



**IRELAND MASTERS**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING TO COORDINATE THE MASTERS 'HOME NATIONS PLUS'  
 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IN AUGUST 2010 – HELD AT LISNAGARVEY HC AT 2000 HRS  
 ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

Present	Jamie Aiken Clare Bloomfield Keith Jess Eileen McKillop Jamie Millar Mark Murray Andy Nye Rupert Pinion Mark Surgeon Simon Toole	Umpires rep/ Web Manager Ladies rep O50s rep Ladies rep Secretary O40s selector Masters Coordinator O40s player O40s player Volunteer
Apologies	Stewart Atkinson Colm O'Hare	O40s selector O40s selector

<b>Item (a)</b>	<b>Notes (b)</b>	<b>Action (c)</b>
1 Welcome		
2 Background	Andy presented a short power point presentation on Irish Masters Hockey Past, Present and Future to update the meeting on the 'mission' for 2010 and beyond  AIM: O40's and O50's Men's and Ladies Teams for the Tournament in August	



Item (a)	Notes (b)	Action (c)
3 Teams, Invites & update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently a Men's O40's and O50's</li> <li>• Mission – Men's and Ladies O40's, O45's, O50's and O55's</li> <li>• Invites currently to sent to a host of teams with France, USA, Belgium and Austria expressing early interest at attending</li> <li>• Invite for Ireland O45's and O55's to attend Home Nations Tournament in June 2010 in Swansea, Wales</li> <li>• Invites from Australia and New Zealand for Ireland to tour in the future</li> <li>• IHA are looking to ratify Masters Hockey in their January meeting though verbal confirmation has been attained.</li> <li>• Cut off date for team entries to be agreed. European teams may decide at a later date on whether they can compete or not with shorter distances to travel.</li> <li>• Essential that a plan be set down for hockey and non-hockey activities which can be sent as proposals to teams like Australia, New Zealand, South Africa etc so they know whether trip is worthwhile. It may be that they would play games against the Home Nation Teams + two others (either other countries or men's teams from North and South who would use it as pre-season warm up)</li> </ul>	
4 Ladies	The encouragement for the Ladies Masters to be reformed. This is not only a priority by IHA but for worldwide hockey. Scotland and England will attend 2010 tournament if Ireland can form a team. Issue of getting word out there and encouragement to be addressed	
5 Advertising	To local newspapers both north and south. Meeting agreed to ask Paul Bonar (PR Convenor at Lisnagarvey) whether he would undertake this role	P.Bonar ? Andy N
6 Transport	Speak to local Council officials regarding council buses Jamie A pointed out that SEELB Buses would be redundant during the summer break and we should look into the possibility of using them	Jamie A
7 Accommodation	Premier Inn Also look at other hotels in area, even Belfast. Ramada, Holiday Inn, Ibis, Fisherman Cottages Information on team deals, prices, availability and facilities offered	Eileen
8 Umpires	Jamie Aiken is Umpire convenor and he will look after arrangements for umpires and tournament officials. Issue rose re the appointment for Tournament Director, whether IHA would want involvement. It was felt, as IHA are grateful for the 'volunteers' taking on the masters challenge, that the formed committee would decide on this at a later date.	Jamie A

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<p>9 Welcome Drinks, Dinner</p>	<p>Location – Ideally Lisnagarvey as hosts. However, possibility of Civic Drinks Reception at Civic Centre to be explored.</p> <p>Tournament dinner again will depend on numbers for tournament. Ideas to be explored, out of clubhouse, are Marquee in car park, Army mess hall, Wallace High Assembly/Dining Hall, Civic Centre.</p> <p>Enquiries to be made into Restaurant deals for other nights e.g. Cardan, The Plough, The Tannery, other Lisburn, Moira and HBoro restaurants</p> <p>Patterson's to be asked regarding their Marquee procedures for Oyster Festival</p>	
<p>10 Medical &amp; Physio</p>	<p>Special mention was given to Suzanne Watson who put in a lot of time and effort for the team last year, keeping everyone fit enough to be on the pitch at Portsmouth and Hong Kong for as long as possible.</p> <p>Agreed that Committee should ask for additional volunteers for the tournament using contacts from Suzanne and in the club</p>	<p>Andy N</p>
<p>11 Funding</p>	<p>Current situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IHA has little money. The Masters is a self funding organisation. We were very lucky to obtain a sponsor for all kit for last season (thanks to Jamie A). IHA has informed Committee that they have a stockpile of surplus kit which could kit all teams and are willing to sell it to us at a reduced price. Costs to be assessed and compared to this years costs</li> <li>• Department of Culture and Leisure – Application Form on web</li> <li>• Funding tight on the ground from most bodies due to budget cutting</li> <li>• Other funding names put forward – Nick Harkness</li> <li>• Other names and organisations to be explored</li> <li>• Community Festivals Grant available from Lisburn Council</li> <li>• Clare mentioned links to funding on Ulster Hockey for clubs/teams and club development</li> <li>• North/south funding to be explored</li> </ul> <p>Andy stated that as Masters is self funding we are not looking for funding to pay for the oppositions hotels, flights etc. Instead funding would be used to manage the event, transport costs, bus driver costs if req, trophies, drinks reception etc.</p>	<p>Andy N Rupert All</p> <p>Colm?</p> <p>Rupert Andy N</p>

