



Draft minutes OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SCOTTISH HOCKEY UNION LTD

Brief Notes of meeting held on Monday 10th August 2020 at 6.30pm

Invited Attendees: John MacKenzie (JM), Kaz Cuthbert (KC) Andy Tennant (AT) Jamie Frail (JF), Stewart Gilmour (SG)*, Anne Wotherspoon (AW), Martin Shepherdson, Barbara Morgan (BM) David Sweetman (DS) Emma High* Ali Dick (AD)

*Denotes observer

Meeting held electronically

1. Apologies

Barbara Morgan, David Bond

2. Conflict of Interests

There were no conflicts of Interest

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting.

A discussion on spitting was missed from the previous minutes. It was agreed at this meeting, that spitting should carry a 10 minute yellow card, and that the guidance should be updated to say that Spitting was prohibited. AD indicated that due to a possible conflict of interest with his Discipline role, he wouldn't be contributing to the discussion. The Committee agreed that home clubs should provide kits for cleaning up spit. The minutes were then agreed by the members in attendance at the previous meeting.

4 Number of teams in National League Women 2020 - 2021

Following a paper presented by EH, the Management Committee, agreed to a 11 team national league for Women, that would play each other once and then split. For Stirling University, their entry was agreed, subject to meeting specific umpire criteria. The Committee agreed that AD in his role of Umpire Appointer, EH and JF should discuss and agree the criteria.

5 Season 2020 - 2021

DS presented a paper on the 2020 – 2021 season. There were three main challenges to the start of the season. The Transport guidance, facilities concerns and numbers on the pitch. There was a robust discussion on all of the issues. JF raised concerns regarding the restart of competitions which was noted. The following decisions were reached;

- That the Management Committee would recommend to the Board, that any travel guidance should be interpreted by clubs and individuals.
- The paper asked what the Management Recommendation would be if teams were concerned to start. Management agreed with Premiership fixtures set up to be as local as possible for the first month of competition, a start date of the WE 16th

October and the potential opportunity for clubs in any league that were concerned by travel arrangements to start with their first two fixtures at home. Any Club that was still concerned on participating, Scottish Hockey would identify a process including discussion with the relevant individuals from the Club to understand their concerns.

- The Committee agreed a start date for all national, Championship and regional competitions of W/E 16th October

The current regulations are for no more than 14 players a team. DS is continuing to push to have the number increased. The committee is clear they would like the numbers to be higher, in line with the desire of Premier club forum . It was agreed to hold a meeting with all Premiership clubs to outline the decisions of management, provide the draft calendar and discuss the potential of starting the season with 14 players a team.

There are a small number of Premiership clubs struggling with facility access and access to water based surfaces. The Committee agreed to uphold the current standard for water based facilities and asked Scottish Hockey to investigate and to help resolve the issues faced by the clubs.

6 COVID Specific Regulations

The committee agreed that feedback should be sent directly to DS by 9am on Thursday 17 September. DS will review the feedback and consider next steps.

7 Start Date for Indoor Hockey 2020 – 2021.

The committee reviewed a paper presented by EH regarding the upcoming indoor season . This included that a number of core venues are currently unavailable and the fact that the Outdoor programme may run until mid-December. There was a good discussion on the topic with a range of views presented. The Committee agreed that no SH indoor events or competitions would start until January 2021 at the earliest. EH had indicated a consultation plan with clubs as part of the paper. The Committee agreed with this and KC agreed to support EH on the consultation.

8 SLWG Proposal for the 2021 – 2022 season.

The Committee reviewed the paper presented by the Short Life Working Group (SLWG) . The Group felt there were some good ideas within the paper and wanted more information, including any ideas that had been rejected, further detail and any consultation that the group had carried out. The Committee agreed to submit those questions to JM and JF and they would seek the answers from the Chair of the Working Group.

9 AOCB

BM had submitted a request for the Chair of the International Appointments Panel (IAP) to be appointed, which as per the IAP terms of reference should be done at the first Management meeting following the AGM. Following discussion it became clear that the IAP committee hadn't been consulted on the chair for 2020- 2021. DS agreed to pick up with BM to ensure that process was followed for the appointment.