

FIH Masters Panel Minutes

Meeting held at 10h00 CET on Wednesday 25th February 2015 via Skype

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Sue Catton (SC - Chairperson), Wim van Noortwijk (WvN - WGMA), Adrian Stephenson (AS - WGMA), Glenn Paton (GP - IMHA), Sue Briggs (SB - IMHA), Mike Joyce (MJ - FIH).

Jaap Quarles van Ufford (Observer – WGMA).

SC welcomed all the members.

MJ explained that documentation for the panel going forward would be available through the sharepoint Portal that all members had now joined. He agreed to email members each time new documents were added.

Action: MJ to email members as and when required

2.0 Minutes of the Meeting of 1 November 2014

Corrections:

WvN Year of date of meeting - change from 2015 to 2014

GP Item 5.2 remove “IMHA” from trans-Tasman event as it is not an IMHA event

Action: MJ to change and update in Portal

3.0 Matters Arising and Action Updates not on the Agenda

3.1 Panel Budget

WvN will raise the matter of KNHB hosting a future Masters Panel meeting at their meeting next Wednesday (4th March).

Action: WvN

4.0 Governance & Operations

4.1/4.2 FIH Strategic Plan

MJ presented an update on the strategic plan (full ppt available in the Portal).

SB expressed concerns about a wholly digital communication processes with Masters members noting the feedback from the player survey which indicated that the most successful method of communication is currently word of mouth. It was agreed that all channels should be used – traditional and digital.

There was discussion regarding next steps how Masters could play a role in the Hockey Revolution, both contributing to and benefitting from the strategy.

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It was agreed that a summary template (same as used for the CFs) would be distributed. SC suggested a half day session at the next meeting be dedicated to working through this. This was agreed. Both Associations also agreed that, in consultation with their respective boards, they would work on the template to produce a draft prior to the meeting. It was also noted and agreed that not all MI's / Projects would be relevant to Masters and that capacity to deliver had to be manageable for volunteer based organisations. Both parties agreed to indicate their priorities on the same template.

Action: MJ to distribute a template via the Portal

Action: SB & GP to discuss at the IMHA EB in March and feedback to MJ in April

Action: WvN & AS to discuss at their WGMA EB in March and feedback to MJ in April

Action: SC/MJ to reflect March EB strategy discussions into a consolidated paper to be circulated no later than end of May.

4.2 Masters History (changed item title from Agenda)

Provision of information to FIH/Hockey Museum for the history of Masters Hockey was discussed. It was agreed that Peter Child (WGMA) and GP (IMHA) would send any current documentation to Melanie Wilmore (FIH lead on the project). They would also be the points of contact moving forward on Masters History with other Panel members copied into any correspondence.

Action: Peter Child and GP

5.0 Panel Representation

WvN stated that a female member now sits on the Board of WGMA in the role VP. Nanda Siebers has been appointed to this role from a group of four ladies now sitting on a steering group to develop women's Grand Masters hockey.

WvN confirmed that Nanda would attend the next Masters Panel meeting initially as an observer and then in a formal role.. WvN also advised that there were elections at the next AGM so this may be another female representative at future meetings.

SC requested email confirmation of the above with contact details to be sent so that Nanda can be copied into correspondence moving forward.

Action: AS to send to MJ the full WGMA board contact information.

6.0 Masters Events

6.1 Masters Events 2015/2018 Update

Significant discussion was held regarding the alignment of Masters and FIH events. Both Associations were in agreement that alignment would be a positive, but that the current FIH assignments for major events were not in attractive locations for their members. GP stated that members would not be keen to return to the UK or Holland so soon and would prefer to visit different locations. Both Associations were in agreement. Furthermore, it was felt that India would not be a popular location.

SC suggested that further discussion be held at the next meeting and that general principles be identified linked to different levels of Masters events. It was agreed to add as an agenda item to the next meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the responsibilities of FIH/CF/Masters Associations and local organisers with respect to communicating and sanctioning of new Masters events. The forthcoming Masters event in Pan-America was highlighted as an example which all agreed could have been better communicated. It was also noted that this was probably symptomatic of the growth in Masters hockey and the enthusiasm to push forward which also should be encouraged.

SC suggested that the panel identifies some principles of communication and process that could form the basis for approving /partner agreements prior to any announcements on events going forward. This was agreed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Action: All to consider and MJ to add to next panel agenda

7.0 Development

SC said that MJ had distributed a list of FIH membership data collection areas which included Masters references. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to seek the name and contact details of a Masters point of contact from NA's. Panel members should feedback to MJ. **(Ed. This needs to be before 15 March 2015)**

Action: All

SC said that Kelly Fairweather and David Luckes would be meeting with the World Masters Games organisation in April. Conflict with existing hockey Masters Events, Calendar issues, and the potential to stimulate Master's development in emerging nations are items to be discussed. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting.

8.0 Technical

8.1 Medical

Re the recommended level of medical support for Masters events, MJ reported that there had been no response as yet from Peter Wefers Bettink. SB said this must be resolved as a priority and was a long standing action. This was agreed noting the higher risk around Masters activity. (Ed. MJ subsequently received a forwarded response, however the response is not sufficient)

Action: MJ & SC to follow up as a matter of urgency

8.2 Tournament Regulations

Further to the "Consolidated response to FIH Tournament Regulations" document.

SC suggested that a common format be agreed upon. Currently each Association is suggesting a different format for the game – as identified in the document. She stated that it would make sense to adopt the same format across all international competition, either the same as major FIH competitions or a consistency between IMHA and WGMA. The benefits of this approach were acknowledged.

SC confirmed that no decision about the London Euros event had been made as yet as this is dependent on any approved variation(s) by the FIH to their Tournament Regulations.

Both Associations advised that are happy with the formats they are currently using but were willing to discuss the matter further to try and reach a consensus.

Action: IMHA and WGMA to discuss and feedback at the earliest opportunity

8.3 Masters Eligibility

Document “Amendments to the FIH Player Eligibility Regulations for Masters Hockey” was discussed. It was agreed that the Panel should agree a format of email to be sent by SC to the FIH EB for their consideration at the March meeting.

Action: SC

9.0 Marketing & Commercial



9.1 Masters' Brand

MJ presented an FIH Masters logo that the FIH marketing team had produced. This was well received noting the use of Masters colour themes. All to feedback to MJ by the end of March following consideration at respective Board meetings.

Action: All

9.2 Delivery of Masters Content (FIH web site)

MJ said the new FIH website has been delayed due to external site integration issues. There is no firm timeline for completion. AS requested that the panel see the proposed pages for Masters.

Action: MJ to follow up with Laura Hoyle and report back with more detail about the Masters area, including what actions the Panel could take to support content development.

10.0 Partner Updates – Items not covered above

10.1 WGMA

WvN reported that the WGMA would be meeting with the Women`s Steering Group in Lille in March.

10.2 IMHA

Nothing further to add.

10.3 FIH

Nothing further to add.

11.0 Any other business

There was no other business.

SC thanked MJ for his support of the meeting which was endorsed by all Panel members.

12.0 Next Meeting

Action: MJ to confirm arrangements for the next meeting to be held in Antwerp on Thursday 2nd July 2015. He also agreed to investigate access to tickets for WLR3 matches.