

# **CHICAGO FIELD HOCKEY CLUB**

## **Board Meeting**

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2006

**Venue:** Renaissance Hotel, Atlanta

**Attendance:** Theresa Sukal (Captain)  
Simon Allen (Captain)  
Shayan Zaidi (Financial Chair)  
Steve Moulton (Social Chair)  
Margreet Coolen (Marketing Chair)  
Alarico Fernandes (Communications Chair)  
Kamal ElKhadiri (Indoor Chair)

**Absent:** none

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Board Elections Process**
- 2. End of Season festivities**
- 3. Indoor**

### **Minutes:**

#### **1. Board Elections Process**

- The suggestion for separate field captions was discussed, as well as making the Indoor Chair position more of an optional board role (that the indoor chair would not have to be as heavily involved in Chicago Cup and other club duties since Indoor is already a huge responsibility)
  - It was decided that the structure seemed to work relatively well this year considering it is so new, and that we should give it another year before determining if it needs to be changed.
- The suggestion for having a fixed 2 year term for board positions was discussed.
  - It was determined that the democratic process of voting each year is important for our club's health. We felt that if a member is willing to dedicate more than two years to a position, and they are voted for by the club, they should be allowed to continue. Similarly, if a person is not fulfilling their role, or they no longer wish to hold a position, they are free to leave at the end of a season.
- Board Elections Process
  - All nominations are due to the Financial and Membership Chair by a predetermined date (November 1 for 2006). Nominations can be made for one or all of the positions.
  - The Financial and Membership Chair will notify nominees on November 2 that they have been nominated for one or more positions, with a list of the other people who were nominated for those roles. That person will then

need to reply if they accept the nomination. They may only accept a nomination for one position on the board.

- As acceptances of nominations are received, they will be posted on a page in the “Locker Room” area of the website. Candidates will be set one week before elections.
- Voting will take place via ballot at the AGM. Proxy voting is available by request if you are unable to attend the meeting.

## **2. End of Season**

- Separating the AGM and End of Season Party into two occasions was considered
  - In the interest of good attendance, we determined that they would be held together again this year.
  - Steve will look into options and present them to the board within 2 weeks.
- Following with tradition, the date was set to be the Saturday before thanksgiving (November 18)
- Those interested in playing in the game will need to email the captains at least a week before
  - The format of the game/mini tournament will be determined based on the number of responses.
- We will try to film the event to show at the banquet during dinner – this was suggested, and we thought it’d be pretty cool
- Rico will take care of the slide show compiling pictures from the season

## **3. Indoor:**

- Gus has invited us to send two teams to Philadelphia for two different indoor tournaments. They are currently restructuring an elite indoor league and are looking to have some representation from the Midwest.
  - Tournaments will be likely in the second week of Dec and Jan
  - The best players from these tournaments will be selected for the National Indoor teams
  - The best teams will be invited to participate in the NAPL league
  - We must send BOTH a womens and mens team to BOTH tournaments
  - 6 a side (5 field plus a goalie)
- If there is enough interest/commitment, we will look into holding some practices indoor in December.
- We felt Windy City Fieldhouse worked reasonably well last year, but we will make sure that games are run on a central clock if we return here next season – this will keep teams from losing time (unless they are not ready themselves)
  - Kamal is also looking into 2-3 other options to be presented at the AGM – they may be cheaper/have greater time flexibility, but will likely be further away. Because the result was so positive last year, we won’t be hasty to change but want to offer the team other options as well.

## **4. Other:**

- We intend to petition USFHA for a spot for the women’s and men’s teams in Club Cup 2007, since there is no qualifying tournament in the Midwest and now they’ve each won a major tournament (ATL)!