

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board of the Irish Hockey Association

Date: December 4th, 2011 - 11am

Venue: Tara Towers Hotel, Dublin

Attendance: Dennis Millar (Chairman) (DM), Julie Beamish (Finance Officer) (JB), Doreen Howe (DDH), Fintan Butler (FB), Marietta Lammey (ML), Brian Caruth (BC), Tom Pomphrett (TP), Maureen Smyth (MS), Seamus Butler (SB),

In attendance: Herbie Sharman (President) (HS), Daphne Hall (Vice President) (DH), Angus Kirkland C.E.O. (AK),

Apologies: None

Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman DM recorded the good news of winning the right to host an Olympic Qualifying Tournament, and congratulated those involved in preparing the bid.

Minutes of meeting of October 2nd

Minutes of the meeting of November 6th meeting were reviewed.

Meeting with Chair of the HPWG

John Dennis (JD) joined the meeting and outlined his concerns around the Board's perceptions of the working of the HPWG.

JD accepted that the deadline in the advertisement for JAG positions was too short and that it would be extended. It was agreed by the board that under normal circumstances all positions should allow a minimum of 14 days notice for response.

The Board agreed that the responsibilities of the WGs be reviewed in conjunction with incorporation.

JD asked that the strategy for HP post the Olympics be considered.

The Board accepted the need to look at fund raising.

Matters Arising

IHALink will undergo a thorough review to see if it can support all of Hockey (i.e. the Branches as well as the IHA) better.

CEO Report

AK read through the CEO report.

Finance

Projections to the year end were on target.

The board adopted a new policy for HP funding.

The Board is considering a major fundraiser around the OQT.

Incorporation

A small subgroup will look at the potential benefits of incorporation.

General

Grant Submissions completed in a timely fashion

Awards Night postponed till October

New website to launch in February

The Board discussed the work being undertaken around the Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

The Board agreed a ticket pricing schedule.

Working Group Reports

1. IHUA await proposals from IHA on the future of the relationship between the two organisations.

2. Grass roots
 - Survey on Hockey Participation has been released with findings due to be released in February 2012. See <http://ihaplayerparticipation.questionpro.com>

3. Competitions Calendar was agreed with the HP team and issued to branches, clubs and is available on the website.
Leinster hosted a successful U18 & U16 Boys interpros on the weekend 19/20 November with Leinster the winners of both competitions. Many thanks to all the Leinster organising team, to Norma Gartside, the Interpro Co-ordinator, Umpires, Technical Officials and to the venue, St Andrew's school.

- 4 High Performance
 - Ulster HPM, the IHA HPD and the Senior Mens' Coach met Sport NI to discuss funding.

- The CEO together with the HPD, the Senior Coaches met the Sports Institute to discuss the 2012 HP Plan.
- Preliminary discussions have taken place on 2012 budgets.

5. Youth are drafting a policy or guideline for Underage Player club transfer and will seek inputs from the IHA and clubs.

Correspondence

On foot of letters received from Ulster and Leinster, the board decided that the Senior and Junior Interpros should not take place this season. The Board asked that the date for U21's be reviewed given that we were re-entering European competition this year. The Interpro WG will look at future staging of all Interpros.

FIH letter re agreeing to the new rules re: Sanctioned and unsanctioned events. – Board agreed to adopt and abide by the new rules and regulations as outlined by the FIH.

General

Next meetings Sunday 8th January and Sunday 5th February