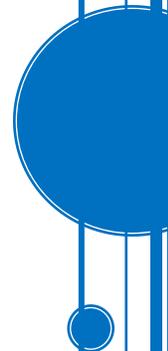




SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

2012 -2014



President's Report

The tournament in Canterbury seems but yesterday, but two years have passed during which Masters Hockey has made major advances. On the field there have been smaller tournaments in Europe, Australasia and Asia, all most successful in their different ways, but it is off the field that most change has occurred. Most notable has been the formal acceptance of Masters Hockey by the FIH, which has led to the establishment of an FIH Masters Panel with representatives of FIH, IMHA and our counterparts for the Over 60s, the WGMA [World Grand Masters Association] sitting down to review the future of Masters Hockey and how it will fit into the larger FIH picture.



One of the outcomes of this is the 2014 World Cup Tournament in Rotterdam with some 70 national teams competing for 9 different World Cups, for both genders, over a ten day period. This will be the largest for national teams ever held anywhere in the world. Over the ten days some 300 matches will be played using the magnificent Rotterdam HC facilities and stretching them to the full. The organisation of the Tournament has been a mammoth task and we are indebted to Tournament Organiser Jan Meurer and his team from Rotterdam HC for setting up such fantastic operation.

IMHA has had to progress to match the new demands from Masters Hockey. Although we are still a volunteer run organisation the few who have overseen our well-being have dedicated a vast amount of time and effort to looking after how things are run so that we can continue to prosper and thrive. At this year's Congress you will be asked to approve an updated Constitution (Articles of Association) and will be provided with information on their proposed way of furthering IMHA hockey.

I would like to acknowledge Kanan Packrisamy who has served as one of our Vice Presidents for several years, but has had to stand down through pressure of work. We are very grateful for his sterling efforts on behalf of IMHA and hope he will continue to be involved in some way in the future.

Modern technology makes it easier today for volunteers to run an international organisation than once it was, but with participants now coming from all five continents it is no easy task. These few people have achieved much and special tribute should be paid Administration Manager Sue Briggs, Hon. Treasurer Glenn Paton and Technical Adviser Peri Buckley. The amount of time and effort they have devoted to IMHA over the past 2 years has to be seen to be believed. I am delighted that they are all prepared to continue their efforts on your behalf. On the other hand I think it is time for me to stand down after some 30 years of playing and administering Masters Hockey. I shall be sad to go, having been Chairman/President since the inception of IMHA, but new, younger blood is always needed for an organisation such as IMHA and I feel sure there will be many people willing to step up whenever required. That is the great strength of Masters Hockey.

Ben Rea
President

Treasurer's Report



The IMHA's first bank account was set up in November 2012. It was not possible to set up a Euro account within the UK which did not carry relatively high bank charges, therefore it was decided that a simple Sports Association sterling account would be the best option. The fees for which the account is liable relate solely to cash transfers in and out of the account. Currently, these are 2% for amounts up to £100.00. The IMHA Account is not eligible for overdraft facilities and therefore cannot be overdrawn. Invoices were created for each member country and emailed to those believed to be responsible for maintaining IMHA memberships. Although some contacts addresses were incorrect, most of the addresses used resulted in the payment of the required annual fees. Most member nations which had participated in the inaugural IMHA World Cup at Canterbury paid their annual fees directly to David Peebles (previous Treasurer) or John Stuart (VP Europe).

The remaining member countries were invoiced for both 2012 and 2013. Korea, Singapore and Malaysia have not responded to any of the invoices sent out and consequently these countries memberships have lapsed. It may be the invoices did not reach responsible individuals or were not viewed as serious documents to which there should be a response. Should that be the case, my recommendation would be that these founder members of the IMHA should be viewed as full members again upon the payment of the fees for 2012 and 2013. Invoices were dispatched for IMHA membership for 2014 and the payments are slowly appearing in the bank account. Acknowledgement of all payments is emailed to the member nations upon receipt of said funds. The fee for 2012 was £85.00 (the nearest sterling equivalent to €100 at the time), the fees for 2013 and 2014 were set at £100.00.

Payment of 2014 annual fees has been requested by the 21st May 2014. To date, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russia/Kazakhstan, USA and Wales have forwarded these annual fees. It is expected that a further £1000.00 will be added to the IMHA account from such fees.

To protect the IMHA and its membership from potentially damaging financial/legal claims, for a fee of £160.50, IMHA Ltd was set up on the 11th April 2014. The company is registered in Scotland, although it had been requested that the company be registered in England.

As of 25th April 2014, the IMHA account credit balance: £1542.44.

Since November 2012

Total income: £5045.55

(includes £2539.59 from previous treasurer and £216.00 compensation due to bank errors)

Total Expenditure: £3503.11

(includes FIH congress attendance, World Cup liaison meetings Rotterdam/ London, and incorporation.)

N.B. IMHA officials have claimed for less than 75% of personal expenses incurred in carrying out IMHA duties.

Glenn Paton

Activities

Awarding of Masters World Cup 2014 to The Netherlands.

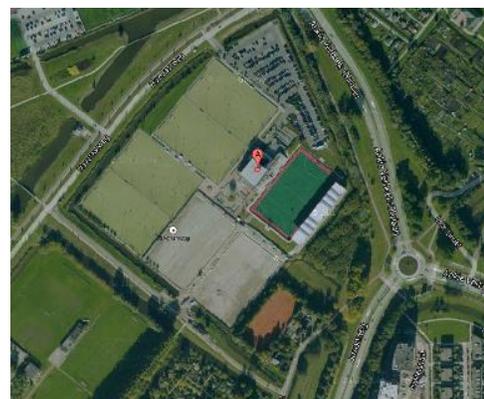
Following a bidding process in 2013, the host nation of The Netherlands was announced as the venue for the Masters World Cup. The Masters event was seen to complement the Opens World Cup at The Hague.

Jan Meurer, was appointed as the chair of the Organising Committee, which was convened in October 2013. Other members of the Committee include Cees Sluyk (Tournament Director), Stella Bartlema (Umpire Manager), Iwan Doyer (Facility Manager), Maarten Borrie (Finance), Alexander Bakker and Luc Beurskens (Marketing Communications) and Arnout Verduin (KNHB representative).



Ben Rae visited Rotterdam on several occasions in 2013 to confirm commitment to this event.

Glenn Paton and Sue Briggs visited HC Rotterdam in January 2014 to meet with key members of the Organising Committee, visit the venue and confirm preparations were well under way.



Creation of the FIH Masters Panel

The first meeting of the FIH Masters Panel was held in London on Wednesday 17th July. The panel members, chaired by Sue Cotton, were David Luckes and Martyn Gallivan representing FIH, Peter Childs and Adrian Stephenson representing WGMA and Ben Rea and Glenn Paton representing IMHA.

FIH have recognised the importance of Masters Hockey, both in the numbers of players we retain in the game and in our potential to attract business contacts and sponsorship.

The second meeting of the FIH Masters Panel was held in January at the FIH offices. Significant progress has been made and the Panel members are all very enthusiastic about taking forward the development of Masters Hockey. The current members of the Panel are Sue Catton (Chair), Ben Rea and Sue Briggs from the International Masters Hockey Association and Peter Child and Adrian Stephenson from the World Grand Masters Association. Terms of Reference for the Panel were agreed by the Executive Board at its last meeting and the most recent meeting of the Panel concentrating on future Masters Events with FIH's Event Assignment Process and including Masters in FIH's marketing and Commercial Strategy.

The next meeting is scheduled for 14 May 2014.



Press release and development of webpage

Both IMHA and WGMA were consulted during the development of a Masters webpage on the FIH site. This is still a work in progress and will require constant updating of information.

FIH published a press release in February 2014 to inform the world about the creation of the Masters Panel and provide information about Masters Hockey.

Masters Player Questionnaire (extract from FIH webpage)

The International Hockey Federation (FIH), International Masters Hockey Association (IMHA) and the World Grand Masters Association (WGMA) are working together to support the development of Masters Hockey (age 35 and above) at national, continental and international levels.

If you have played Masters Hockey at any age and at any level, your views are very important to us. We would therefore be grateful if you would complete this short questionnaire about your experiences and views of different aspects of Masters Hockey.

Can I thank you in anticipation of your support in completing the questionnaire before 31st July 2014. We will publish the results in due course and your views will guide how we collectively stimulate and shape Masters Hockey in the future.

Sue Catton



Updating and standardising FIH Regulations for Masters

Peri Buckley, IMHA's Technical Officer, has been working with Adrian Stephenson from WGMA to achieve some consistency where possible in the interpretation and implementation of the Regulations. This work has included standardising the Amendments and the Eligibility criteria.

It was agreed by both IMHA and WGMA to adopt the current FIH Tournament Regulations for use at Tournaments with some minor amendments relevant to Masters Hockey. These are documented separately. This ensures that the Regulations used at any particular time for Masters tournaments are the latest and overcomes the necessity to continually update the document as the FIH make changes. The variations are also simpler to identify than if they were embedded in the Regulations.

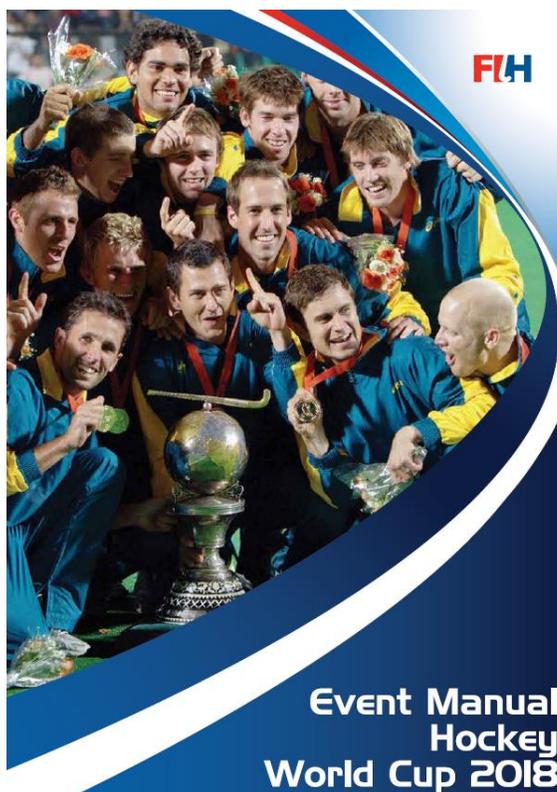
Similarly the FIH Eligibility criteria were adopted but specific amendments made to accommodate those players living and working in countries other than that of country issuing their passport.

These have been approved by FIH and will be posted on IMHA website.

Review of Hosting Agreements and Timelines

Prior to the bidding process in 2013, the documents related to hosting an event needed to be updated. This work was completed in early 2013. WGMA have adopted a version of these documents. The Hosting Agreements and guidelines were used to support the last bidding process.

It is time now that these documents are again revised to be consistent with the FIH Event Manual World Cup 2018. IMHA and WGMA are working together to develop consistent approaches to hosting processes including timelines and requirements.



Updating of website



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The International Masters Hockey Association (IMHA) was formed in 2007 to administer and promote international level field hockey for men and women of 35 to 60 years old. Prior to this countries around the Pacific Rim had held fledgling International Masters Tournaments, but as European nations embraced the concept it was recognised that a more global organisation was needed and in 2008 the IMHA was formally recognised by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as the official body for Masters hockey in these age groups.

The main aim of the IMHA is to promote and develop international tournaments for players of all hockey playing nations. Where it is possible to hold such tournaments alongside major events on the FIH calendar, IMHA players will have the opportunity to watch world class hockey and participate in their own competitions. The trend is for an increasing number of nations to join this organisation over the coming years with a resulting increase in the number of teams in each age group.

Enjoy all the action.



Contact us for further information, or if you wish to add some relevant information of your own to this website.

Peri Buckley was responsible for managing the IMHA website for a number of years and this year (2014) she relinquished this responsibility to Glenn Paton.

Shown here is an image of the 'new' Home Page. The new website will be live shortly.

Events 2012 – 2014 (FIH sanctioned)

World Cup, Canterbury England, August 2012



Trans Tasman (Australia and New Zealand), Auckland, New Zealand, May 2013



European Open, Belfast , Northern Ireland, August 2013



4 Nations (England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales) 15-17th August 2014

Coveted ownership of the annual championship for 40+, 45+, 50+ and 55+ men's teams will once again be disputed at Lisnagarvey Hockey Club (Northern Ireland) from 15-17th August 2014. Previously the 2013 tournament was hosted by England Hockey Masters in Wakefield from 28-30th June and the 2012 tournament was hosted by the Scottish Hockey Masters in Edinburgh.