

hereinafter defined) deems it to be appropriate. No costs of the appellant shall be paid by the Appeal Panel irrespective of the Appeal Panel's decision.

The appellant(s) should provide at the time of lodging the appeal a written statement of the appeal, indicating the grounds for the appeal, together with such accompanying documents as they feel are appropriate. Full details of the actions of the WHU Appeal Panel are as per the WHU Bye Laws.

17(d) - *The WHU(NR) reserves the right to refuse, suspend or cancel registration of any member or proposed member for such reasons that may be deemed to be appropriate, provided that the member shall have the right to appeal as indicated above and in accordance with the WHU Bye Laws*

These are the substantive changes to the constitution. There are other minor amendments to nomenclature e.g. Regional Development Officer to Hockey Development Officer or WHU Council to WHU Board.

The Disciplinary Sub-Committee would include the following individuals: Jeff Hodgekinson (Chairman), Mark Davies, Ian Wright (Umpire Representative), A.N.Other (to be determined case by case).

13. Euro Nations

Detailed plans regarding the Euro Nations would be discussed at the April meeting of the Committee. However, the following information was noted (based on discussions between JU and the WHU on 25th Feb):

- CB updated JU & PS about the ongoing preparations for the Euro Nations tournament. Currently, the WHU are ahead of schedule in its planning and preparations are going well. JU received some flyers for distribution to clubs.
- JU would publicise the event on the North Wales website through putting the link to Glyndwr University and also the sign up for event news.
- Discussion focused on the activities that would surround the event and the ways in which N.Wales could contribute. JU proposed that there should be a co-ordinated package for primary school age group via the Activate programme taking place in the summer term. It should also be promoted through PDCs.
- Needs to be an "experience" for the primary school children that they remember. Activities, meet with internationals etc.
- They should receive a pack including a "goodie bag" with DVD, Poster, Flyers with application form for the Euro Nations.
- Matt James and Beth Fisher to co-ordinate and come up with further ideas (liaise with JU/PS)
- Clubs need to have a stock of flyers to circulate to their members and publicise this at AGMs etc. Clubs need to cascade information down and take responsibility for their own areas. Club captains need to inform players.
- Any person who wants to have a stand at the event needs to contact Mike Leatt in the first instance.
- WHU will make available slots at NEWI for a mixed regional tournament and junior tournament on the Sunday and Monday of the week of the tournament.
- N.Wales Men and Women need to liaise over Euro Nations: website, tournaments etc. Look at using the U18 Internationals at Easter and the two test series v Ireland on 6/7 June 09.

14. Other Business

The AGM would be held at Northop Hall HC on Thursday, 14th May 2009. 7.30 start.

10. Umpires Report

Ian Wright and Andy Wills have organised three level one umpiring courses; see dates below. To attend please contact Ian Wright (see website for details)

- 26th March; Colwyn Bay
- 7th April; Wrexham
- 23rd April; Porthmadog.

11. WHU Report

JU reported that he had met with the WHU in Wrexham on 25th February to discuss a range of issues relating to the governance of the game in Wales as well as the forthcoming Euro Nations.

A key point that emerged was the proposal to bid for a minor grant from SCW to develop the game within schools and clubs within north Wales. The region has qualified coaches who are keen to widen their experience and it was felt that this initiative would be of immense benefit to the hockey community of north Wales. Initially, areas of existing strength (Flintshire, Denbighshire) would be covered in order to test the model before the more important widening of the project to cover less well developed areas such as the north west over time. It was agreed that Matt James would take a lead on this in conjunction with Lee Ible.

The second key point that emerged was the need for the region to have a marketing and publicity co-ordinator. However, it was suggested that this role should not simply be a “put results in the paper” but should focus on producing a proper marketing plan for the game within north Wales. It was hoped that the Euro Nations would act as a catalyst for this.

Finally, it was noted that the region needed to have a child protection officer in place. This would be subsumed within the duties of the secretary and would simply be collecting information on people who needed a CRB check and passing this to WHU for processing.

12. Constitution

The following constitutional changes were agreed and would be submitted to an EGM for ratification:

4(b) - *The officers shall be elected each year at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the WHU(NR). The chairman shall be elected for a period of two years at an AGM. He or she may then be re-elected for another, and final, two year term.*

16(d) – Qualification for Regional Teams: (d) *Either Grandparent born in the region*

17(c) – *Any club, school, official, player, coach, umpire or member found guilty by the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal to the WHU(NR) in accordance with the WHU Bye Laws and Disciplinary Regulations. The right of appeal against a decision of a Regional Disciplinary Panel is by the party against whom the decision has been given and must be made in writing to the secretary of the relevant Regional Committee Provided That such written appeal must be delivered to the secretary within 5 working days of notification of the decision of the Regional Disciplinary Panel and such written appeal must be accompanied by an appeal fee of £25.00 (such appeal fee may be refundable if the appeal is upheld or if the Regional Committee (as hereinafter defined) deems it to be appropriate). No costs of the appellant shall be paid by the Appeal Panel irrespective of the Appeal Panel's decision.*

After hearing an appeal the Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to confirm or reject the decision appealed and shall also have the power to impose upon the appealing party such additional penalties (including without limit expulsion and suspension) as the Disciplinary Committee shall think fit.

Any club, school, association, official, player, coach, umpire or member whose appeal is rejected, or who has imposed upon them further penalties by a Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal. Any such appeal must be lodged in writing with the Operations Manager within 10 working days of notification of the penalty or decision of the Disciplinary Committee and must be accompanied by an appeal deposit of £150 (or such other sum as may be determined from time to time by the Board). Such deposit may be refundable if the appeal is upheld or if the Appeal Panel (as

Notes of the Executive Meeting held on 9 March 2009 at St. Asaph

Present

Jon Upton (Chairman), Anneka O'Connor (Secretary), Ian Wright (WHUA), Mark Davies, Lee Ible (HDO), Jeff Hodgkinson

1. Apologies

Robyn Bayliss, Adrian Bennett (Competitions), Martyn Evans, Mark Roberts, Matt Pritchard (Youth), Andy Ible.

2. Notes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2009

Confirmed

3. Matters Arising

Vets Tournament

Jon Upton spoke to Alan regarding the Vets Tournament being moved to Glyndwr University to promote North Wales hockey during the Euro Nations. The tournament will not be move and stay at its original venue; however we are able to advertise the Euro Nations at the event.

4. Financial Report

Current balance is £1,378.29.

Expenditure of £400 to cover the cost of two; UKCC Level one coaching awards for coaches involved with the U'18s, U'16s and U'14s age groups.

5. Youth & Schools Report

MP to report

6. Age Group Report

22nd March

U'11s	11:00 - 16:00	Sand Based
U'15s	12:00 - 16:00	Water Based

5th April

U'13s	11:00 - 16:00	Sand Based
U'17s	12:00 - 16:00	Water Based

7. Junior Tournaments Report

Llandudno/Wrexham still owes the sum of £80 for their junior side entering the league. **(JU – To chase up outstanding fee)**

There will be a tournament in March hosted by Dysynni HC and a tournament in April hosted by Buckley HC.

8. North Wales League Report

In the event of a non league weekend; which has priority a re-arrange league fixture or a cup match? **(JU – To find out)**

In highlight of this situation no league matches to be played on 26th April 2009, due to finals at Glyndwr University.

9. Cup Competitions

AB to report

4 umpires are needed for the semi finals at Glyndwr University on 29th March 2009.

6 umpires are needed for the finals at Glyndwr University on 26th April 2009.