



International Masters Hockey Association Bi Annual Congress Minutes

Date: Sunday 3 April 2016	Time: 1800 hours	Venue: Dickson Tradies Club, Canberra Australia
Chairperson: Glenn Paton	Minute taker: Sue Briggs	

- Welcome and thanks for all attending and supporting Australia by Chairperson.
Glenn also thanked IMHA Board members. He stated that they were “can do” people, willing to engage in frank, open, honest discussion which has enabled IMHA to move forward because decisions have been able to be made.
Glenn thanked John Stuart, David Peebles and Peri Buckley for their contribution to IMHA over the years.
- Attendance:** See attached attendance sheet
Apologies: See attached list
- Minutes of previous meeting** held in Rotterdam, June 2014 accepted as correct. Moved: England. Seconded: USA.
- Business arising:** nil

Reports	Issues raised	Actions required	By whom?	By when?
5. Chairperson’s report - Glenn Paton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of Summary of Activities 2014 – 2016 	For circulation to FIH Masters Panel and member countries/delegates	Secretary	May 2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer’s report - Balance in account £3,055. 	Invoices for 2016 fees to be sent out	Treasurer	May 2016
6. Treasurer’s Report - Andy Nye	See above			
7. Technical Officer’s report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in Summary of Activities. Peri wished everyone well in the future. 			
8. FIH Masters Panel report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn reminded the meeting re purpose of Panel ie harmonise Masters, standardized rules, regulations, events. FIH wants one Masters organisation in the future. At the last Panel meeting WGMA did not support a merger at this stage. FIH to develop a future directions paper and make decisions. Comments/questions were invited 	FIH Future Directions paper circulated prior to Congress.		

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	<p>from attendees. Q1 – Are many countries not affiliated? (Ireland) – <i>Yes, a number are not.</i> IMHA are not part of FIH but affiliated and recognized. The issue/concern was raised re aligning IMHA events with FIH events (Scotland). <i>All aware not always possible to do.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress fully endorsed merger in principle. • A IMHA Code of Conduct has been approved by FIH to be used at all IMHA events. Match format of 17.5 minutes has been endorsed by FIH. 	<p>IMHA to inform Sue Catton, FIH Masters Panel Chairperson of endorsement. Formal response to the FIH Future Directions Paper is required in April 2016.</p>	<p>Chairperson & Secretary</p>	<p>10 April 2016</p>

9. Election of Office Bearers

Australia thanked outgoing Board.

Executive elected as follows:

Chairperson – Glenn Paton (Scotland) – elected

Hon Secretary – Sue Briggs (Australia) – elected

Hon Treasurer – Andy Nye (Ireland) – elected

Technical Officer – Jeff Brown (New Zealand) – Moved Peri Buckley Seconded Andy Nye - elected

Board member elections:

<p>Board member nominations received as follows: Martin Ferrari (Australia) Eduardo Guelfand (Argentina) Adel El Guindi (Egypt) Peter Jones (USA) Irene Ryan (New Zealand) Dirk Wellen (Germany) Jackie Whiller (Wales) Deb Wilkes (England) All nominees or their representatives addressed the Congress.</p>	<p>Board members (six) elected after secret ballot: Eduardo Guelfand Peter Jones Irene Ryan Dirk Wellen Jackie Whiller Deb Wilkes</p>
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<p>Continental representatives – Glenn explained role of Continental representatives – not just working within their own country but making links with their CF and working to develop Masters Hockey in their region.</p>	
<p>Continental representatives elected as follows:</p>	
<p>Pan America</p>	<p>Maria Keesling (USA) Alison McGilliray (Canada)</p>
<p>Africa</p>	<p>Adel El Guindi (Egypt) Desmond Yeats (RSA)</p>
<p>Europe</p>	<p>Henk Vogels (Netherlands) Franco Mellis (Italy) Cathy Walsh (Ireland)</p>
<p>Oceania</p>	<p>Martin Ferrari (Australia)</p>
<p>Asia</p>	<p>Islahuddin Siddiqui (Pakistan)</p>

10. Sue Catton (Chairperson, FIH Masters Panel) addressed the meeting via skype.

11. General Business

	Issues raised	Actions required	By whom?	By when?
11.1 Notice of motions – nil				
11.2 O60s Women – future governance	Moved: England Seconded: Australia, that Congress welcomes O60s women’s into IMHA. Motion carried	IMHA to inform FIH Masters Panel and WGMA	Secretary	May 2016
11.3 Tournament Trophy division in future events	IMHA is charged with encouraging participation at all levels. Request that a parallel tournament for non National teams be introduced at IMHA events. Concern about “mixing brands”. Also concern about events becoming too big. Moved: Board member Peter Jones, seconded: Treasurer that such a proposal be investigated. Motion carried	For further discussion and explanation.	IMHA Board	End 2016
11.4 Tilburg venue for European Championships – 11 – 19 August 2017	Moved: Treasurer, seconded Germany, that Tilburg be endorsed as the venue.	Information flyer to be distributed	Secretary	May 2016
11.5 Bid for World Cup in 2018 received from Madrid, Spain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed dates – 20 – 29 July 2018 Event will need to be organised over several sites within Madrid. Concern about separation of teams at each site. Greed there needed to be a rotation for all teams around the sites. 	Notify Madrid contact regarding endorsement and requirements	Secretary	May 2016

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	Moved:Scotland, Seconded: Germany, that the Congress endorse Madrid as the venue, pending ability and agreement re rotation of teams. Motion carried.			
11.6 Expression of interest received from Ireland to host World Cup in 2020		Information noted		
11.7 Bidding process (USA)	Need to investigate over the next 2 years about becoming more commercial. As we evolve as an organisation, our bidding process needs to improve.	Contact all members to identify "best time" for events	Secretary	July/August 2016
11.8 Hockey 5s	Potential for this style of the game could bring more smaller nations into IMHA.	IMHA Board to consider a proposal to host a "pilot" event. USA suggest getting Masters Indoor started before trying Hockey 5s.	IMHA Board	2016/2017
11.9 IMHA Website	Acknowledged that this has been a long running problem. Website is now up and running and has been updated.	Information only		
11.10 Training charges at events (Germany)	?that there should be no training charges for any events.	For further discussion	IMHA Board	By end 2016
11.11 Framework for sanctioning events in non World Cup years (USA)	?more rigorous process be applied when endorsing events for sanctioning.	For further discussion	IMHA Board	By end 2016

Meeting closed 2030 hours.

All attendees were invited for light refreshments.