

Opening of meeting at Dundalk Ice Dome on 16/10/2008 at 18:09

### Attendees:

- John Carney
- Paul Hughes
- Alan McCahey
- Robert Flanagan
- Barry O'Connor
- Blaine Rennicks
- Philip Tobin
- Stephen Hayes
- Andrew Guest
- Aiden Shields
- Michael Rogan



**Chair of the Meeting:** Robert Flanagan (RF)

**Sect. of the Meeting:** Michael Rogan (MR)

1. The Chair gave an introduction to the meeting; the first point was the need to delegate positions within the Ravens. Following that a discussion about the successes and failures of last season.
2. The Chair explained the roles up for election which were:
  - a. **Chairman**
    - i. Nominate(s) | **Robert Flanagan**
  - b. **Secretary**
    - i. Nominate(s) | **Michael Rogan**
  - c. **Public Relations Officer** | PRO
    - i. Nominate(s) | **Blaine Rennicks** and **Niall Kerley**
  - d. **Treasurer**
    - i. Nominate(s) | **Philip Tobin** and **Paul Hughes**

**It has been decided that for the 08/09 Season:**

- Chairman | Robert Flanagan (Uncontested appointment)
- Secretary | Michael Rogan (Uncontested appointment)
- PRO | Blaine Rennicks (voted by members present)
- Treasurer | Philip Tobin (voted by members present)

### 3. Discussion of last season

- a. **Aiden Shields** | commented on the poorness of some of the training sessions.
- b. **Philip Tobin** | wanted match selection to be made at least 1 day before a game.

- i. **Blaine Rennicks** | seconded that motion and *it was agreed*.
- c. **Paul Hughes** and **Robert Flanagan** talked about line consistency, and how *defensive* lines should be agreed upon, as well as set *offensive* lines.

#### 4. Fitness Levels

- a. **Robert Flanagan** started by stating that fitness levels must be vastly improved on last year, as well as hockey skill and skating. **Niall Kerley** said he was available to do fitness tests pre-season.
- b. **Stephen Hayes** recommended that we should play soccer in the JJB, as team bonding and fitness would improve. *Most agreed with this motion*. Possibly Thursday evenings would suit best. **Robert Flanagan** *agreed* that fitness was a huge issue.
- c. **Blaine Rennicks** commented on Roller Hockey. It was decided that this will be confirmed at a later date.

#### 5. Training

- a. It was agreed that training at 22:00 on *Tuesday nights* suits best. Also *Power-Skating* clinics could be attended for people looking to improve their skating.
- b. It was agreed that at 80% of training must be attended in order to be available for selection. *The motion was passed*.
- c. Roll calls are to be made at *every* training session. *This motion was passed*.

#### 6. PRO

- a. **Aiden Shields** Other members of the team stated they would be willing to help **Blaine Rennicks** on his PRO duties.

#### 7. Sponsorship/Funding

- a. **Patrick Murtagh** had previously mentioned the possibility of sponsorship. This is being looked into.
- b. 50/50 draw could be held over the course of the season, as could a bonus ball draw with the national lottery.
- c. Extra money will be held for a later day to pay for any possibility shortage of funds; this is to be collected at training sessions.

#### 8. Website

- a. It was reported that the website was suitable for the team, but needs more input from all involved.
- b. **Aiden Shields** stated he knew someone else that could do/help the website.
- c. It was agreed that the current website was appropriate, but needs player pictures and proper reporting, possibly from journalists in the college.
- d. Templates for content and required information details to be supplied by **Patrick Murtagh**

**9. Team position and forward looking**

- a. It was agreed that the team should be geared towards winning, there was no decision about recruiting outside the college, but they must be of a decent calibre to be considered.
- b. **Stephen Hayes** commented on the lack of commitment from some players over the summer and how these players could become a burden on the progress of the team within the league.
- c. It was agreed that 2/3 players would be the maximum of "imports"
- d. It was proposed that we could pay for travel expenses (either partly or in full).
- e. **Joey Lavelle** was agreed upon as a temporary coach to be decided upon at a later date.
- f. **Paul Huges** commented on the Ravens poor discipline and that it needs to improve this year.
- g. **John Carney** told of a trip to Washington DC in March 2010, accommodation would be provided.
- h. **Andrew Guest** thanked the Ravens for his first year of hockey and is moving on to another club.
- i. **Captaincy** was to be decided by the coach.
- j. The subject of warm showers is to be addressed to the management of the Ice Dome.
- k. A compilation of orders should be made for equipment.
- l. Poor showing at AGM must also be addressed.
- m. **Robert Flanagan** is to ensure that there are no jersey clashes this year.
- n. It was also decided that the college was to be approached about transport to games to Belfast.

The chair closed the meeting at **20:17**.