



SINGAPORE HOCKEY FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 03 August 2017 at 7.30pm
Sengkang Hockey Stadium, VIP Lounge, Level 4

The 25th Annual General Meeting was held on 03rd August 2017 (Thursday). It commenced at 7.45pm when a quorum was attained. Please 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 25th Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

1.2 The President stated that Singapore Hockey would be making history with 60 hockey players being sent to participate in the 29th SEA Games in about 2 weeks. Hockey would be the largest team sport and only smaller than Aquatics in terms of the number of athletes being sent by a single NSA. He said that it was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players who come from the Affiliate Clubs who make up the hockey fraternity and thanked the affiliates for the work that they do in developing young talent and young Singaporeans.

1.3 The President then spoke about the launch of the ActiveSG Hockey Academy. SHF hopes to work with SportSG to grow 4 or 5 centres which will help reach into the heartlands and communities to find new hockey players. He also spoke of SHF's work with RCs and CCs to bring the game to non-traditional sources with the eventual goal of starting a form of small sided game with these partners and introduce it to the Community Games.

1.4 The President next spoke of the Women's national team will receiving a merit award at the Singapore Sports Awards hosted by SNOG. The recognition would be for their performance in the AHF Cup 2016, where they finished second and qualified for the Asia Cup in October. Finishing 2nd in the AHF Cup is a feat not achieved since 1997.

1.5 The President then talked about the Straits Times also devoting the full front page of their sports section to two Hockey stories. One featured the appointment of a past President of the federation, Ms Annabel Pennefather, as Chair of the FIH Judicial Committee. The other and much more prominent was the preparation of the indoor teams for the SEA Games. The SHF hopes to continue to grow the indoor game as it is a viable alternative to field hockey and will bridge some barriers to participation with schools. It will also be easier to organise as an international event and might prove attractive to future SEA Games hosts who have not invested in artificial outdoor pitches.

1.6 Lastly, the President thank all affiliates, players, the SHF staff and all stakeholders for their continued support & participation and hoped for their continued support in growing the sport. His Welcome Address is attached at **Appendix 2**

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 21ST JULY 2016

2.1 The President directed the members to the minutes and asked if there were any comments.

The minutes were passed without comment.

Proposed by: Nordin Manaff [Crescent Hockey Club]

Seconded by: Mr. Aw Bang Hui [Buccaneers Hockey Club]

3 APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 The President, Mr Mathavan Devadas, begun with making a few amendments to the annual report. Firstly, on umpire promotions, he corrected that the promotions of Mr Lim Hong Zhen and Mr Mohamed Nur Sa'lan Bin Mohamed Ayob from FIH Grade 1 to FIH World Development Panel and SHF Grade 1 to FIH International was not from their performances in Singapore Hockey Federation organized Hockey Leagues but was from his performances in FIH tournaments.

3.2 He then pointed out that the Law Society of Singapore was a corporate member of the SHF and should be reflected as such in the Annual Report.

3.3 Lastly, he pointed out that the Singapore-Malaysia Bench & Bar Games should be listed under Singapore Hockey Federation sanctioned tournaments organized by affiliates

Following the above comments, the Annual Report was passed.

Proposed by: Mr. Jamal [Singapore Cricket Club]

Seconded by: Mr. Samad [Hawks (Tampines Junior College)]

4 APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

4.1 Mr Mathavan explained that the Federation operated at a net loss of \$130,000 for the last financial year but the balance sheet shows that we are still quite financially healthy. The net loss was primarily due to organising 2 international tournaments in the past financial year. Otherwise most of the spending was according to budget.

4.2 Mr Kelvin Lim from SRC asked how the league expenses went up 300% even though funding from SportSG went up slightly and league income was down slightly. Mr Mathavan explained

that this was down to grouping done by the auditors. He further explained that the costs of the 2 international tournaments were largely grouped under this item.

4.3 Mr Lim then enquired about the funding from Sport Singapore. He specifically asked if the funding covered facilities as well as competitions. Mr Mathavan explained that the facilities grant was largely to cover the costs of the national teams training facility bookings. Sport Singapore gives the SHF \$10,000 to cover the cost of the leagues with the difference being to be made up by the fee SHF charges participants.

4.4 Mr Lim then asked how much of the Sport Singapore funding goes to facilities. Mr Mathavan answered that it was approximately \$200,000 but the money does not come to the SHF but is instead put into an e-wallet which SHF draws down from whenever a booking is made with SportSG

4.5 Mr Chandran Chinniah of Jansenites then asked if any specific funding is given for youth development. Mr Mathavan explained that \$10,000 was given for the last 2 years for junior programmes but only for use locally.

4.6 Mr Lim then asked if FIH or AHF gave us any subsidies for running the international tournaments. Mr Mathavan explained that they do not. However, Sport Singapore subsidised the organization of World League Round 1. Mr Lim then asked why we agreed to host the Women's Asian Champions Trophy since there were no subsidies provided and Singapore did not participate. Mr Mathavan explained that when AHF asked us to host this tournament, the EXCO were fairly confident that they would be able to procure a few sponsors given the participating nations and that MHC were able to get quite a few sponsors for the men's tournament. However, this did not pan out and that it was a miscalculation on the part of the EXCO. Furthermore, the National Women were offered a place in the tournament but declined due to just having returned from the AHF cup and the preparations for World League Round 2. The coach also felt that the level of the participating teams was too high and thus the Women's team would gain little value from participating. However, the opportunity was used to play a few non-competitive friendly matches with the participating countries.

Following the above comments, the Audited Accounts was passed.

Proposed by: Mr. Joshua Tan [Hypernova Hockey Club]

Seconded by: Mr. Rajaram [Life Member]

5 CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

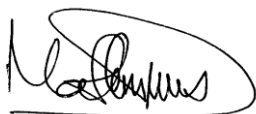
The President, Mr. Mathavan Devadas, informed that M/s Kong Lim & Partners is willing to continue to be the approved auditors for the next Financial Year and Mr Mathavan would like to propose to the house that M/s Kong Lim & Partners be appointed as the Federation's external Auditors for the period until the next Annual General Meeting.

Proposed by: Mr. Kanan Packrisamy [Balestier Lions Hockey Club]

Seconded by: Mr. Aditya Trehan [Tornados Hockey Club]

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Mr Chandran asked about the small pool of women players we have locally and what is being done to address this. Mr Mathavan explained this a major focus for the SHF in the coming financial year with specific emphasis being placed on developing more female goalkeepers. He enlightened the affiliates on the School Enrichment Programme (SEP) that SHF has run in a few schools in the hope of them picking up hockey as a CCA. The SHF is currently running the SEP with the girls of Woodlands Ring Secondary School.
- 6.2 Mr Chandran then enquired about the large dropout rate he sees amongst women in tertiary institutions. Mr Mathavan agreed this was an issue especially with athletes going to the university as none of them have a running hockey program. However, the hockey scene in the polytechnics and ITEs is quite vibrant. SHF is looking into working with the local Universities to restart their hockey programmes and the IVP competition but the dates are currently an issue.
- 6.3 Mr Mathavan then talked about the SEA Games and the fixtures that were distributed before the meeting and encouraged the gathered affiliates to go up to Malaysia to supports the national teams.
- 6.4 As there was no other business, Mr. Mathavan Devadas thanked all those present at the Annual General Meeting. The meeting ended at 8.30pm.



Mathavan Devadas
President
Singapore Hockey Federation



Jevan Tan
General Secretary
Singapore Hockey Federation

ATTENDANCE FOR SHF AGM – 3RD August 2017

EXCO MEMBERS		
S/N	Name	Designation
1	Mathavan Devadas	President
2	Ramesh Appoo	Deputy President
3	Jevan Tan Sain Kon	General Secretary
4	Rilaini Sapari	Assistant General Secretary
5	Vimalatulasi	Vice-President
6	Aw Bang Hui	Vice-President
7	Savinder Singh Dhillon	Vice-President
8	Lelaina Lim Siew Li	Assistant Treasurer

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEMBERS		
S/N	Name	Designation
1	Siti Amalina Bte Said	Council Member
2	Bernetta Tan Sue Taime	Council Member
3	Abdul Samad bin Mohamed Ismail	Council Member
4	Joshua Tan Yu Wei	Council Member

CLUB MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES		
S/N	Representative	Club Member
1	Lim Xiang	Anderson Junior College
2	Stephan Ribouleau	Eagles Hockey Club
3	Jamal Siddque	Singapore Cricket Club
4	Gunasekaran	Ceylon Sports Club
5	Chandran Chinniah	Jansenites
6	Linda Prebhash	Barkerites
7	Nordin Manaff	Crescent
8	Kanan Packrisamy	Balestier Lions
9	Muhammad Shafiq Bin Shair	Republic Polytechnic
10	Aditya Trehan	Tornados Hockey Club
11	Kelvin Lim	Singapore Recreation Club
12	Harvinder Singh	Prison Sports & Recreation Club

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES		
S/N	Representative	Cooperate Member
1	Ravin Periasamy	Law Society of Singapore
2	Baranee Kumar	JFA Hockey Club

LIFE MEMBERS		
S/N	Name	Designation
1	Krishnasamy Rajaram	Life Member

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE		
S/N	Name	Role
1	Yang Wen	Senior Associate, Ardent Outsourcing
2	Wan Ying	Associate, Ardent Outsourcing
3	Lee Kin	Kong, Lim & Partners LLP
4	May	Kong, Lim & Partners LLP
5	Azmi Mohsin	Team Lead, Sport Singapore
6	Kartik Agrawal	Assistant Director, Sport Singapore
7	Sajivan Hariram	General Manager, SHF
8	Muhammad Faiz	Tournaments and Events Manager, SHF
9	Vikraman Karuppayah	Operations and Marketing Manager, SHF

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES		
S/N	Name	Role
1	Sachin Goklaney	Treasurer, SHF
2	Yeo Seh Hoe	Vice-President, SHF

APPENDIX 2

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS – SHF AGM 2017

Good evening members of the Hockey Family and welcome to the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

In about two weeks' time we will be making history when we send off 60 hockey players to participate in the 29th SEA Games. Hockey is the largest team sport and only smaller than Aquatics in terms of the number of athletes being send by an NSA. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players who come from the Clubs who make up our fraternity, that means all of you. So thank you for the work that all of you continue to do in developing young talent and young Singaporeans.

About two weeks ago we also saw the launch of the ActiveSG Hockey Academy. We hope to work with SportSG to grow 4 and perhaps 5 centres which will help reach into the heartlands and communities to find new hockey players, young and adult. In this respect the SHF has also been working with RCs and CCs to bring the game to non-traditional sources. Eventually we hope that we can start a form of small sided game and introduce it to the Community Games. Hockey5s is now already established in the National Games and is currently being played in Get Active Singapore. Something different might be needed for the Community Games.

Next week the Women's national team will receive a merit award at the Singapore Sports Awards hosted by SNOC. It recognises their performance in the AHF Cup 2016 when they finished second and qualified for the Asia Cup in October. It's a feat not achieved since 1997.

Yesterday's Straits Times also devoted a full page of their sports section to two Hockey stories. One featured the appointment of our past President Ms Annabel Pennefather as Chair of the FIH Judicial Committee, the other and much more prominent was the preparation of the indoor teams for the SEA Games. We hope to continue to grow the indoor game. It is a viable alternative to field hockey and will bridge some barriers to participation with schools. Also as an international event it is easier to organise and might prove attractive to future SEA Games hosts who have not invested in artificial outdoor pitches.

I thank all affiliates, players, the SHF staff and all stakeholders who continue to support and participate in our game, and hope for your continued support. Let's work together to grow the sport.

Thank You.