

MINUTES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1999

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

All N.A.C.B. Officers along with the following were in attendance: John McDevitt, Francis Kilgannon, Paddy Rooney, Mary Prendeville, representative of Western Ladies, representatives of Florida St. Pats, Danny O'Donnell, Cyrill Hackett, John McDaid and Michael Dermody.

It was proposed that we establish a format to manage and promote the competition. It is important that we have a solid management group, promotion and sponsorship.

Coordinators will be appointed by the Board to look after hotels etc. The Management team will be selectors from each Division, last year a lot was taken for granted having been there twice, this year we will be sending three teams, Men's and Ladies Football and Hurling. There will be one Manager for each team and a Selector from each of the four major Divisions. It is up to the Division to make sure that the selector is doing the work necessary.

Financing of players: the Division will have to cover the cost of the players, sponsorship will be an added bonus, and the sponsorship will be prorated. Sponsorship for tracksuits, bags etc can be done now. Official shirts etc can be very expensive.

Last year it cost Chicago \$10,000 this year the hurlers will be from Chicago, Western and Northeast it will probably cost \$10-20,000 per division. The raising of registration fee to cover it was also discussed; this would have to be passed at convention and would not cover the competition this year but may be a way to obtain funds for further international competitions.

Tommy Dolan will be the Coordinator for the International Competition; Eamonn Kelly is also free to work on it with Tommy. Pat Uniacke is also interested in working on it and may be able to help obtain sponsorship for it.

The possibility of a raffle was discussed; if there was an incentive for the Clubs and Divisions they may do it for example a percent of the proceeds going back to the Club that sold the tickets. It was decided that it would be left up to individual Divisions to decide on whether or not they want to obtain funds to sponsor their players through a raffle.

The Airline that will be used will also be looked into, it is great advertisement for Aer Lingus if we use them, Virgin and other airlines will also be looked at.

Managers for the Teams will come from the following Clubs.
Men's Senior Football: Wolfe Tones, Chicago - Danny O'Donnell
Ladies Senior Football: Boston Shamrocks
Senior Hurling: Harry Bolands, Chicago

Selectors will come from the four major divisions; players should be made aware in advance that they are being considered for the international team. There will be conference calls set up with the managers and selectors to keep updated on players, positions filled etc.

The tournament panel now allows up to 25 players. It was felt that the rules must be changed regarding suspensions e.g. 2 weeks = 1 game, 1 month = 2 games for the purposes of the tournament. Eamonn Kelly said that the rules and regulations are currently being looked at in Ireland.

All players on the panel should fly in for the playoffs in Boston; they can have practice and meeting before they leave.

The Managers and Selectors will meet at the preplayoff meeting; they should have names of players being considered, their background and positions.

We will also try to secure a group rate using one travel agent so that all players will be arriving in at the same time.

John McDevitt suggested that we should try to have the international competition hosted in the United States in the future.

Accommodation in Ireland is supposed to be free for players, Croke Park and the Bank sponsor it.

The International Competition panel is for homebased players only. All Divisions should contact Tommy Dolan as soon as possible with the names of the selectors from their Division and with the name of the manager from the N.A.C.B. winning teams.

Clarification will be sought from Croke Park regarding eligibility of green card sanction players as homebased and also from House of Sport regarding Inter Club/County Transfers.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.