



Minutes of Conference Call Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at 18.45 hrs

Present: Chairman - Warren McCully (WMcC), Peter Murphy (PM), Jamie Aiken (JA), Gillian Johnson (GJ), Graham Hohn (GH), Simon O'Connor (SO'C), Geoff Conn (GC), Tara Browne (TB) and Eamonn McFerran (EMcF).

Apologies: Robert Johnston (RJ) and Tom Goode (TG).

The Chairman, WMcC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked SO'C for arranging the Conference Call facility. WMcC proposed that Geoff Conn be co-opted onto the committee which was seconded by PM and agreed by all.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. There were no amendments in relation to the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the last meeting. WMcC advised that he would upload them to the portal.

Matters Arising

2. Para 2 - On-going – WMcC to complete by Sept 2016. PM queried if the same rule applied to nominations for club umpires, WMcC advised that he would revisit this issue later in the meeting. PM commented that he felt the IHUA needed to promote the requirement in July, WMcC advised he would remind the IHA of this at a meeting scheduled for the 20th of July and ask them to issue notification to the clubs. **ACTION: WMcC**
3. Para Ref 3 - Pended - press release re Introductory Umpire Courses to be sent out at start of season
4. Para Ref 4 - On-going – TG to complete by Sept 2016, the plan is to have one course before Christmas and one after. **ACTION: TG**
5. Para Ref 5 - Cost Umpire Co-ordinator expenses - WMcC advised that the IHA grant should cover this; WMcC has had conversations with Hockey Ireland previously
6. Para Ref 11 – Complete
7. Para Ref 14 – Complete - GH advised that we will have a Euro current account, a sterling current account and will also have on-line banking
8. Para Ref 17 – On-going - Waiting on support from Hockey Ireland
9. Para Ref 21 – Complete - Report sent to Hockey Ireland
10. Para Ref 25 – Complete
11. Para Ref 26 – On-going - Proposal drafted – WMcC & PM to complete by Oct 2016.
ACTION: WMcC & PM

12. Para Ref 27 – Complete – EYHL Criteria discussed and amended – max. numbers to 25 for both men’s and women’s. WMcC advised that due to a shortage of female umpires we would be unlikely to reach the 25 person limit.
13. Para Ref 31 – Complete - Rob Abbot and Christine Reid have been added to the EHF Indoor panel – complete
14. Para Ref 33 – Complete - Umpire Course during Europeans - PM was to present a proposal but advised that he had been unable to allocate the time to it as Munster were heavily involved with the upcoming U18 European competition, he felt it would be detrimental to attempt to run a course if it wasn’t done properly.
15. Para Ref 35 – Complete - RJ spoke to Ulster Hockey, they apologised and have amended the report. NFA required.

Correspondence

16. FIG request was received in relation to a Czech umpire they wished to have appointed to matches in Ireland as preparation for the Men’s Champions Trophy. The IHUA appointed him to two games of the Ireland v Korea series whilst also being able to accommodate our own umpires.
17. Aisling Keogh has been nominated for the upcoming Women’s Invitational, Dublin in July/August . WMcC advised that this appointment was based on Aisling receiving consistently high marks in her assessments throughout the season and commented that she deserved the opportunity to try for the Promising Umpires list.
18. WMcC advised that he had been asked to step in as UM for the upcoming Ireland Women’s Invitational in Dublin Cork as the FIH were struggling to appoint someone. Ray O’Connor was kindly agreed to jointly UM the tournament, as neither are available for the entire tournament for work/family reasons.
19. Request for Chair of Irish Umpire Development Group – Richard Kendrick nominated.
20. EHF re Umpires Nomination Period – 15 July 2016 cut off – TG to progress
21. EHF re Supporting National Growth (Hosting request) – IHUA not to host at present
22. Belgian Hockey - Antwerp U16 Invitational tournament – Russell Donaldson nominated for boys tournament but no female umpire nominated (no-one deemed suitable as Christine Reid was unavailable).
23. EYHL Working Group requesting IHUA input at Club Forum on Sun 4 September 2016

Finance

24. As per AGM - no update required.

Sponsorship

25. It was agreed that this would be deferred to the next meeting. We are currently looking at potential sponsors, the proposal has been amended and WM with speak with GC shortly. **ACTION: GC**

Umpire Development Working Group

26. Nothing to report

Hockey Ireland Communications

27. Match Time Notification - WMcC will be meeting with Brian Caruth in Valencia and will discuss the need for prior notification (10 days) of match times for Cup Competitions. PM advised that in Munster match times must be advised 7 days in advance. **ACTION: WMcC**
28. Club Nominated Umpires – WMcC re-iterated the massive administration required for this. No more communication from Brian Caruth and Richard Kendrick re Hockey Ireland imposing fines on clubs.

Umpire Development

29. WM met with Hockey Ireland in relation to the Youth Umpires Badge. Currently youth umpiring is being administered differently in each province.
30. Leinster wants to develop a 1-2 hours course for clubs – this is likely to be ‘taster’ pre the Introductory Umpire Course. WMcC needs to look at it in more depth and see how it fits in with the current umpire pathway. **ACTION: WMcC**
31. IHL Umpires Briefing – Saturday 27th August 2016 - RJ and Carol Metchette have been tasked with collating video clips from clubs. **ACTION: RJ**
32. Umpire Assessor Course – Many thanks to RJ for taking the recent course at Sandymount Hotel – 13 attendees. Feedback was generally positive but attendees mentioned that a lower level match than Ireland v Canada might have been more suitable for the level of umpires attending. Comments duly noted for future course(s).
33. Umpire Fees – WMcC suggested that IHUA need to drive this and we may need to consider a business case as what it will look like – a fee to include travel, subsistence and time – may want to consider a zonal approach and a set fee (but we set the fee) – its largely to get around any tax implications or issues – as fees have to be based on expenses etc. JA and GH to produce a proposal for presentation to Hockey Ireland. **ACTION: JA & GH**

Tex Solutions – Umpire Portal

34. Nothing significant to report.

Umpire Grading/Selection/Fitness

35. Nothing to report

Any Other Business

36. WMcC proposed that IHUA have a BBQ at Railway Union after EYHL Umpire training day. – Open to all members - GJ to provide costs. Subsequent to the meeting it was suggested that the date be moved as accommodation is at a premium that weekend - to be investigated. **ACTION: GJ**
37. GJ asked that if any IHUA member receives an EHF/FIH appointment that she be notified so that she can update our social media sites.
38. Introductory Umpires Course - PM commented that all umpires under the Hockey Ireland banner should have attended the Introductory Course. WMcC advised that it was necessary to explain to Hockey Ireland the need for our recent umpire recommendations including the Introductory Course and the funding they will provide to the provinces and IHUA. **ACTION: WMcC**
39. Umpire Nominations - PM felt that we should have sanctions for clubs who nominate or use ineligible umpires.

40. Committee Make-up - WMcC suggested that each non-officer bearing member of the Committee would be given an area of responsibility that they would be expected to drive forward

- **Youth Development:** Simon O'Connor
- **Grassroots:** Peter Murphy & Eamonn McFerran
- **Assessment & Coaching:** Robert Johnston
- **Sponsorship / Clothing:** Geoff Conn
- **Social Media / Events:** Gillian Johnston

Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting was not fixed.

WMcC closed by thanking everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 19.35 hrs.

Tara Browne

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23rd June 2016

Summary of Agreed Actions

Para Ref	Action	Who
2.	Introductory Umpire Course to be re-reviewed for 2016/17	WMcC
4.	Umpire Coaching Course to be prepared	TG
11.	New IHUA Selection Structure document to be amended	WMcC & PM
25.	Progress Sponsorship opportunities	GC
27.	Proposal for change to match time rules to IHA Competitions	WMcC
30.	Contact Leinster re planned umpire course	WMcC
31.	Contact all EYHL Clubs re training day	RJ
33.	Prepare umpire expenses proposal for submission to IHA	JA & GH
36.	Arrange IHUA BBQ	GJ
38.	Clarify purpose of some of umpire recommendations to IHA re financing of umpire pathway	WMcC