

# **ENGLISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **UNDER 19 SECTION**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 10th JUNE 2006**

Present: EIHA Directors: *K Taggart, G Hemmerman, N Moralee, Bob Wilkinson & I Jones*  
U19 League Management Committee: *T Oliver, Dave Hill, Sandra Annetts*  
Team and other representatives: *as per attached attendance list*

#### **1. CLUB ROLL CALL**

A call was made that all clubs should sign the attendance register before leaving the AGM in order that an accurate record was held, the following clubs where found not be present. Whitley Bay

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received Isle Of Wight

#### **2. MINUTES OF AGM HELD 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2005**

The minutes of the last AGM (held 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005) were proposed as a correct record by Jacqui Dennis (Milton Keynes) and seconded by Rita Mackriel (Telford)

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the AGM.

#### **4. LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Geoff Hemmerman, U19 LMC Chairman, submitted the report of the LMC on behalf of its members, whilst there had been a number of changes this season with John Stevens (Discipline) standing down, Andy French taking over as South fixtures and Sandra Annetts joining as secretary

The written report covered 2005/2006 League Results (congratulations were given to those teams who had achieved success in the various U19 competitions during the season), the position Discipline officer has now been filled by Lynn Millard contact details to follow.

Fixture dates for the coming season to the appropriate fixture secretary by 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
Team application forms to the secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006

In response to a observation from the floor (Invicta), who is concerned about the number of players on the bench 11 – feels that more games will be awarded 5 – 0 so clubs must manage fixtures better.

The Chairman thanked all involved, especially those people who had given so much time as part of the U19 LMC, for their support and continued goodwill.

#### **5. REFEREE-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT**

Mohammed Ashraff gave a presentation on the issues within the League as far as officiating was concerned at the main AGM. Particular concerns around the U19 too many injuries and not enough coaching control.

Ash reported 219 officials a 2% increase since last AGM. During the summer there are three level 3 courses and three level 2 courses planned, 50% of registered officials are players. Supervisors also to increase from 3 to 6.

New IIHF rule book due out via web site or direct from Ice Hockey UK, and EIHA in house rule bulletin available from 1/8/06

Game sheets were available from Clive Moore, priced at £12.

Match fees for U10 remain unchanged all other match fees increase by 2%. Mileage rate to increase to 40p per mile from September 2006

In conclusion, the Referee-in-Chief reminded teams to visit the EIHA web site for updated details of officials' courses.

6. **EIHA FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT** -see report sent to clubs no questions raised
7. **EIHA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
8. **NORTH REPORT** - see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
9. **MIDLANDS REPORT** - see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
10. **SOUTH EAST REPORT** - see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
11. **SOUTH WEST REPORT** - see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
12. **COACHING REPORT** – see report sent to clubs – no questions raised
13. **STATISTICIAN REPORT** – see report sent to clubs, but to reinforce the standard of game sheets must improve, if its not on the game sheet don't expect players to be accredited with points, game sheets must be checked before referees leave the building
14. **REGISTRATION REPORT** – see report sent to clubs – licence for coming season will have a hologram
15. **APPLICATIONS FOR LEAGUE ACCEPTANCE AND LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

Request by Streatham, Coventry and Manchester to join league. – Concerns from Solihull over extra ice required. Coventry would start their games in August and Manchester would only be able to start their games in October -- All above clubs were accepted to league

The Chairman reported that, based on the end of season league standings and the results of the play offs, the Leagues for 2006/2007 would be as follows:

<b>NORTH DIVISION 1</b>	<b>NORTH DIVISION 2</b>
SHEFFIELD	FLINTSHIRE
NOTTINGHAM	SOLIHULL
KINGSTON	BRADFORD
NEWCASTLE	NOTTINGHAM
WHITLEY BAY	GRIMSBY
TELFORD	MERCIAN
STEEL CITY	COVENTRY 1
BILLINGHAM	COVENTRY 2
	BLACKBURN
	MANCHESTER
<b>SOUTH DIVISION 1</b>	<b>SOUTH DIVISION 2</b>
GUILDFORD	ROMFORD
SLOUGH	HARINGEY
CHELMSFORD	LEE VALLEY
BRACKNELL	IOW
BASINGSTOKE	INVICTA
PETERBOROUGH	SOLENT & GOSPORT
SWINDON	OXFORD
MILTON KEYNES	CARDIFF
CARDIFF	STREATHAM 2
STREATHAM	BRISTOL

Geoff Hemmerman confirmed that there would be no change in respect of arrangements for end of season championship play offs. The League was to end by 26th March with championship play offs completed in time for the U19 final at the Junior/Youth Finals Weekend.

## **9. PROPOSAL BY OXFORD FOR LEAGUE RESTRUCTURE SECONDED BY PETERBOUGH AND THE SOUTHERN CLUBS**

Various questions were raised

- Q) Does this structure mean that Div 2 players can play for Div A teams as there is not a split?  
A) No – the present set up will not change.
- Q) What will stop players transferring from 1 team to another as they do now?  
A) Nothing.  
Concern - What message does it send to ‘weaker’ teams if they are to be pitted against ‘stronger’ teams under this proposal?  
Concern - Some Div 2 Development players could get injured especially at the older age groups if they play against stronger, faster teams.
- A) This system allows for the ‘weaker’ teams to have at least part of the season playing against similar ability teams
- Q) How many games would the new proposal mean?  
A) Variable – depending on the number of teams who ‘buy into’ the system.  
Concern – Some clubs are at the mercy of the council, rink manager etc. and therefore may not have sufficient ice slots after Xmas to accommodate the new structure.
- A) This would have to be looked at if it becomes a problem.
- Q) Do the people who suggested this want to retain the National Finals?  
A) Yes.  
Concern – There were 97 fixture changes and 19 games awarded 5-0 this season. The introduction of this new system could have a major impact on this.  
Point to Note – This seems like a good way of making teams play more games pre Xmas rather than pushing fixtures to the end of the season.  
Concern – Malcolm Preen – Unsure about the practicalities – How would the league be split?  
How would fixtures fit in? How would it then be split again? He can foresee problems in fitting in all the games  
Concern – Several Finnish players / parents playing in Bristol already feel the British system is too physical for inexperienced players. Americans playing out of Bristol think a ‘mercy’ rule should be set where once a Score reaches a set level the score is not then added to and the rest of the game is played as a challenge match.
- A) If the coach is genuine they can police high scoring games.
- Q) Geoff Hemmerman – Can all clubs find the required amount of ice time to accommodate this proposal in each time period. Possibly looking at 24-30 slots pre Xmas and same number after. Some clubs struggle to find enough ice time  
A) Oxford stressed the system can be flexible.
- Q) Will the new structure affect both North & South?  
A) Proposed by South  
– suggestion that South trial it. Needs to be trialled for 2 seasons.  
Point to note – some clubs feel money spent on play off games this season will be a waste if this system comes in.
- A) Point noted but changes have to be introduced somewhere along the line.  
Point to note – If trialled then it should only be at certain age groups –  
Noted, but the vote has to be on the proposal as tabled.  
Vote taken – 9 for and 20 against.  
Oxford asked for the proposal to be amended so that the system could be trialled in the South at certain age groups. Board agreed but only if all clubs in favour. Not all clubs in favour therefore not possible to amend.  
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Taken from the Junior Section Minutes

**10. PROPOSAL BY COVENTRY SECONDED SOLIHULL**

- A) that the team that wins the u19 north division two should gain automatic promotion to division 1 and that the bottom team in division one should automatically be relegated to division 2 – Accepted – For 18 – Against 6
- B) that there should be home and away promotion/relegation play-offs between the second place team in the U19 division 2 and the second from bottom team in division 1- For 18 – Against 6
- C) that only players that have played in at least 50% of their team's league games since registering with that team should be allowed to participate in play-off games – Defeated - For 5 – Against 19

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all present for their attendance and participation.

Meeting closed 3:15