



**Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of
the Hong Kong Hockey Association (HKHA)
held at Indian Recreation Club, 63 Caroline Hill Road,
So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
at 7:00 pm on 29 July 2022**

Present

Mr Sarinder DILLON	President
Mr Billy DILLON	Vice President
Miss Leela Patel	Vice President
Mr Ernest LI	Hon. Secretary General
Mr Andy CHAN	Hon. Treasurer General
Mr Derek SIU	Chairman of P&D Section

and the following 13 Member Clubs attended:

<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>
CSD	Dutch
Dutch	Elite
Elite	Valley
IUHK	
Kai Tak	
Khalsa	
NBC	
Pakistan Association	
Rhoba	
Shaheen	
Valley	

1. To confirm the minutes of AGM held on 29 July 2021

- 1.1 The minutes of AGM held on 29 July 2021 was circulated before the AGM. No proposed amendment was received. The minutes of meeting was confirmed without amendment as proposed by Dutch HC and seconded by Rhoba.

2. To receive the President's Report

- 2.1 The hockey season 2021-2022 was disrupted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in closure of sports facilities in Hong Kong. The domestic league was again affected resulting in limited league competitions or no competition at all.

The closure of the hockey grounds from January to early April 2022 also affected the national squads' preparations for international tournaments to the

extent that some events had to be given a miss. Fortunately, both the men's and women's teams were able to participate in the Asian Games Qualifiers.

The Women's team did extremely well winning the Asian Games Qualifier in Jakarta in June 2022 and thereby earning a place in the Hangzhou Asian Games which will now be held in September 2023. Congratulations to all the players, the coaching staff, the management team and the players who won individual awards. A special mention must be made of the hard work and dedication put in by Head Coach Arif Ali.

The Men's team gave their best at the Asian Games Qualifier in Bangkok in May 2022, but could not earn an automatic berth in the main event in Hangzhou. They are placed second reserves by the Asian Hockey Federation.

On the technical side, as usual, a number of our colleagues held appointments made by the International Hockey Federation and the Asian Hockey Federation:

Alfred Chan (Technical Official) – Tokyo Olympics held in July/August 2021 & FIH Women's World Cup in Netherlands/Spain in July 2022

Khalid Hussain (Umpire) – Hero Asian Champions Trophy in Dhaka in December 2021

Chor Ming Yeung (Umpire) – Men's AGQ in Bangkok in May 2022

Tony Cheung (Umpire Manager) – Men's Hero Asia Cup in Jakarta in May 2022

Kitty Yau (Umpire Manager) and Moka Mok (Umpire) – Women's AGQ in Jakarta in June 2022

The Hong Kong Hockey Association, founded in 1933, will be 90 years "young" in 2023. We all look forward to activities on and off the field to celebrate the very special occasion.

In closing, I would like to thank the Hong Kong Football Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio for making available their hockey grounds and club facilities to the HKHA. I would also like to record our appreciation to the Government for their continued support in funding the activities of the Association.

3. To receive and consider the Hon. Treasurer General's Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2022

- 3.1 The audited financial statements include the consolidated financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the consolidated financial position as at 31 March 2022 for the HKHA, including the Council, Men's, Women's, Promotion & Development, Umpires and Veterans Sections.

Government subvention and fees from Member Clubs remain the main sources of funding for covering the expenses on local competitions, national squad development, promotion and development programmes as well as daily administration of the Association. National squad training continues as far as practicable, despite the third to fifth waves of COVID-19 pandemic, it continues

to be our main expenses, relating to 27% of our revenue. A slightly increase of HK\$143k expenses on local competitions is also noted as compared to previous financial year. While International tournaments, the 19th Men's and Women's Asian Game Qualifier (AGQ) had been postponed, the respective expenses are not reflected in the current financial report ended 31 March 2022.

The operational results show a surplus of the year of HK\$1.87M up from HK\$939k last year. This surplus was driven primarily by a significant reduction in our expenses due to the third to fifth waves of COVID19 pandemic within the financial year. A portion of our subvention is likely to be clawed back due to cancellation of few sporting events in response to the social-distancing measures of the HKSAR Government. Nevertheless, having considered the overall government policy on sports development and the fact that reduction in local and overseas sporting events was an across-the-board phenomenon in the community with a view to safeguarding public health, we cannot see any reason a surplus under these circumstances would bring about a negative impact on government subvention.

Our financial position shows reserves at HK\$8.17M, of which HK\$7.07M is unrelated to the reserve fund. The majority of which are held in cash and bank. The accounts payables balance primarily represents about HK\$3.35M to be refunded to LCSD with regards to sporting events not held. On the other hand, a deposit of HK\$7.03M is received in advance from the Government as the preparation fund for the 19th Men's and Women's AGQ and upcoming local training and training camps if any. The respective expenses shall be reflected in the next financial report(s).

Overall speaking, the financial situation of the Association is healthy. Our reserve fund balance currently stands at HK\$1.1M has reached our ceiling limit. It is envisaged that our subvention in the coming year will be net off with our exceeded amount.

4. To elect the following Council Officers

4.1 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 Billy Dillon;
- ii. Vice President – Mr Tony CHEUNG; &
- iii. Hon. Secretary General – Mr Ernest LI

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

5.1 The following Chairpersons of Sections were proposed by the Sections and elected as Section Officers for a term of one year except Women's Section as Ms Leela PATEL's election as Vice President.

- i. Men's Section – Mr Francis HO
- ii. Women's Section – Ms Eva Thometz
- iii. Umpires' Section – Mr Alfred CHAN

- iv. Veterans' Section – Mr Simon SHEPHERDSON
- v. P&D Section – Mr Jaime COLLACO

6. To appoint an Auditor and authorize the Council to fix their remuneration;

6.1 The meeting approved to appoint Kenneth S.H. Leung & Co. as the Auditor and authorized the Council to fix the remuneration

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 There was no formal submission of any AOB item. The Chairman invited the floor to raise any question

7.2 Dutch enquired if there would be partial refund of admin fee due to shortened league season. MS and WS replied that there would be no refund but a discount of 30% and 20% on the admin fee of men's and women's leagues respectively would be offered next season.

7.3 Dutch enquired if there would be any umpire courses soon. Umpires Section replied that umpire courses would be held at the usual time starting in August.

7.4 KaiTak enquired if shades would be provided at Happy Valley grounds. The Council would follow up with LCSD.

7.5 Sarinder Dillon would step down as President of the HKHA after serving the Association for more than 30 years. The meeting expressed great appreciation for his service.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Billy DILLON
President

Ernest LI
Hon. Secretary General

7 July 2023