Hockey to update them accordingly.</p>	Ali
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Proposed date Wednesday 29 April @ 2.00pm in Ulster Hockey Office – to be confirmed.</p>	