

**9. Calendar of Events**

The Chairman submitted a calendar of events for the Region which would be regularly updated so that clubs would be able to see when the key events were for hockey in the region. To date, this has not been produced by the region and it was thought beneficial to have this in place for the new season.

**10. Other Business**

10.1 Amendment of WHU(NR) Constitution

MD suggested that the Committee amend the current rules regarding the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee. Currently, the chairmanship is rotated around the clubs but it was felt that this can cause problems at times when some clubs were unable to nominate a suitable individual. Instead, it was proposed that the Chair be elected for a two year term in the first instance with an option of a third year. This proposal was accepted. This would need to be submitted to an EGM for ratification. **(Action: MD to co-ordinate)**

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Plough, St Asaph.**

### 3.2 Schools

Schools tournaments were taking place in the near future and would be completed by the end of the Easter Term. There were tournaments at U14, 16 and 18 scheduled.

### 4. Progress Update on NEWI North Wales Competitions

Denbigh informed the Committee that the club would not be taking part in the League Cup or Shield. This meant that byes were awarded to Colwyn Bay in the League Cup and Wrexham in the Shield. However, the cup draw for the Shield would need to be revised should Newtown and Bangor Uni not enter (to date, no information had been received from these two clubs).

The Committee also asked MD, as North West League representative, to ask the North West that any Welsh teams not be required to play re-arranged fixtures on the weekend of the 28/29 March 2009. Currently, this date was outside the League season.

Arrangements for the weekend were being finalised by the Competitions Secretary and clubs would be informed in due course.

There was a backlog of league fixtures which meant that decisions would need to be made regarding some games. Wherever possible, games should be played and it was reiterated that games were able to be played up until the end of April 2009. Concern was expressed at the number of games cancelled by Bangor City and the Competitions Secretary was asked to clarify the reasons with the club. (**Action: AB to speak to Bangor City HC**)

### 5. Finance

The Chairman reported that the Region has £1,738.29 in its current account and £3000 in its savings account. The Region is still waiting payment from clubs for league entry, cup competitions and junior league entry.

### 6. Umpires Report

None received. However, any club seeking umpires' coaching courses should contact Robin Bayliss of Llandudno HC.

### 7. WHU News Update

The following information was noted:

- a) RAF Development Day at Llandudno on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – places still available;
- b) Coaching courses
  - Core Skills: 13 March 2009 @ Glyndwr University
  - Level 2: Days 1&2 on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> May; Day 3 on 13<sup>th</sup> June and Day 4 on 20<sup>th</sup> June
- c) Amsterdam trip –places still available; PDCs – have restarted for 13-17s, and will resume for U13s in the Summer. A big issue for all the PDCs is the lack of support from the other clubs with the coaching work. So, if you could urge the regions clubs to lend more of a hand that would be most helpful. I'll bring this up as well at next month's meeting.
- d) Skill Centres & school hockey activities running.

### 8. Constitution – League Rules

MD submitted a proposal to amend the current match regulations as part of the region's drive to develop the League and Cup Competitions year by year. These rules were adapted from the current match regulations for the North West League to suit the demands of competition in North Wales. A constructive discussion was had and some excellent amendments made. As such, a completed draft would be submitted to the Committee for approval at its next meeting. The revised match regulations would need to be submitted at the AGM for ratification. (**Action: MD**)



**Notes of the Executive Meeting held on 9 February 2009 at St Asaph**

**Present**

Jon Upton (Chairman), Mark Davies, Chris Harness, Robin Bayliss, Jeff Hodgkinson, Lee Ible, Mark Roberts, Martyn Evans

**Apologies**

Matt Pritchard (Youth), Anneka O'Connor (Secretary), Andy Ible, Matt James (WHU Club Development), Adrian Bennett (Competitions)

**1. Notes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

Confirmed. JU would update the website with the correct link.

**2. Matters Arising.**

**2.1 Euro Nations (item 11 refers)**

It was NOTED that the Chairman had met with Anna Marie Brown at Glyndwr University about the University's plans for the Euro Nations. He would also meet with Mike Leatt and Chris Brewer regarding the event on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Feedback would be given at the next meeting.

LI had spoken with Roger Newcombe about the production of a DVD advertising North Wales Men's Hockey but needed to clarify a few other points about the event with Glyndwr University, notably camping and bar arrangements (**Action: LI to speak with AMB**). The Chairman would also speak to Northop Hall HC regarding the possibility of staging the annual veterans tournament alongside the Wales v Ireland fixture on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> June. (**Action: JU to speak with Alan Oldfield**).

**2.2 Discipline (item 12 refers)**

It was NOTED that a Disciplinary Committee sat following the January meeting to consider the case of David Whitfield from Llandudno HC who was sent off in a friendly game against Bangor City HC for striking another player with his stick. The Disciplinary Committee decided that Mr Whitfield was banned from all hockey for 120 days starting from the date of the offence (4.12.08). This covered the remainder of the season. The letter sent to Llandudno HC act as the minutes from this meeting.

It was NOTED that Mr Whitfield had only recently been informed about the suspension owing to a mix up over email addresses. As such, he was still considering whether to appeal against the 120 day suspension. The procedure he would follow would be those contained within the WHU regulations concerning discipline.

**3. Progress Update on RAF Youth & Schools Tournaments**

**3.1 Youth**

Following the meeting, information was received by the Chairman that the next junior tournament would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009 at Dysynni HC. All interested parties should contact Matt Pritchard in the first instance to find out more information.

It was agreed that the dates of the RAF Careers Youth Tournaments should be:

U11 – 22/3/09 – Rydal  
U13 – 05/04/09 – TBA  
U15 – 22/3/09 – TBA  
U17 – 05/04/09 – TBA