



SINGAPORE HOCKEY FEDERATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 27 August 2019 at 7:30pm
SIRC Seminar Room
Sports Hub

The 27th Annual General Meeting was held on 27th August 2018 (Tuesday). It commenced at 07:52pm 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 27th Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- 1.2 The President shared that the newly revamped Boon Lay Hockey Village was launched 10 days ago on the 17th of August 2019 and Senior Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam officiated the opening.
- 1.3 The President mentioned that the Indoor National Men's and Women's teams were selected for the 30th Edition of the SEA Games 2020 which will be hosted by Philippines.
- 1.4 The President highlighted that moving forth with the favorable selection from SNOC, SHF intends to maintain Indoor Hockey as a regular feature in the calendar with at least one international event held annually.
- 1.5 The President mentioned that Hockey 5s has become a regular feature and is held over various Tournaments such as the Singapore National Games and GetActive! Singapore since 2014 and SHF will continue to promote its participation.
- 1.6 The President shared that currently the National Men's and Women's Team both hold a world ranking of 35 – the best placing Singapore has achieved since the initiation of the ranking system by FIH.
- 1.7 The President talked about the upcoming competition the National Teams will be participating in: The Women's U21 in the Women's Junior AHF Cup hosted by Singapore, the Men's U21 in the AHF Cup held in Hong Kong and the Indoor Teams in SEA Games.
- 1.8 Lastly, the President thanked all affiliates, players, the SHF staff and stakeholders for their contribution and dedication to the sport and hoped for their continued support in growing the sport. His Welcome Address is attached as Appendix 2.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2019

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

The minutes were adopted without any additional comments.

Proposed by: Mr Jevan Tan [Vanquishers Club]

Seconded by: Mr Joshua Tan [Hypernovas Hockey Club]

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 The President started by making clarifications to the annual report. He stated that there were some changes to the administrative staff and over the course of the year. However, the coaching staff and EXCO has remained the same over the last Financial Year.

High Performance & Athlete Selection section

3.2 U14 Boys Milo Cup Squad

The President mentioned that the U14 Boys Squad participated in the MHC Milo Cup in December 2019 at Kuala Lumpur where they finished in 12th place.

3.3 Boys Rising Stars

He then shared more about the Rising Stars program and its objective. The current Boys Rising Stars Squad comprises of the U14 team and selected players from the “B” Division Schools tournament.

3.4 Men’s Senior Team

The Men’s Senior Team participated in the Tun Razak Cup last year at Bukit Jalil where they finished 6th. The team also took part in the Hockey Series Open 2018 held from June to July in Singapore and finished as champions qualifying for the Hockey Series Finals.

3.5 Girls Rising Stars

The President then spoke about the Rising Stars Program and shared that the current Girls Rising Stars Squad took part in the NWL 2 2019 and finished 7th place.

3.6 U14 Girls Milo Cup Squad

The squad was formed in July 2018 and prepared for the MHC Milo Cup held in December that year, they finished 13th place.

3.7 Women’s Senior Team

The Women’s Senior Team also participated in the Tun Razak Cup and the Hockey Series Open 2018 last year where they finished 9th and 3rd place respectively.

Coaching

3.8 NCAP Level 1 Coaching Course

A three-day Hockey NCAP Level 1 Integrated Course was conducted in October 2019 by National Men’s Team Head Coach Mr Rajan Krishnan and FIH/AHF Coach and Trainer Yoo Seung Jin.

3.9 Coach Continuing Education Course

A total of three CCE Courses were held last year in August, October and November 2019.

Coaching Workshops

3.10 FIH L2 Coaching Course

The FIH L2 Coaching Course was held over a week in March 2018 alongside the 28th Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament with Ms Toh Li Min and Mr Sabri Yuuhari as attendees.

Tournaments

- 3.11 The President clarified that the “ORA Tournament” was missed out from the SHF sanctioned tournaments on page 16 on the Annual Report.

Umpiring

- 3.12 The President shared that SHF Umpires are assessed by SHF on a regular basis and the performing Umpires will be recognized for the contributions to the Federation with promotions. He also pointed out that Singapore officials were well recognized by FIH and AHF and this was shown in the numerous appointments which they received.

Youth Development

- 3.13 The President then shared the progress on the Sports Education Program such the collaboration with the Primary and Secondary Schools as well as developing small sided games for the Primary School students.

Community Engagement

- 3.14 The President touched on the plans SHF have with regards to Community Engagement, such as outreach to the Grassroots and focus on Para Hockey. In line with the launch of the newly renovated Boon Lay Hockey Village, Mr Mathavan mentioned that there will be more plans for engagement at the West side in months to come.

Marketing and Communications

- 3.15 A total of \$77,000 in donations were raised for the One Team Singapore Fund. The President then spoke about matching grants and how the disbursements are utilized through high performance and coaching development. He then encouraged the Affiliates and Life Members to donate to the One Team Singapore Fund in view of matching grants and tax-deductible donation.

Following the above, the Annual Report was passed.

Proposed by: Vimalatulasi D/O Vetrivel [Vijayanti Hockey Club]

Seconded by: Desmond Ang [Barkerites Hockey Club]

4. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

- 4.1 The President began by directing everyone's attention to the audited accounts and requested the Treasurer, Ms Lelaina Lim to further explain the breakdown of audited accounts for Financial Year 2019.
- 4.2 Ms Lim shared that the Federation entered the year with a surplus of \$4,626 largely due to the grants disbursed from Sport Singapore, donations received and prudent expense management.
- 4.3 Ms Isobel Lyall [Tornadoes Hockey Club] inquired on the specifics for the course fees of \$16,439 incurred. Mr Mathavan explained that the expenditure was utilized on courses such as umpiring, coaching and Technical Officer courses which include international course that was held during the Hockey Series Open.
- 4.4 Coen Van Putten [Hollandse Club] queried on the total number of registrants combined from the umpire courses held. Mr Mathavan clarified that there was a total of 30 participants.

Following the above comments, the Approval of Audited Accounts was passed.

Proposed by: Arul Subramaniam [Life Member]

Seconded by: R Kumarason [Buccaneers Hockey Club]

5. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

- 5.1 Mr Mathavan shared that while the current Auditors M/s Kong Lim & Partners worked well with the Secretariat, the maximum audit term of 5-years was over. He introduced Kenneth Lee who sat in the AGM as a representative from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited. Mr Mathavan then requested for the proposers and seconders that Deloitte be appointed as the Federation's external Auditors for the next Financial Year.
- 5.2 Mr Arul queried on the significant increase in Audit fees from FY 2018 to FY 2019, he then requested for the cost quoted from Deloitte. Mr Mathavan clarified that the audit expenditure for 2019 was incurred from two audits (financial and governance) as opposed to 2018 where the Federation only went through a financial audit. He then explained that the fees quoted by Deloitte were confidential and could not be disclosed however he assured that the cost is expected to be the same or lower than the current FY2018.

Following the above comments, Deloitte Singapore were confirmed as Auditors.

Proposed by: Arul Subramaniam [Life Member]

Seconded by: Shrmani bin Abdul Hamid [Police Sports Association]

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 Mr Mathavan shared that both pitches at Sengkang would be closed for re-turfing from November 2019 due to expiration of certification for the pitches. He then informed that the Boon Lay Hockey Village will be open for booking from 2 September 2019 onwards.
- 6.2 Coen Van Putten [Hollandse Club] expressed concern that more than half of the public pitches will be closed for renovation during the months of November to January, causing inconvenience and a lack of training grounds for the clubs. Mr Mathavan pointed out that in

light of the current pitch closures, the Federation has since reached out to two Polytechnics and one University on potentially releasing their turfs to the clubs for booking. He further stated that the Federation would be happy to assist in the booking coordination for the Affiliates. A meeting would be organized after the Women's Junior AHF Cup to facilitate this coordination.

- 6.3 Mr Lawrence Coello [Observer] inquired on what are the safety protocols the Federation have in line for future tournaments. Mr Mathavan clarified that SHF has since established an ad hoc Safety Committee whom will be working on developing a safety guide. The guide is set to be circulated to the Affiliates on November this year. He then shared that the deployment of medics for every match is costly and this will be shared with affiliates after the current league competition is completed. A decision will then be made on how to move forward.
- 6.4 Ms Isobel Lyall [Tornadoes Hockey Club] queried on the development of indoor hockey and how much budget will be allocated for it. Mr Mathavan responded that aside from the lack of facilities, the Federation sees that Indoor Hockey holds great potential, is very economical to execute and would henceforth continue to develop it. He added that it will be a shared budget with ActiveSG.
- 6.5 Mr Ravin Periasamy [Law Society] raised the issue of umpiring and in particular asked if there has been any response to the Hollandse Club's open letter. Mr Mathavan responded that there have been no responses received. The Hollandse Club representative informed that they don't believe that they have received any responses either and that the person in charge was not present. He has no further insight on the matter.
- 6.6 Following the above comments, Mr. Mathavan Devadas thanked all those present at the Annual General Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8.46pm.

EXCO MEMBERS		
S/N	Name	Designation
1	Mathavan Devadas	President
2	Ramesh Appoo	Deputy President
3	Lelaina Lim Siew Li	Treasurer
4	Jaya Moorthi S/O Sinniah Pillai	Vice President

CLUB MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES		
S/N	Representative	Club Member
1	Lim Xiang	AJC Alumni
2	Sounthirarajan	Balestier Lions Hockey Club
3	Desmond Ang	Barkerites Hockey Club
4	R Kumarason	Buccaneers Hockey Club
4	Rilaini Sapari	Crescent Hockey Club
5	Coen Van Putten	Hollandse Club
6	Joshua Tan	Hypernovas Hockey Club
7	Marcus Lee	Jasenites Hockey Club
8	Ernest Vaithilingam	Singapore Schools
9	Shrmani bin Abdul Hamid	Police Sports Association
10	Janice Tan	Singapore Cricket Club
11	Isobel Lyall	Tornados Hockey Club
12	Jevan Tan	Vanquishers Hockey Club
13	Nordin Manaff	Victoria Junior College
14	Vimalatulasi D/O Vetrivel	Vijayanti Hockey Club

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVES		
S/N	Representative	Cooperate Member
1	Ravin Periasamy	Law Society of Singapore

LIFE MEMBERS		
S/N	Name	Designation
1	Arul Subramaniam	Life Member

OBSERVERS		
S/N	Name	Role
1	Kartik Agrawal	Sport Singapore
2	Kenneth Lee	Representative from Deloitte
3	Lawrence Coelho	Tornados Hockey Club
4	Max Pourrat	Tornados Hockey Club
5	Cris Juik	Hollandse Club
3	Yap Yan Ping	Sports Development & Operations Executive
4	Lim Hui Min	Tournament & Events Executive

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES		
S/N	Name	Role
1	Abdul Samad bin Mohamed Ismail	General Secretary
2	Ramamoorthy s/o Krishnan	Assistant Treasurer
3	Aw Bang Hui	Vice President

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS – SHF AGM 2019

Good evening Affiliates and Life Members. Welcome to the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

Ten days ago, on the 17th of August, Senior Minister S Tharman opened the Boon Lay Hockey Village which starts the next stage of the grassroots program begun a year ago. The centre is purpose built for Hockey and also has the largest public gym and a café for young players to relax and study.

In recent weeks the Indoor National teams have gained selection to the SEA Games. Going forward we intend to maintain Indoor Hockey as a regular feature in the tournament calendar with an international event being held annually.

Besides grassroots and Indoor, Hockey 5s is also now a regular feature. It has been held in the National Games and Get Active Singapore annually now since 2014. Together with the 11 a side game we now have different versions of the game to promote participation.

In June both Men's and Women's outdoor teams participated in the Hockey Series Finals and from that have now both hold a world ranking of 35, the best we have ever achieved since the FIH started the system.

In the coming days we will host the Women's Junior AHF Cup and I ask the hockey fraternity to support the U21 girls. Later in the year the U21 boys will play in the Junior AHF Cup in Hong Kong and of course the Indoor teams will participate in the SEA Games.

All of this considerable activity has owes much to the work done by the club convenors, coaches and SHF staff who toil tirelessly on the ground, and I thank them all for their dedication to our sport.

Thank you.