



A Note from the Board

Hello everyone and welcome to 2025. After the end of the International season in November 2024, your new Board is now in place and ready to lead Scottish Masters Hockey this year.

At our first Board meeting for the year, we discussed a number of different items including ongoing issues with our kit supplier; the financial accounts of the teams; selection of coaches, managers and players and the documentation around this; how we will work with the International Committees and, most importantly, how we will communicate with you, the membership.

To aid in our communication with you, we have put together a [small presentation](#) identifying the new Board and a little note from each of us. We will also endeavour to give you all an update after each Board meeting of the key points we have discussed and, where appropriate, any key decisions we have made. We have also identified one member of the Board who will liaise with the three International Committees:

Women's 35-65 – Lee
Men's 35-55 – Simon
Men's 60-75 – Bernie

The situation with our kit supplier is ongoing and somewhat complex. We are working with Scottish Hockey to resolve outstanding matters as well as determine a way forward. We will update you with more information on this matter when we can.

We have experienced some ongoing issues with the financial accounts of some of our teams and, we will, in the very near future, be holding a mandatory squad accounts managers' meeting for those responsible for managing the finances of the various teams. This mandatory meeting will be conducted by Fraser Auld (outgoing Treasurer) and Duncan Service (incoming Treasurer) with assistance from Fiona Williamson (accountant) who is both a player for the W35s and a manager for the W55s. Could we please ask that those of you who undertake financial duties for your teams understand the importance and necessity of attending this meeting. You will be notified in time to attend and the meeting will be on Zoom to ensure attendance.

The selection processes, whilst documented on the website, has led to some confusion over the past year and we will work to review and, where necessary, rewrite these procedures over the next 6-12 months. We will undertake this activity in conjunction with the three International Committees representing players, managers and coaches. We will also work with World Masters Hockey (WMH) to ensure consistency of roles and titles for various team support such as assistant coaches and managers to resolve these ongoing matters at both WMH and non WMH events.

We, as the Board, hope you will all work with us to continue to grow and develop Scottish Masters Hockey over the coming year.

Lee Edmonds-Ward

President

For and on behalf of the SMH Board

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