



SINGAPORE HOCKEY FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 31 October 2020 at 10:00am
VIP Meeting Room
Seng Kang Sports and Recreational Centre

The 28th Annual General Meeting was held on 31 October 2020 (Saturday). It commenced at 10:04 am when a quorum was attained. Refer to Appendix 1 for the attendance list.

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

- 1.1 The President, Mr. Mathavan Devadas, welcomed all present to the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- 1.2 A minute of silence was observed for the former SHF President, Ms Annabel Pennefather, who passed away on 27 April 2020.
- 1.3 Mr Mathavan expressed the view that holding the AGM in person was important as the Hockey fraternity had not been able to meet for several months due to the pandemic.
- 1.4 Mr Mathavan also announced that in view of the pandemic, EXCO had decided to return all tournament fees paid and also to carry forward affiliation fees paid in 2020 to 2021. He also expressed the hope that as the country re-opens further, that Hockey can resume. The full text of the opening address is at Appendix 2

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2019

- 2.1 The President referred the members to the minutes of the 27th AGM of the SHF which was held on the 27th August 2019 and asked if there were any comments.

Mr Arul queried if the proposer and seconder for the minutes of the 27th AGM of the SHF needed to be present at the AGM. The President Mr Mathavan confirmed that both the proposer and seconder who wished to confirm the minutes ought to have attended the said AGM.

No further queries were raised and the minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting minutes were confirmed.

Proposed by: Mr Arul Subramaniam [Life Member]

Seconded by: Mr Ang Chee Kiong [Barkerites Hockey Club]

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 Mr Mathavan informed that the Federation had adopted a paperless policy and that was why all documents for the AGM were sent out digitally.

- 3.2 He shared that 2019 was eventful year for the Hockey fraternity. The Federation saw increased levels of participation in the tournament leagues and community engagement programs.
- 3.3 As far as high performance was concerned, both indoor and outfield teams produced credible performances with the women's outfield team attaining the championship title for the Women's Jr Asia Cup held in September 2019 on home soil. Both Indoor teams secured podium finishes during the 30th SEA Games as well.
- 3.4 The Annual Report was passed with no objections.

Proposed by: Mr Arul Subramaniam [Life Member]

Seconded by: Krishnan Vijayanti [Vijayanti Hockey Club]

4. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

- 4.1 Treasurer Ms Lelaina presented the audited accounts for Financial Year 2019.
- 4.2 Mr Kanan [Life Member] commended the Federation for the exponentially growth of the One Team Singapore Fund (OTSF) from \$86,000 to \$357,000. He then added that the financial position of the Federation appeared to be very healthy and if that was due to the reduced number league competitions organized by SHF.

Ms Lelaina explained that the Federation received \$302,000.00 of donations and the monies were matched dollar for dollar under the SportSG matching grant. Going into FY 2020, the Federation have readily put in place funds for both high performance sports and pathway development.

Mr Mathavan added that the tournament committee organised more tournaments in FY 2019 as opposed to previous years. He highlighted that the funds under OTSF could only be utilised for high performance or pathway development and not for holding local competitions.

- 4.3 Mr Arul [Life Member] enquired why there was there was a substantial increase under Insurance and Bank Charges fees under the heading of Management Administration at page 26 of the audited accounts,

Mr Mathavan clarified that the increase in premiums was due to claims resulting from injuries suffered made by national players during training and overseas competitions. As a result of these claims, the cost of premiums naturally increased. In addition, the Federation also procured on 2 other policies – Work Injury Compensation and Public Liability.

Ms Lelaina explained that United Overseas Bank require account holders to maintain an average minimum balance, which the Federation did not meet and thus incurred the monthly fall-below fees. Separately, the increase can also be attributed to transactions such as telegraphic transfers and foreign payments.

Following the above comments, the Audited Accounts were approved.

Proposed by: Mr Kanan Packrisamy [Life Member]

Seconded by: Mr Subash Nathan [Singapore Cricket Club]

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- 5.1 Mr Mathavan stated that at the closing date for nominations there were 10 nominations for the Executive Committee (EXCO) and those persons were elected unopposed. Similarly, there were 10 nominations for Council and accordingly those persons were also elected unopposed. The persons elected are as follows:

Executive Committee Members

President	Mr. Mathavan Devadas
Deputy President	Mr. Ramesh Appoo
General Secretary	Mr. Abdul Samad Bin Mohamed Ismail
Asst General Secretary	Ms. Rilaini Bte Sapari
Treasurer	Ms. Lelaina Lim Siew Li
Asst Treasurer	Mr. Mohamed Shamir Mohamed Osman
Vice President	Mr. Ang Chee Kiong
Vice President	Mr. Aw Bang Hui
Vice President	Ms. Christabel Chan Li Jing
Vice President	Mr. Jaya Moorthi s/o Sinniah Pillai

Council Members

Council Member	Mr. Amarjeet Singh
Council Member	Ms. Amirah Binte Ariffin
Council Member	Mr. Bala Muraly s/o Anchang
Council Member	Ms. Janice Tan Ling Yen
Council Member	Ms. Jessie Teh Pui Fang
Council Member	Mr. Joshua Tan Yu Wei
Council Member	Mr. Mohamed Feroz Egueyamarecar
Council Member	Mr. Ravin Periasamy
Council Member	Ms. Vimalatulasi d/o Vetrivel
Council Member	Mr. Wong Guo Xian Joshua

- 5.2 The new EXCO and Council would assume office with immediate effect. Mr Mathavan observed that half of the EXCO would be persons aged 40 or below and this was important in terms of succession planning.
- 5.3 President thanked the outgoing EXCO members, Assistant Treasurer, Mr Ramamoorthy, Vice President, Mr Jevan Tan and Vice President, Ms Vimalatulasi for their contributions to the Federation over the last term.

6. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

- 6.1 Mr Mathavan shared that the Federation was satisfied with the services provided by the current auditors Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited and proposed to reappoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited as auditors for another year.

There were no objections raised. The reappointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited for FY2020 – FY2021 was approved.

Proposed by: Mr M Neethianathan [Life Member]

Seconded by: Mr Jeroen de Vries [Hollandse Club]

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Mr Neethianathan raised concerns on the shrinking pool of local hockey players. He highlighted that older players appeared to no longer be active, and the younger ones are not joining clubs.

He then urged the rest of the affiliates and life members to convey the message that the Singapore Indian Association (IA), would be delighted to welcome new members and open its facilities to them. Similarly, IA would be pleased to aid the Federation and affiliates in the promotion of hockey under youth development.

Thereafter, Mr Neethinathan suggested the possibility of holding a veteran's league for senior players as part of social hockey. Mr Mathavan informed the meeting that the tournament committee has organised Masters events and IA were also free to organise Masters events by seeking a sanction from the SHF, as they have done in the past.

- 7.2 Mr Arul commended that the attires donned by the presenters appealed to the attendees and propound the idea of selling FBT attires as form of revenue for the Federation.

Separately, he shared that he still possesses the old life member card and suggested that the Federation reissue new cards to its life members. Mr Mathavan informed that as stated earlier the SHF is going more digital and alternative options would be looked into.

- 7.3 As there were no other matters, Mr. Mathavan thanked everyone for their presence at the Annual General Meeting.

- 7.4 The meeting was adjourned at 10.44am, following a vote of thanks to the Chair as proposed by Mr Neethianathan.

APPENDIX 1
28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

S/N	Name	Club/Life Member
1	Christabel Chan Li Jing	ACSOBASG OldHam
2	Jessie Teh	ACSOBASG OldHam
3	Ganesha Periasamy	Balestier Lions
4	Nordin Manaff	Cresent Hockey Club
5	Tan Tong Leng	Eagles hockey Club
6	Abdul Samad Bin Mohamed Ismail	Hawks
7	Jeroen De Vries	Hollandse Club
8	Tan Yi Ru	Jansenites Hockey Club
9	Jeremy Yeh Bo Hsien	Old Rafflesians' Association Hockey Club
10	Marcus Ooi	Old Rafflesians' Association Hockey Club
11	Kumarasan S/O Ramasamy	PSRC
12	Gardeep Singh	SIKHS Sports Club
13	Subhas Nathan	Singapore Cricket Club
14	Mohanavelu Neethiananathan	Singapore Indian Association
15	Hashpal Singh	Singapore Khalsa Association
16	Maxime Pourrat	Torandos Hockey club
17	Vijayan krishnan Naidu	Vijayanti Hockey Club
18	S Arul	Life Member
19	Kanan Packrisamy	Life Member
20	Mathavan Devadas	President
21	Ramesh Appoo	Deputy President
22	Lelaina Lim	Treasurer
23	Jaya Pillai	Vice President
24	Aw Bang Hui	Vice President
25	Rilaini Sapari	Vice President
26	Ang Chee Kiong	Council Member
27	Amirah Ariffin	Council Member
28	Amarjeet Singh	Council Member
29	Joshua Tan Yu Wei	Council Member
30	Nur Qistina Puteri	Observer
31	Tristan Tan En	Observer
32	Nisa Hanisah Binte Ramlee	Observer
33	Colin Lee	Observer
34	Kartik Agrawal	Observer
35	William Chan	Observer
36	James Walton	Observer
37	Chua How Kiat	Observer
38	Seah Gek Choo	Observer
39	Shamir Osman	Observer

APPENDIX 2
28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – PRESIDENT’S WELCOME ADDRESS

Good morning Affiliates and Life Members. Welcome to the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Federation and thank you for attending in person.

The EXCO were of the view that an in-person AGM would be better than a virtual AGM. The Hockey fraternity has not had the opportunity to come together much during these past few months and we hope that this can be the first steps towards putting these unhappy days behind.

We have been unable to play Hockey matches of any sort since the end of March. With the Phase 2 re-opening, training as been allowed in groups of five, and there has been positive response, with national teams and clubs holding training sessions. The schools have resumed training and it has been announced that the National Schools Games will be organised again.

In view of the prevailing situation, the Federation has returned all tournament fees paid at the beginning of the year, even for competitions that were more than halfway completed. In addition, affiliation fees paid by affiliates in 2020 will be carried forward to 2021.

The Ministry for Community Development, Youth and Sports has introduced a Sports Resilience Package to help local coaches and academies. Information on this has been circulated. Hopefully this will be of some help to the Hockey professionals in the fraternity.

As you will note from the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts, the Federation had a reasonably successful year in 2019 in terms of fund raising and sponsorship. The current year has not been so favourable, but I am hopeful that it will get better and if that is the case, then the Federation will have it’s own package to support affiliates in 2021.

Over the past few months, the Federation has conducted online sessions in umpiring, technical officiating, and coaching. A virtual affiliates meeting was also held to update affiliates on the planning for domestic competitions. Following this AGM and as Singapore re-opens further there will be further engagement, hopefully more in person than virtual, so we can all resume Hockey, safely.

We have just completed an exercise to finalise the Multi Year Sports Plan. Following on this the Federation will embark on a program to re-start Hockey and this will be rolled out gradually, in step with the re-opening of Singapore. We want to be ready to hit the ground running in 2021. However, we will always need the support and co-operation of the fraternity, and together I feel certain that we can put this once in a century cataclysm behind us and move forward better from the experience.

Thank You.