

### International Masters Hockey Association Bi Annual Congress Minutes

Date: Monday 9th June 2014	Time: 1730 hours	Venue: Meeting Room, HC Rotterdam
Chairperson: Ben Rea	Minute taker: Sue Briggs	

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: See attached attendance sheet

Apologies: Alison Pigot, Greg Darkes, Simon Gray.

**Minutes of meeting** held in Canterbury ,England on Tuesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 accepted and taken as read.

1. Reports	Issues raised	Actions required	By whom?	By when?
<b>1.1 FIH Masters Panel report – Sue Catton</b> Thanks for IMHA and WGMA being involved in Panel. Good progress being made. Looking at consistency and growing the game.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters players questionnaire developed and on line, 365 responses to date. Information will be used to shape how masters hockey moves forward.</li> </ul>	Encourage as many players as possible to complete	All delegates	31 July 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIH Executive Board looking at Strategic Plan in June and possible presentation at Congress later in 2014.</li> </ul>	Work with S.Catton and FIH to present at Congress if possible.	IMHA and WGMA	October 2014
Kelly Fairweather (CEO, FIH) supported what Sue Catton stated. Wonderful dual event that can be built on in the future. FIH want to work with Masters.				
<b>1.2 Chairperson’s report - Ben Rea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vote of thanks to Glenn Paton, Peri Buckley, Sue Briggs</li> <li>Presentation of Summary of Activities 2012 – 2014 – previously circulated with Congress papers</li> </ul>			
<b>1.3 Treasurer’s Report - Glenn Paton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for change of membership fee to possibly team based. Possible solutions – sliding scale for membership, % competition fees plus membership fees. Also IMHA should get % of profit from events.</li> </ul>	Motion: Board develops a proposal for fee structure and communicates with delegates Moved: J.Stuart Sec: S. Springthorpe Motion Carried	IMHA Board	Dec 2014

2. Notice(s) of Motion	Issues raised	Actions required	By whom?	By when?
Motion: that the Articles of Association be accepted as tabled. Moved: P. Buckley Sec: Sue Briggs Motion carried pending corrections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern around timeframe for adjournment of Congress</li> </ul>	Adjust adjournment time to be within 48 hours	S.Briggs	Aug 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Errors in numbering within document</li> </ul>	Correct numbering	S.Briggs	Aug 2014

### 3. Election of Office Bearers

Nominations received from

<p><b>Executive elected</b> Chairperson – Glenn Paton (Scotland) and John Stuart (England). Glenn Paton elected after secret ballot. Hon Secretary – Sue Briggs (Australia) – elected unopposed Hon Treasurer – Andy Nye (Ireland) – elected unopposed Technical Officer – Peri Buckley (Australia) – elected unopposed</p>	<p><b>Board members elected</b> David Peebles (Australia) Eduardo Guelfand (Argentina) Jackie Whiller (Wales) Deb Wilkes (England) Peter Jones (USA) John Stuart (England)</p>
<p><b>Continental representatives elected</b></p>	
<p><b>Pan America</b> <b>Africa</b> <b>Europe</b> <b>Oceania</b> <b>Asia</b></p>	<p>Warren Prestwich (USA) Greg Darkes (RSA), Adel El Guindi (Egypt), Samuel Mante-Akrofi (Ghana) Dirk Wellen (Germany), Franco Mellis (Italy), Cathy Walsh (Ireland), Henk Vogels (Netherlands) Irene Ryan (New Zealand) Islahuddin Siddiqui (Pakistan)</p>

Leandro Negre (President, FIH) joined the meeting. He strongly supported Masters hockey and was very pleased with the progress being made. Well done to everyone.

4. General Business	Issues raised	Actions required	By whom?	By when?
4.1 Amended FIH Regulations for Masters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for standardization and FIH agreement</li> </ul>	Work in progress for FIH Masters Panel	FIH Masters Panel	Ongoing
4.2 Masters player questionnaire	As discussed in 1.1 Reports	Send out link to delegates	S.Briggs	June 2014
4.3 Medical requirements for Masters events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification has been requested for minimum</li> </ul>	Awaiting list of requirements from FIH (Martyn Gallivan).	S.Briggs	By end 2014

<b>4. General Business</b>	<b>Issues raised</b>	<b>Actions required</b>	<b>By whom?</b>	<b>By when?</b>
	standards	Once received these will be distributed to all delegates.		
4.4 Mens 35s age group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This age group has been accepted by FIH</li> </ul>	Information to be distributed	All delegates	By end June 2014
4.5 Sanctioned Events – K.Fairweather explained need for events to be sanctioned when international teams are playing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion regarding requirements</li> </ul>	Policy information provided	All delegates	By end June 2014
4.6 World Cup 2014 – lessons learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMHA to develop schedule</li> <li>Drinking water to be available at fields</li> <li>Possible fee if teams drop out</li> <li>Co-joint fixtures – difficulty accessing games at The Hague</li> <li>reduced times for age groups (much debate with no agreement)</li> <li>?temperatures for when games affected</li> <li>Adhere to dates of event</li> <li>Ranking of teams as per FIH</li> <li>sponsorship</li> </ul>	Feedback noted and included in next World Cup planning. ?Incorporate some items into Masters Events manual currently being developed	IMHA Board	Commence June 2014
4.7 World Cup 2016 – plans for 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bid presented by D.Peebles (Australia) - Congress accepted bid for 2016 World Cup in Canberra, Australia</li> </ul>	Information to be distributed when received from Hockey Australia	S.Briggs	Commence July 214
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed dates problematic</li> </ul>	Review proposed dates	Hockey Australia	July 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters Panel principle –</li> </ul>	Information only	All delegates	June 2014

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	where possible, masters events to be held with other FIH events			
4.8 Continental tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scotland raised concern about the process for awarding events eg Europeans in 2015</li> </ul>	Concerns noted. Transparent and timely process to be implemented in the future.	IMHA Board	Commence end 2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMHA need to be informed of upcoming events so these can be included on calendar</li> <li>Possible Pan American event in 2015</li> </ul>	Ensure IMHA are informed of events (Hon Sec, Web Coordinator)	Continental reps	Commence June 2014
4.9 Indoor Masters events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USA raised interest in developing this aspect for Masters.</li> </ul>	Interested delegates to contact Peter Jones (USA) for possible inaugural event	Delegates	Ongoing
		To be raised for discussion at next Masters Panel meeting	IMHA representatives	Oct/Nov 2014

**Member of Honour awarded by Kelly Fairweather to Ben Rea in “recognition and celebration of his invaluable contribution to Masters Hockey throughout the world.”**

Meeting closed 2030 hours.