

FIH Masters Panel
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2014
at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Heathrow, London, England

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present – Sue Catton (Chair), Sue Briggs and Ben Rea (IMHA); Adrian Stephenson and Wim van Noortwijk (WGMA), Martyn Gallivan (Secretary). Glenn Paton (IMHA) attended as an observer.

Apologies had been received from Kelly Fairweather and David Luckes, who were in Brazil attending meetings with the Rio Organising Committee of the Olympic Games 2016, and Peter Child (WGMA). On behalf of FIH and the Panel, SC extended a warm welcome to Wim who was attending his first meeting of the Panel and was substituting for PC. WvN thanked Sue and gave a brief overview of his career and involvement with Masters Hockey.

2. Minutes of the 23 January 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising and Action Updates not on the Agenda

3.1 FIH Foundation

The next meeting of the FIH Foundation will take place in The Hague during the Rabobank World Cup, where a new board will be established. Some of the first tasks of the new board will be to review its terms of reference and its future direction.

Action: MTG to remind Laura that both Masters Associations are supportive of the aims of the Foundation and will include an item on their respective web sites when available.

3.2 FIH Business Club

The launch of the Business Club has been delayed until 2015. Richard Tattershaw is still hoping to attend both Masters' World Cups.

Action: MTG to speak to RT about when he might visit and see if he has a PowerPoint of his presentation to last meeting on this topic for use by both Associations.

3.3 Golden Oldies

To date KGF has not been able to contact the new owners of the Golden Oldies brand. MTG has written to the DHB asking for an update on the hosts' awareness of the need for sanctioning. SC highlighted that the opening ceremony mentions a "Parade of Nations" implying the involvement of National Associations. It was noted that there is no requirement for either Associations to be involved in the sanctioning of Golden Oldies.

3.4 Masters' Arrangements in Other IFs

MTG has opened up a dialogue with Judo, where it appears that Masters' events are directly managed by the International Judo Federation and that Masters' events are on the increase.

FIH Partners



FIH Suppliers



4. Partner Updates

4.1 FIH

The assignment of outstanding FIH events was partially completed in March. The women's Hockey World 2015 League semi-final had been awarded to Spain (Valencia) and the women's Hockey World League final to New Zealand (Auckland). The remaining FIH event to be allocated is the women's Junior World Cup 2016, and a decision on this is scheduled to be taken at the forthcoming meeting of the EB.

Since the last meeting, the partnership agreement between FIH and Loughborough University had been announced. Loughborough will assist FIH in looking at innovations in the sport, initially concentrating on the Complementary Game, currently referred to as Hockey HG.

The EB held a specific meeting to focus on the next FIH Strategic Plan. This will be discussed at the next EB meeting in June. To be further considered at the next meeting of Panel to explore ways that Masters hockey can support the strategic direction of the sport.

Action: MTG / SC Future agenda item.

4.2 WGMA

The WGMA Congress will take place in The Hague on 10 June in Hotel Wassenaar. Unopposed nominations for President and Vice Presidents have been received. AS advised that it has been decided to actively seek a female appointment to the WGMA Executive. Discussion took place about specific female representation and whether it was desirable to openly advertise and, or proactively include female representation within the constitution. SC reminded Panel members that the FIH EB wishes to see gender equality for representation of both Associations and on this Panel. SC advised that she was encouraged by the discussions and would be interested to see the proposals in due course.

4.3 IMHA

GP advised that IMHA became incorporated as a UK limited company on 11 April 2014. Articles of Association now govern IMHA rather than a constitution. Insurance for events is now covered by FIH policy. GP advised that he is waiting for information from Laurent Vajda regarding the policy for the forthcoming World Cup and whether it is compatible with FIH's normal requirements. BR confirmed that the IMHA Congress is scheduled in Rotterdam on 9 June and invited FIH representatives to attend.

5. Development

5.1 FIH NA Audit

Results as at 7 May had been previously circulated. MTG advised that information for the Masters contact person is not necessarily the one indicated on the survey. There is an aspiration from both Associations that there should be a single point of contact from each NA for all Masters Hockey. It was agreed that this should be a target in the next 2 years – end of 2016.

5.2 Players Questionnaire

The responses received to date had been previously circulated to the panel. Although a significant number of responses had been received, they had been from a limited number

of NAs. Both Associations agreed to encourage participants at Masters World Cups to complete the on line questionnaire. Information would be collated in time for FIH Congress.

Action: Laura and Brett to provide a summary of survey and web site presentation. SB will provide initial draft of results.

6. Events

6.1 Masters World Cups Update

IMHA – 74 teams (49 men and 25 women) from 22 National Associations have been confirmed although some entry fees are still outstanding. There have been issues about the Match Schedule most of which are related to the sheer size of the event. It was agreed that this issue is likely to become more acute in the future due the likely increase in the popularity of Masters. The schedule had been prepared by the host and had not been referred to the IMHA. In future IMHA will take responsibility for the preparation of the Match Schedule. Future World Cups may have to be split among several different venues. MTG noted that no more than 2 matches in 3 days and 22hours between the start times of successive matches were FIH guidelines and not regulations.

WGMA – 56 teams from 18 nations entered and planning is well advanced.

Action: WGMA/IMHA Feedback to Laura at FIH about the statistics of number of matches and players.

6.2 Masters Events – 2015 / 2018

An update was provided.

WGMA – 2015 European Cup London & Asian Cup Kuala Lumpur

A presentation from Newcastle NSW re World Cup 2016 will be given at the WGMA Congress

IMHA – BR advised that IMHA is looking to target NAs to make bids.

2015 – European Cup in England

2016 – possibility of Australia and New Zealand for the World Cup

2018 – unlikely to be in India or Argentina

6.3 Timelines – ROIs, Entries and Schedules

SB advised that this was work in progress. Both Associations are considering adapting the FIH bid and delivery manual and that they will work jointly on this.

Action: To be carried forward SB & AS

6.4 Host Requirements – Medical

MTG advised that the Chair of the FIH Medical Advisory Panel, Peter Wefers-Bettink has been in contact with MWC hosts.

Action: MTG to ask PWB for information he sent (whether in Dutch or English)

An invite to attend FIH Medical Seminar to be extended to a Masters representative with a view to reviewing and drafting appropriate levels of medical provision for Masters events.

7. Technical

7.1 Tournament Management System

The quote of €4,000 per annum for maintenance, technical support and server “hire” costs was considered noting that it was likely to be similar in future. It might be a possibility in the future if it can be incorporated into planning and budgets. It was agreed that further investigation was required.

Action: Associations to send MTG invite for HK to attend WCs and discuss with the appropriate representatives.

MTG to send an old Results Book to both Associations.

7.2 Rules Committee Meeting Update

The Rules Committee had met in Dubai in April, where it was confirmed that when developing new rules, the implications for all levels of the sport were taken into account.

7.3 Tournament Regulations

A definitive set of Masters variations to Regulations needs to set out and agreed. It was agreed that the current Regulations would apply to the World Cups. Eligibility Regulations for 1 year rather than 3 years for Masters only would require a change in the FIH statutes.

Action: SC to take to the EB for consideration.

8. Marketing & Commercial

8.1 Masters' Brand

There was general support for the principle of a consolidated Masters brand / logo following the FIH ‘family’ of logos. WvN stated that the principle was something to take forward for future discussion through the individual Associations.

Action: Associations to consider the principle of a consolidated brand with their Executive Boards.

8.2 Web site content (FIH)

MTG advised that a new web site provider has been appointed by the FIH. It was agreed that the current Masters web page on the FIH site needs more regular update and in advance of the World Cup. It was agreed that future news items need to be checked for accuracy prior to publishing and that both Associations will provide content to the FIH from time to time.

Action: Corrections to be sent to MTG by AS.

Associations to provide content to FIH as and when appropriate.

9. Governance & Operations

9.1 IMHA and WGMA Congress Updates / FIH Presentations

The dates of the Congresses; given above. Invites will be sent to LN, KGF and SC to attend both with time provided an FIH presentation/briefing and questions.

Action: Associations

9.2 FIH Congress – Masters Profile

The Programme is not currently finalised but a Congress planning document is going to the June EB. One option, if time permits, would be a workshop. The other would be a stand at the exhibition.

SC suggested developing a Masters strategic plan that mirrors the emerging FIH Strategic Plan.

Action: SC to advise outcomes following the EB meeting re the preferred profile for Masters.

10. Any Other Business

MTG reminded all present of the requirement for Masters Events and international matches to be sanctioned.

Action: Both Associations to remind members of the requirements at the forthcoming Congresses.

11. Vote of Thanks

SC thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution to the meeting. In particular she wished to place on record the FIH's gratitude to Ben Rea and Peter Child for their work in the development of Masters hockey over the years.

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be advised but hopefully linked to the Congress.