



International Masters Hockey Association  
Bi-annual Congress Minutes



<b>Date: Tuesday 31 July 2018</b>	<b>Time: 1810 hours</b>	<b>Venue: Hotel Don Candido, Terrassa, Spain</b>
<b>Chairperson: Glenn Paton</b>	<b>Minutes: Sue Briggs</b>	

1. Glenn Paton, Chairperson IMHA welcomed special guests, IMHA Board members, IMHA members and observers.  
Dr Bhatra, President FIH addressed the meeting with a very positive message regarding Masters Hockey. Dr Bhatra made a presentation to IMHA which Glenn Paton accepted.  
Dr Bhatra, Thierry Weill (CEO, FIH) and Leandro Negro (former President FIH) left the meeting.  
Glenn Paton introduced the current IMHA Board members.
2. Attendance – as per attendance record  
Apologies – as per list of apologies  
**Moved: USA Secoded: Sri Lanka that the apologies be accepted. Motion carried.**
3. Minutes from the 2016 IMHA Congress have been circulated>  
Moved: Scotland Secoded: USA that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.  
Motion carried.
4. Business arising – Nil
5. Updated IMHA Memorandum and Articles of Association  
Items specifically altered were 3.1 (Age) and 13.4 (Election of Office Bearers).  
Issue of being male/female specific raised as being not inclusive – issues noted.  
**Notice of motion: that the updated Memorandum and Articles of Association (2018) be accepted.**  
**Moved: Sue Briggs Secoded: Deb Wilkes. Motion carried.**
6. IMHA President's Report  
IMHA Summary of Activities 2016 – 2018 distributed prior to the Congress.  
  
Treasurer's Report – Deb Wilkes  
**Balance currently £11,430 (GB Sterling)**  
There has been a steady growth over last 6 years. Several new members recently. Deb thanked all members who have paid membership fees on time.  
Additional funds to be added to account relate to Hosting Fee from 2016 & 2018 World Cups and additional membership fees.
7. IMHA Technical Officer's Report.  
Apologies from Jeff Brown who could not be present due to work commitments in New Zealand.  
Technical Officer's report available in the Summary of Activities.
8. Acceptance of new members to IMHA  
Belarus, Cameroun, Chile, Denmark, Oman, Sri Lanka.  
Moved: Ireland Secoded: Australia that the new members be accepted. Motion carried.
9. **FIH World Masters Hockey (WMH) and IMHA Update**  
Glenn Paton outlined the status of WMH and the indicative timeline was distributed to attendees.  
WMH to be created by 1 November 2018, first WMH Congress to be held in May – June 2019.

Nominations will be sought for WMH Officers and members of the Standing Committees (Jan – March 2019).

The WMH Memorandum and Articles (draft 8) have been distributed to members. Glenn Paton asked members to review this document and provide feedback if there were any areas of concern.

**Approval sought for the setting up of WMH and dissolution of IMHA (subject to WMH progress).  
Moved: USA Seconded: Scotland Motion carried.**

#### **Dispersal of IMHA funds**

It was suggested that IMHA should contribute as much as can be afforded or equal to WGMA (if a lesser amount).

Ireland agreed that it should be equal amount to WGMA and that money should be used to support and develop Masters Hockey.

Australia noted that WMH need immediate funds to become operational i.e. to set up website.

The Netherlands suggested the account be denominated into Swiss Francs or Euro.

WMH will be registered in England but account could still be changed as required.

Marijke Fleuren, EHF President, stated it was important to work on development. FIH has a Development Foundation currently managed by Mike Joyce. WMH could consider undertaking a MOU with the FIH Development Foundation to develop Masters Hockey.

Alliance suggested dividing the funds into 2 pots – one to be used for WMH and the other as contingency.

Ireland stated WMH will be set up anyway. Scotland stated it is not a lot of money anyway.

**Motion: that all IMHA funds be transferred into the WMH account when set up.**

**Moved: Scotland Seconded: Italy Motion carried.**

#### **10. Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations received for Executive Committee

President Glenn Paton (re-standing)

Hon Secretary Sue Briggs (re-standing)

Hon Treasurer Deb Wilkes (re-standing)

Technical Officer Jeff Brown (re-standing)

Elected unopposed

Nominations received for Board members

Eduardo Guelfande (re-standing)

Peter Jones (re-standing)

Irene Ryan (re-standing)

Dirk Wellen (re-standing)

Jackie Whiller (re-standing)

Adel El Guindi

Elected unopposed

#### **11. Election of Continental Representatives**

Nomination received from Franco Melis – elected unopposed.

Glenn Paton encouraged other members to consider taking up one of these positions.

#### **12. Masters Indoor World Cup**

14 – 17 February 2019 in Hong Kong

All age groups will be catered for if sufficient teams.

Registrations die by 30 September 2018. Team entry is \$AUD800 / £610 / €690

Information has been distributed to all members.

#### **13. European Cup Model proposal (and other Continental Championships)**

Information distributed prior to Congress.

Explanation and discussion of proposal

**Motion 1:** that the event is split by gender.

**Moved: Italy; Seconded: USA. Motion lost**

**Motion 2:** that the event be split by age groups  
(mixed genders 35,40,45 and 50, 55,60+ plus TT)

**Moved: Canada Seconded: Scotland. Motion carried.**

IMHA/WMH will call for bids to host all Continental Championships in 2019.

(Note: World Masters event is scheduled for July/August next year)

**14. World Cup 2020**

**Motion that IMHA do not attempt to organise a World Cup in 2020.**

**Moved: Scotland; Seconded: England. Motion carried.**

It was resolved that there should be a call for bids for World Cup in 2020 after the next WMH Interim Group meeting in September 2018.

**15. Any other business**

Scotland asked if IMHA could become involved in the accommodation arrangements for events. Glenn Paton responded that IMHA cannot become involved in this. IMHA cannot dictate to Local organising Committees. It is an issue that could possibly be included into the new WMH Bid document. Logistics have a huge impact on any event.

IMHA would like to acknowledge the Local Organising Committee for their achievements in delivering this event.

IMHA would also like to commend the Technical Officials/Judges and Umpires who have done an incredible job at the event.

**Congress closed 7.56pm**