

**Minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of
the Hong Kong Hockey Association (HKHA)
held at 7:00 pm on 31 July 2018
at Conference Room, King's Park Hockey Ground, Kowloon**

Present

Mr. Sarinder DILLON	President
Mr. Billy DILLON	Vice President
Ms Karina LAM	Vice President
Mr. Ernest LI	Hon. Secretary General
Mr. Siddick KHAN	Hon. Treasurer General

and the following 17 Member Clubs attended:

Men's

Dutch
Elite
HKFC
IUHK
KNS
KCC
NBC
Pak Assn
Scorpion
Shaheen

Women's

Dutch
Elite
HKFC
HKU
KCC
Shaheen
Valley

1. To confirm the minutes of AGM held on 25 July 2017

1.1 The minutes of AGM held on 25 July 2017 was confirmed without amendment.

2. To consider matters arising therefrom

2.1 For items 7.1.1 and 7.1.2, the President reported that the matters on new stadium and sponsorship were covered in the President's Report.

2.2 For item 7.1.3, the duration of the Women's League was shortened to finish by end April 2018. The coming Men's League could be shortened in view of fewer events on the international calendar. The Holland Cup was aimed to be held on 5 May 2019.

2.3 For item 7.1.4, the President reported that additional funding was allocated to the P&D Section to operate various new programmes.

2.4 For item 7.1.5, the men's and women's sections jointly organized the Youth Hockey5s Tournament as well as participating at the women's hockey5s at Thailand.

- 2.5 For item 7.1.6, the P&D Section organized Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses at King's Park, and sent two coaches to attend overseas FIH Level 2 and Level 3 coaching courses.
- 2.6 For item 7.1.7, the Umpires Section organized a total of five refresher courses with a total of 235 umpires attended, a Premier Panel workshop, and one beginner course with a total of 58 umpires attended. Umpires were also nominated to attend AHF Umpire Course at Ipoh. FIH Umpires' Manager Mr Ged CURRAN was invited to run two courses in July.
- 2.7 For item 7.3, the Grounds Committee under the new chairman, Mr Billy Dillon regularly convened to handle various grounds allocation matters.
- 2.8 For item 7.4, the MS Bye-laws had been revised that a person could stand for more than one post of a committee in an election.
- 2.9 For item 7.5, the Council approved the amendments to the article of association to make it clear that only clubs of the men's and women's leagues were eligible to vote at the HKHA Council AGM and in the event of tie in votes, there would be a second round of voting. These amendments were pending Companies Registries approval.

3. To receive the President's Report

- 3.1 First of all, the President would like to congratulate both the men's and women's squads for qualifying for the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta. It was a true honour not only for the players but all the supporting team officials and the Association. It would give a good opportunity for our senior players to play against, and learn from, the first-tier teams in Asia.

The last time both Hong Kong teams played at the same Asian Games was in Doha (2006). Since then the Men went to Guangzhou (2010) and Women to Incheon, Korea (2014). The President wished the players the very best in Jakarta.

The domestic season 2017-2018 had been quite active as usual. There were 82 men's teams in seven divisions and 50 women's teams in six division and a total of 132 teams. We had got to be the envy of our neighboring hockey nations. The President would like to congratulate all the winners of the HKHA league and cup competitions. Special mention had to be made of the wonderful achievement of KNS A winning a premier title for the first time in their club history – the Men's Holland Cup. And they did so overcoming two very strong teams, SSSC A and Khalsa A on their way to the title. Well done, KNS.

The men's and women's senior and junior teams had had quite a full programme in terms of international tournaments during the past year:

Men

Hong Kong Quadrangular Tournament (9th HKQHT)
3rd Men's Asian Challenge, Myanmar
4th Grand Masters Hockey Asian Cup, Hiroshima

18th Asian Games Qualifier, Muscat
Men's Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, Bangkok
FIH Hockey Series Open Round 1, Singapore

Women

3rd Women's Asian Challenge Cup, Brunei
18th Asian Games Qualifier, Bangkok
Women's Youth Olympic Games Qualifier, Bangkok
FIH Hockey Series Open, Round 1, Singapore
Women's Invitational Tournament (U-21), Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Masters would take centre stage early next year when we would host the Masters Indoor World Cup from 14 to 17 February 2019. This promised to be an exciting event attracting about 30-40 teams. The main venue would be the Hong Kong Football Club, with the use of LCSD venues in Wanchai and North Point to ensure adequate pitch time.

On the technical side, Hong Kong officials were regularly appointed to overseas international tournaments as umpires, umpire manager and technical officials. Next month, in the Asian Games in Jakarta, Sarinder Dillon (TD), Billy Dillon (UM) and Ms Kitty Yau (UM) would be officiating as Technical Officials. Later in the year, in November 2018, Alfred Chan would officiate as Technical Officer at the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar, India.

Ms Rinky See had recently received her FIH International Badge (Outdoor). Tony Cheung had been included on the FIH Potential UM List. Alfred Chan was on the FIH World Cup Panel of Technical Officials, which was the highest level. Heartiest congratulations to him.

A number of the Hong Kong umpires and coaches attended technical and coaching courses organized by the FIH/AHF. We were also pleased to endorse the participation of club coaches to these courses.

Regarding the proposed new hockey stadium, the task force, chaired by Ms Karina Lam, had been in talks with the LCSD Planning Division and Home Affairs Bureau on the project. The latest development was that the LCSD would propose to the Sham Shui Po District Council a package of projects, including the hockey stadium, in the 4th quarter of this calendar year. Prior to that, a meeting would be held with LCSD to review the schedule of accommodation to ensure our requirements were met.

On the marketing and sponsorship front, we had presented to the Hong Kong Jockey Club a community outreach programme where we would be working with the NGOs and government departments hockey activities to attract people aged 50+ and those who do not have to work during the day time. The proposal had been well received by the Jockey Club and once finalized and launched, we hoped to see hockey activities in all districts in Hong Kong over a three-year period.

Commercial sponsorship of some hockey events in Hong Kong, such as the Holland Cup, for instance, was still very much on the cards and this would continue to be pursued. An important aspect was what the sponsor would expect in terms of media publicity and coverage and how we could deliver given our current resources. It was not as easy as it sounded, but we would continue our efforts.

The President wished to congratulate all those who had been elected to positions in the Council and the HKHA Sections and was sure there would be new ideas on how to take hockey to a higher level. We should all work together for the betterment of the hockey community and cast aside any personal ambitions and/or club interests.

In the coming term, the Council would carry out a review of the present structure and organization of the HKHA Council and HKHA Sections with a view to proposing how best to streamline its operations and procedures in all aspects of the Association and in the development and promotion of hockey in Hong Kong.

In closing, the President would like to thank the Hong Kong Football Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio for making available their hockey grounds to the HKHA. The President would also like to record our appreciation to the Government for their continued support in funding the activities of the Association. This year, the Government had approved new funding for team sports and hockey was a recipient. Our squad players would benefit from receiving training allowance subject to meeting the criteria and conditions for such funding. The Association would monitor the funding carefully to ensure we would comply with the ambit of such funding.

4. To receive and consider the Hon. Treasurer General's Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2018

4.1 Treasurer's report on the financial statements

The audited financial statements presented the consolidated financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2018 and the consolidated financial position as at 31 March 2018 for the whole of the HKHA, including the Council, Men's, Women's, Promotional & Development, Umpires and Veterans Sections. Additional information was attached to the Treasurer's report as additional information. We had prepared the financials on an accrued basis and applied the same methodology across all sections. Going forward, the Hon. Treasurer General would continue to push for operational improvements within each section to improve the transparency and clarity of financial information available.

Government subventions and fees from member clubs remained the main source of income, with the main expenses relating to the Hong Kong national teams and staff costs relating to the operation of the office. The operational results showed a surplus of the year of HK\$205k as opposed to a deficit of HK\$519k in the previous year. The surplus this year was primarily due to increased income from member clubs due to lower incomes in FY17 as a result of less league games.

Our financial position showed reserves at HK\$3,856k, the majority of which were held in cash and bank. Accounts receivable of HK\$1,430k represented amounts due from the Government and the HSBC for subventions and closed accounts held at HSBC. As of the date of the audited accounts, HK\$1,053k had been received. Deposits and receipts in advance represented solely government subventions received up-front which had not been recognised as income due to expected ineligibility.

Over the past year, we were provided with a number of new government funding to support our operations, including the Youth Olympic Games and Asian Games preparation funds, along with a “Team-only sports” fund which provided a monthly stipend for a number of our national squad representatives as long as they met certain requirements. The breakdowns of these subventions had been provided in additional information.

As part of the initiative around transparency and clarity, the Hon. Treasurer General would like to invite those who had queries on the financial accounts to raise them to council representative or himself and he would assist in responding to those queries wherever appropriate.

Treasurer’s report on the treasury function of the Association

Over the past year, the office had successfully aligned the administrative documents prepared for each section. A trial run had also begun to restructure the office to operate on a Local league/National Squad basis, rather than a Mens/Ladies basis.

Key improvements remained around alignment of the financial reports prepared for LCSD on a program basis, and the audited accounts prepared on a financial year basis. The LCSD audit of the Association’s financial operations had also been recently released which we were currently reviewing and would discuss in upcoming council meeting.

Although the financials of the HKHA were not inherently complex, subvention regulations and allocation of expenses made efficient budgeting reliant on good financial administration. Communication between council and section treasurers would be essential.

The Association would continue to look to identify improvements to the treasury function in the coming year, primarily around aligning and implementing the best practices of each section across the entire Association.

- 4.2 Dutch HC proposed and KNS supported to endorse the audited financial statement.

5. To elect the following Council Officers

5.1 Only one nomination was received for each of the following posts before the AGM and all were duly elected without contest for a term of two years:

- i. President – Mr Sarinder Dillon;
- ii. Vice President – Mr Billy Dillon; and
- iii. Hon. Secretary General – Mr Ernest LI

6. To elect the following Section Officers for a term of one year

6.1 The following Chairpersons of Sections were elected as Section Officers for a term of one year.

- i. Men's Section – Mr Richard MAK
- ii. Women's Section – Ms Leela PATEL
- iii. Umpires' Section – Mr Alfred CHAN
- iv. Veterans' Section – Mr Simon SHEPHERDSON
- v. P&D Section – Mr Derek SIU

7. To consider any other business (AOB) of which due notice has been given in accordance with Article 27 of the Articles of Association of the HKHA

7.1 No item for discussion in accordance with Article 27 of the Articles of Association was received.

7.2 HKFC raised the point with regard to condition of the turf of Boundary Street ground which he opined was not fit for hockey matches. The HKHA would follow up with LCSD on the programme of re-turfing as well as improving the watering system.

7.3 Dutch HC enquired if future payment could be made electronically. The Hon. Treasurer General replied that a circular would be issued to clubs once details of the arrangement was confirmed.

7.4 KCC enquired if the first match on Sunday could be started at 8am instead of 9am which could alleviate pitch congestion as well as an opportunity to utilize KCC pitch as well. KCC convenor also wrote to request assistance for booking of ground other than King's Park. The Chairman of Grounds Committee agreed to assist if there were ground available for booking.

7.5 KNS enquired if the four quarter format would be adopted in the new season. KNS also pointed out that since the Government had made available additional funding for national squad programme, we should make best effort to facilitate the development of the national teams by adopting the for quarter format. MS and WS would further discuss with US to resolve the technical issues with a view to adopting it for the Premier Divisions.

- 7.5 Iqbal KHAN mentioned that he attended the Congress of WMHA which was now sanctioned by FIH. He enquired if there would be Government funding for the World Master Indoor Tournament and other events. The President replied that the Government did not provide funding for veterans hockey but we could make a case when there was a special opportunity, for example the Masters tournament in 2009.
- 7.6 The Chairman of P&D advised the meeting that the P&D Section would be taking part at the Sports Expo in August and a circular would be issued shortly to invite club's participation and support.
8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Sarinder DILLON
President

Ernest LI
Hon. Secretary General

1 July 2019