

# CHICAGO FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

## Board Meeting

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**Venue:** Panera, Evanston

**Attendance:** Theresa Sukal (Captain)  
Simon Allen (Captain)  
Shayan Zaidi (Financial Chair)  
Steve Moulton (Social Chair)

**Absent:** Margreet Coolen (Marketing Chair) – out of town  
Alarico Fernandes (Communications Chair) – out of town  
Kamal ElKhadiri (Indoor Chair) – out of town

### AGENDA

1. Chicago Cup Updates and Tasks
2. Uniforms
3. Membership Dues

### Minutes:

#### 1. Chicago Cup Updates and Tasks

- VENUE
  - Field contract has been received from Scott Arey (Northwestern University facilities) – will be sent back in this week by *Simon*: field secured!
- TEAMS
  - Chicago teams – June 12 deadline set for all players to submit their interest. If not enough players have signed up by then, ‘guest’ members who have played w/ CFHC before will be asked. CFHC members should receive priority to play
    - We intend to field the best team that we can for the first squad.
    - Other ‘rules’ for selection will be determined after we have the full list of interested (they may not be needed depending on number replies)
  - Minnesota paid/confirmed
  - Dallas paid/confirmed
  - St Louis confirmed
  - Phillyronto confirmed
  - MSU/Michigan soft confirmation
  - Mavericks soft confirmation
  - Atlanta questionable – possibly dependent on Boston Cup; Simon to email Alva to see what their story is
  - Cleveland – seems interested, but no confirmation

- Columbus/Central Ohio – Ross has players and looking to join at team?
- Cincinnati – slow start to the season, and cannot get enough of people to commit and pay (under 18 Degrass has potential interest, but too much liability)
- Teams to put ‘pressure’ on: Riyaz (ASU) – unlikely for a whole team; Greenwich (Jim); Islanders (try to find contact info); ‘all star squad’ of all the randoms for around the country that would be interested: play up our new message board as a means of facilitating this
- REFEREES
  - Reply from Gus: As far as compensation, the standard for club tournaments bringing in umpires is a room and some form of meals. He has offered to tell us what he gets for other tournaments; probably ~\$200 for the weekend for each
  - Reply from David: I have penciled the dates into my diary. It would be my intention to join you for the event.
  - Reply from Rodney: I think reimbursing for mileage and a small game fee (\$150) for the weekend should suffice. Maybe the out of town officials can share a room.
  - Reply from Gwenn: Not available. Usually they will agree to \$100 to \$200 per day in addition to overnight accommodations (if needed). They usually will waive mileage reimbursement, depending on how far they come. All of these umpires would be traveling in from outside the Chicago area and would need lodging for Saturday night and maybe even Friday. They also need to eat. So, they would like to make sure that they will be reimbursed for these personal expenses.
  - Hotel cost: 2 rooms to share = \$550 for the weekend (at Best Western, Evanston)
  - They should go to the social for free; breakfast/lunch – donations?
  - Theresa will Email the 3 men w/ offer (a shared hotel room (not a shared bed), \$200 for the 2 days; food provided). Also, email Amy! Include in Gus’s email about a second (local) official.
- SOCIAL
  - Would like to know where teams are staying – given the info that we’re providing, they will prob stay at Best Western
    - Use an Evanston bar for the social in exchange for a good deal
    - Set the social to end at 10 pm and then we will go downtown and take others with us (this allows everyone to attend the social, with the option to experience Chicago night life)
    - Send a letter to bars about sponsorship opportunities – we are a team w/ a social and tournament and people that need to have a social every week
    - Steve will take care of contacting Bar Louie, Nevin’s, Prairie Moon
      - We are asking for food for the social, reduced rate on alcohol
      - For an extra \$1000, name on tournament, website, brochure, uniforms

- Fundraising opportunities:
  - Table quiz – Steve has gotten in touch w/ a few bars and heard nothing back from them – last week of June? If it’s possible to find a location
- SPONSORSHIP
  - It was determined that we should still pursue sponsorship opportunities, despite some initial disappointments – we will begin taking more of a tiered approach, rather than a whole season sponsor.
  - Change the letter to be more focused on the tournament – rather than ‘team sponsor’ for the season given the point that we’re at for the moment
  - Add to the letter that it is an annual opportunity
  - We must get a letter out to Rob and Aon ASAP - *Simon*
  - Will email letter to Tina for Exelon - *Theresa*
  - Detsy may be interested in a small Sanctuary Hockey sponsorship/booth for this year
  - Model (Justine’s contact) for prizes
  - Bank of America – online application to fill out this week by *Theresa*
  - Under Armor – mail in application to send this week by *Theresa*
  - Prizes (included in program) brainstorming
    - Longstreth
    - Dita
    - Model
    - PennMonto
  - Tournament brochure advertisement
    - Evanston businesses
- HOTEL
  - Online – 3 options now
  - Best Western Evanston seems best bet for most teams – thank you Ana!
  - Steve has found 2 additional options via hotels.com
  - Email teams that have confirmed to book soon – *Steve* will email if he gets all the email addresses of confirmed (hard or soft) teams from *Simon*

## 2. Uniforms

- What do to about Philly?
  - We need 11 (12 w/ Kamal) uniforms of some type: same color shirts, pinnies, ??
- We need them by July 1 for MSU
- COSTS
  - Ask members to pay \$15-20 for 1 (2?) shirts – as discussed before, there should be some cost for accountability
    - Or the club should subsidize \$50 (?)/player for uniforms – at least some of a players dues should be used to cover the jerseys, and the players will make up the difference
    - Our current bank account would probably allow for this, but we need to get on people to get in membership dues to ensure our financial stability for tournament as well.

- Use current shorts/skirts for now, with an option to buy a standard one at retail cost.
- Socks will be required parts of the uniform (to come with the shirts)
- The extras will be kept by the club and rented for a nominal fee (\$5-10) to guest players or members who do not own jerseys for tournaments
- **AK Pro**
  - Have mentioned sponsorship options – no reply to that portion of the proposal.
  - Grays G600 Jersey Men's & Women's including Printing: \$38.00 (retail \$46.00) Based on min 40 Jerseys, With 1 colour print, 2 location print (front & back) & Numbers on back. Contrast neck and side panels: Navy/Sky, Navy/White, White/Navy, Red/White.
  - Grays G500 Men's Shorts: \$30.00 (retail \$40.00) colours available: Navy, White, Black, Green
  - Grays G500 Skort: \$30.00 (retail \$40.00) Colours available: Navy, Black, Royal, Sky, Maroon.
  - Grays G600 Skort (new 2006): \$35.00 (retail \$45.00) Colours available: Navy or Black.
- **UnderArmor**
  - Can be gotten from Steve @ Hayden's sportswear
  - Ana has given a potential sponsorship application directly from UnderArmor – this will be followed up on, but timing is probably not quick enough though.
- **Dita**
  - Still write a letter – *Mags* had taken ownership of this
  - Kamal has contacts via the Montreal team?
  - They could sponsor the uniforms, or the tournament
- **Field Hockey World**
  - *Rico* has made contact with them – initially a little slow to respond (moving locations)
  - They've agreed to give us uniforms at cost, in exchange for their logo printed on the front – *Theresa and Rico* will follow up on this

### **3. Membership Dues:**

- Shayan posed a review of annual membership dues structure - to add 2 new membership tiers (Visitor Membership & Trial/Guest Membership) on top of the already existing full and student memberships.
  - The attending members deemed this an unnecessary addition to complicate matters – will table until end of year.
- Players that have not played need to be sought out – particularly those who are signed up to attend tournaments
- Ideas for signing in at practices were briefly discussed, but no 'good' ideas were found – something to consider for later perhaps