

Meeting Name: England Hockey Board **Venue:** Bisham Abbey **Date:** 19th March 2019

Lead: Royston Hoggarth

Note Taker: Helen Clarke

Present: Andy Hunt (AH), Ed Barney (EB), Ian Wilson (IW), Jonathan Cockcroft (JC), Katy Roberts (KR), Kate Swann (KS), Mike Stoddard (MS), Rich Beer (RB), Richard Sykes (RS), Sally Munday (SM), Sheila Morrow (SMo), Sue Bodycomb (SB), Neville Wrench (NW)

Apologies: Andy Tapley (AT)

NOTE: THESE ARE NOT THE MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 28th January 2019

Points of accuracy: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate recording.

Matters arising: None

Declarations of interest: None

Executive Report

As read with the following points:

- Ed Barney updated the Board on learnings from the FIHPL southern hemisphere tour
- Jon Cockcroft informed the Board of a collaborative, cross sport broadcasting project being discussed
- Hockey Futures Charity will recruit a new Chair. This position will be advertised

Growing Participation:

Rich Beer introduced Project 71/Hockey Heroes - a primary school age, participation growth campaign. The Board was very positive on the development and excited by the opportunity presented.

Visibility:

Jon Cockcroft updated the Board on the operational readiness to deliver FIHPL and commercial position. The Board highlighted increased opportunities to promote FIHPL, both home fixtures and wider competition to improve awareness leading to increased ticket sales.

International success:

Ed Barney presented on the current position of the Fit for the Future- systemic success strategy. The Board discussed the presented options and requested additional exploration be undertaken on the preferred option so they could better understand the cost implications and implementation.

Enhanced Infrastructure:

The Board discussed the adoption of the FIH's new rules and requested Rich Beer continue to work closely with FIH to establish an appropriate solution.

Strong and respected NGB:

Governance Review – structure consultation

- Communication plan to be brought to May Board

Management accounts

- Revised year end projection, including assumptions, to be shared with the Board

Risk register

- A number of additions were suggested. The document will be updated accordingly
- Risk register to be included for review at each Board meeting

Injury monitoring

- Board agreed that sample size is sufficient to identify trends and considered a report setting out the injuries reported to date. Most injuries incur in open play due to the accidental lifting of the ball. The data will be provided to the FIH so they can consider it alongside future reviews of the rules.
- Where Officials are appointed to EH competitions, collection of data will become mandatory

Committee Updates including EDG Panel

- Taken as read

Safeguarding case management report/trends

- Taken as read

AOB:

- Mike Stoddard was congratulated on his election to the position of President. His position as NED is now vacant and the Board will consider its options ahead of the election in 2020.