



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Sunday 1st October 2017 at Pembroke Hockey Club, Dublin

Present: Chairman - Warren McCully (WMC), Jamie Aiken (JA), Peter Murphy (PM), Geoff Conn (GC), Robert Johnston (RJ), Eamonn McFerran (EMF).

Apologies: Tom Goode, Graham Hohn.

Non Attendance: Kevin McGinley

The Chairman, WMC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. There were no amendments in relation to the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the last meeting.

Matters Arising

2. Umpire insurance advice document – this is a work in progress. **ACTION: GH**
3. Insurance excess clarification with HI – this is a work in progress. **ACTION: WMC**
4. Suspended Player Guidance – WMC advised that this requires provincial agreement. Various options were discussed but this remains work in progress. On-going.
5. Advice to umpires re Coaches/Managers and 3D skills now on website. Complete.
6. 4 Year Plan on website – Complete.
7. EY Sponsorship money – this matter is with Graham Hohn. On-going.
8. Clubs advised of new fees arrangements – Complete.
9. National Umpire Briefing 2017/18 – On-going.
10. IHUA Constitution– the Constitution was read and discussed during the meeting re co-option and it was agreed that IHUA Committee could co-opt up to three more persons at any given time. The Chair proposed co-option of three named members and this was passed unanimously. Also, to speak to Kevin McGinley re attendance. It was also suggested that the Constitution should be amended slightly for clarification re co-option and Committee attendance - this was passed to Peter Murphy for action but deferred until after Christmas. **ACTION: WMC & PM (deferred)**

Correspondence

11. Regarding a letter from Aisling Keogh on her retirement form umpiring it was agreed to send her a letter of thanks. **ACTION: EMF**
12. Regarding an email from Dave Kenna re withdrawal of umpires. Reply required. **ACTION: EMF**
13. Regarding an email from Gareth Herron (Ulster) re clash of dates. Reply required. **ACTION: EMF**

Finance

14. The Treasurer was not present so no figures available for the meeting.
15. GC advised the meeting that Shane O'Donnell is waiting for a refund to his UDP payment. Treasurer to be advised by EMF. **ACTION: EMF / GH**
16. Chair advised that he was awaiting response from HI re payment of Tex Solutions annual maintenance and new security enhancements for system. **ACTION: WMC (follow up)**

Clothing / Sponsorship

17. The Chair reported that the figures from SoHockey had changed which would likely result in higher costs to our members than planned. The Chair was adamant that we need new clothing in place by the start of January 2018 and preferably there would be a sponsor(s) fully on board.
18. It was agreed by everyone that it was essential that any clothing deal should be in the best financial interests of our members and the Association. GC has agreed to treat this as a priority and provide figures and clothing samples for the next meeting, where a final decision can be taken. **ACTION: GC / WMC**

Hockey Ireland Communications

19. A short meeting was to take place at the end of the formal Committee Meeting in preparation for the meeting with the HI Board later that afternoon.

Umpire Development

20. Young Umpire Programme - The Chair reported that the pilot for the Young Umpire Programme in Ulster was generally going well. He added that the buy in from clubs has been fantastic with up to 100 young umpires registered to take part. Important to get all provinces involved now that the 'pilot' was operational.
21. Russell Donaldson attended the U4E programme in Breda.
22. Peter Murphy and Jamie Aiken attended an EHF umpire coaching course in Breda, Netherlands. PM and JA found the course to be highly valuable. PM stated that the priority is to recruit umpires.
23. Tom Goode reported that he had attended an FIH Umpire Manager seminar at the Euro tournament. Learning has been passed onto umpires who attended the EYHL Training Day.
24. The Chair thanked Tom Goode and Robert Johnston for all their input into the EYHL training day.
25. RJ advised that the annual session with EYHL coaches has not taken place this season and may take the form of provincial sessions as opposed to the usual centralised one-off session and this will hopefully be sooner rather than later. **RJ to follow up.**
26. The Introductory Umpire Course is now almost complete and hopefully courses will follow shortly. WMC to communicate with Provinces. **ACTION: WMC**
27. A Level 1 Umpire Coaching Course has been compiled by Tom Goode and is available to train our personnel. The course is essentially a basic Level 1 umpire coaching course for anyone interested in coaching an umpire. Level 2 and Level 3 will be developed shortly.

Umpire Grading/Selection/Fitness

28. The Chair reported that Alison Keogh and Malcolm Coombes had been upgraded to FIH Grade 1 and Promising List, respectively. Both to be written to by EMF. **ACTION: EMF**

Any Other Business

29. The HI website is showing new procedures for shoot out competitions, in all Irish competitions, which is not comparable to recent conversations/agreements with IHUA. Chair to follow up with Dermott Judge immediately. **ACTION: WMC**

Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting likely to be 19th November 2017. To be agreed.

WMC closed by thanking everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 13.00 hrs.

Eamonn McFerran

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6th November 2017

Summary of Agreed Actions

Para Ref	Action	Who
2.	Umpire insurance advice document	GH
3.	Insurance excess clarification with HI	WMC
10.	Co-option and attendance	WMC
11.	Letter to Ais Keogh	EMF
12.	Response to D Kenna, LHUA	EMF
13.	Response to G Herron, Ulster	EMF
15.	Shane O'Donnell reimbursement	EMF / GH
16.	Website maintenance and security	WMC
18.	Clothing and sponsorship	GC / WMC
26.	Introductory Umpire Course	WMC
28.	Letters to Alison Keogh and M Coombes re FIH promotion	EMF
29.	Contact HI Competitions re shoot-outs	WM (urgent)