



Hong Kong Hockey Association - Men's Section Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2013 – 2014

Date : 24th June, 2014
Time : 7:11 pm.
Venue : King's Park Conference Room

Present:

Mr. Richard Mak	Chairman, HKHAMS
Mr. Tony NG	Hon. Secretary, HKHAMS
Mr. Raven Ho	Hon. Treasurer, HKHAMS
Mr. Vasco Costa	Member, HKHAMS
Mr. Jacky Chow	Member, HKHAMS
Mr. Philip Smith	Member, HKHAMS
Mr. Ernest Li	Hon. Secretary General, HKHA
Mr. Eric Cheung	Hon. Treasurer, HKHA

Representatives from the following Clubs at the meeting:

Aquila, Club de Recreio, DBS, Dutch, HKCC, HKFC, HKU, IUHK, KCC, Khalsa, NBC, Punjab Sports Club, RHOBA, Shaheen and Skyers.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2012-13 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the last AGM were confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Sarinder Dillon, and seconded by Mr. Eric Cheung. There were no questions asked.

2. Amendment of Men's Section General Byelaws

The proposed amendments of Men's Section General Byelaws in conjunction with the incorporation of the HKHA were approved.

Proposed by Mr. Kewal Singh, and seconded by Mr. Philip Smith. There were no questions asked.

3. Chairman's Report for 2013 – 2014

The Chairman, Mr. Richard Mak, tabled the report to the meeting.

Salient features of the Report are as follows:

- i) A total of 80 teams from 26 Clubs participated in the 2013 - 2014 Winter League

ii) Divisional League and Cup Champions:

Premier Division	Khalsa A
First Division	Rhino A
Second Division	HKCC B
Third Division	KCC C
Fourth Division	Punjab B
Fifth Division	KNS C
Sixth Division	Police A

Holland Cup	Khalsa A
HKHA Cup	HKCC A
HKHA Plate	SSSC C
HKHA Bowl	KNS C

iii) Domestic Tournaments

Guru Nanak Hockey Tournament 2014

Men's Cup

Champions	Khalsa A
Runners-up	SSSC A

Men's Plate

Champions	KCC A
Runners-up	NBC A

iv) International Tournaments

a) 6th EAG, October 2013

Final Standings

1. Korea
2. Japan
3. China
4. *Hong Kong*

b) 17th Asian Games Qualifier, March 2014

Final Standings

1. Bangladesh
2. Oman
3. Sri Lanka
4. Singapore
5. Iran
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Qatar
8. *Hong Kong*

- v) The performance of the Men's squad at the international tournaments like the 6th EAG and the 17th Asian Games Qualifier had not been satisfactory as many senior players were not able to participate due to the more stringent requirements on the nationalities of the squad players. The Men's squad is in a transition period that requires longer time to improve the competitiveness of the younger and less experienced players. On the other hand, we are encouraged to see a number of young local players with good potential being nurtured and developed.
- vi) Due to the re-turfing works at the King's Park Hockey Ground and the Lok Fu Sports Ground that led to the significant shortage in hockey pitches, the Committee had turned down all the applications for new teams last year and shifted to the new league match format with second round playing in two pools for each division (except for 6th Division). The Committee received positive feedback from many clubs regarding the new league match format that had raised the competitiveness of second round, and decided to keep the new format in the coming season..
- vii) Thanks to the support of the clubs and players, MS introduced the new player lists with pictures. The new approach was an effective tool for checking player registration by umpires/officials and opposite teams.
- viii) The Committee was disappointed that there was little improvement in the areas of player safety and discipline. During the 2013-14 season, a number of players suffered from teeth damage and/or serious facial injuries due to dangerous play (with or without intent). Had the players involved given due consideration on safety of play and umpires had taken tighter controls, many of these incidents could have been avoided, and the injuries would be less severe. To address the issues, the Men's Section worked with the Umpire Section to issue new guidelines to umpires, drawing their attention on 1) players who tried to force for hits or passes with no regard to safety of others in the proximity and; 2) players who put themselves in a positions which prevent the opponent from taking a hit or passing from a legitimate position. The Committee would continue to monitor the situation and introduce more measures, where appropriate. All clubs and players were also reminded that the FIH and Rules of Hockey placed emphasis on player safety. All involved in the game of hockey were responsible and must act with consideration for the safety of others.
- ix) The Committee was also deeply disappointed by the multiple serious incidents that involved hockey players invading the pitch during the matches of other teams, verbal and physical abuses of umpires by players, and the use of physical violence between top players. The Committee had zero tolerance to such players' misbehaviors which had brought the game of hockey into disrepute. The Committee had taken and would continue to take strong disciplinary actions should be taken against the players and clubs involved in such incidents.
- x) On behalf of the Men's Section, the Chairman gave notes of thanks to the following parties for their support throughout the 2013-14 Season:
- SF&OC and LCSD, for supporting our winter league and cup games, providing grounds and funding our staff and national squads;
 - The Khalsa Diwan, for sponsoring the Guru Nanak Hockey Tournament;

- HKFC, KCC, and Club de Recreio for providing us their grounds in support of the League, Cups and Tournaments; and
- The input and contributions of all the Committee members, umpires, volunteers, helpers and our staff throughout the year.

4. The Treasurer's Report

The Hon Treasurer tabled the audited HKHAMS financial statements for the year ended on 31/3/2013 and also his report for the year. Salient features of the financial statements and the report are as follows:

Men's Section recorded a deficit of \$369,379 for the FY 13-14, the first since FY 07-08. The deficit is mainly caused by the one-off reduction of team administration fees from member clubs (-17% from FY 12-13) and increase in net sporting expenses (+108% YoY to \$951,219) due to the reduced government subvention for the men's squad and the absence of the deployment of reserve fund in FY 12-13. Nevertheless, Men's Section still maintained a healthy financial condition with the surplus stood at \$1,957,140 as of March 2014.

Though the revenue from team fees is expected return to normal in the coming year, Men's Section is expected to run tighter budget in the next couple years as we have to prepare for reduced government subvention for men's squads that has been benchmarked to the squad's performance at international tournaments. Men's squad is undergoing a transition period to rebuild its performance track records with a number of senior players being excluded from the squad under the new FIH eligibility rules. In the meantime, Men's Section is prepared to use our accumulated surplus to support our squads in participating in international tournaments to gain experience and improve the performance records despite the reduced government subvention.

5. Election of Office Bearers

Only one nomination each for the post of Chairman, Hon., Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer together with four nominations for the four Committee Member posts were received for MS committee 2014-15. The members elected were as follows:

Richard MAK	Chairman
Tony NG	Hon. Secretary
Raven HO	Hon. Treasurer
Yiu-fai CHOW	Member
Vasco COSTA	Member
Ahmed KHAN	Member
Kulwant Singh DILLON	Member

6. A.O.B.

As there being no other further business, the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Richard MAK
(Chairman, HKHAMS)

Tony NG
(Hon. Secretary, HKHAMS)

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