



Alliance International Hockey Club

Minutes of the General Assembly held on the 24th of August 2017

The meeting was held during the Grand Masters Hockey European Cup in Glasgow at the Lorne Hotel, Glasgow, United Kingdom

Members whose names have been entered on the Meeting's presence list:

Pamela Abdulla	Jahanger Ahmed	Saburo Amemiya
Janamjit Babbra	Heather Banham	John Barham
Jerry Bayley	Colin Benporath	Judy Board
Francine de Booy	Els de Bruijn	Mike Button
Peter Child	Ishbel Dickens	Barbara Doran
Brian Down	Jorgos Dramitinos	Egbert Egberts
David Fargus	Enza Ferrero	Terry Gaston
Arthur Godbeer	Pauline Goll	Bridget LeGood
Philip Vander Gucht	Andrew Haigh	Christopher Haley
Paul Hartman	Paramjit Singh Hayre	Daan Holsboer
Shuji Imose	John Ingram-Marriott	Carol-Ann James
Naomi Kato	Anne Keating	Eric Kjekstad
Els Kruithof-Papier	Tom Lawless	Richard Macklin
Norman Mannheimer	Barbara Mannino	Samuel Mante-Akrofi
Sophocles Markides	Frank Marlatt	Andrew Matthews
Anthony Mavridis	Derek McAslan	Gerald Mills
Ryuso Miyamoto	Peter Moldenhauer	Julie Neville
Nicole Nieuwenhuijs	Alan Nieuwenhuyzen	Wim van Noortwijk
Nanda Siebers	Satvarg Singh Nijjar	Bas van Nooten
Sue Norman	Maarten van Oosterzee	Herbert Ostermann
Hester van Rees	Rod Robb	Nigel Sanchez
Brigitta Schuering	Simon Shepherdson	Nanda Siebers
Pritpal Singh	Josine Sips	Bernard Smoor
Balbir Singh Sohal	Mary Spierenburg	Masanori Suga
Tosaku Susuki	Shelley Tapp	Peter Terleski
Rod Tresise	Kees Tresling	Margriet Tromp
Masaaki Tsutsumi	Martin Vellinga	Piet Voermans
Josien Vonck	Sally Walsh	Hans Wersin
Hajé Wessels	Shane Wiggill	Roy Wilson
Stephen Winnall	Deborah Wren	Jaap Zandbergen

Apologies for not attending the meeting were received from:

Maureen Bathgate	Jerry Bailey	Tom Carney
René Coucke,	Sukdev Singh Dhesi	Rob van Elk
Stefan Frenkel Frank	Claude Gilleman	Terry Häckler
Joan Hart	Irash Kaghaztchi	Clive Kendall
Jean Claude Le Clef	Marc Loonsteen	Walter Marthaler
Allison McGillivray	Anne McGregor	Frank Meaker
Yvonne Menthe	Neil Miller	Marc Wilson



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1. Opening.

The meeting was opened at 19.00 hrs by the chairman Daan Holsboer.

A moment of silence was observed to remember Ted Jones and John Scott, who both passed away since the previous meeting in August 2015.

Ted Jones was Member of Honour and one of the founding members of Alliance and as such a long standing and respected member from the early years.

John Scott played with Alliance in the World Cup in Newcastle in 2016.

Subsequently the Chairman continued with a warm welcome to all members that are attending the General Assembly and memorised that the last General Assembly was held two years ago on the 27th of August 2015 during the previous Grand Masters European Cup in Southgate. The reason that there was no General Assembly held in 2016 was that the Grand Masters World Cup for men and women was held separately in time and place in Newcastle and Canberra in 2016 and consequently no joint meeting could be held. Before turning to item 2 of the agenda the Chairman announced a change in the order of the items by interchanging 7. Election of new officers of the club with 8. FIH/WGMA/IMHA matters. This because reporting of the latter, having occurred in the past, is considered being a task and duty of the current board which was involved in that.

2. The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting of the 12th of June 2015.

The minutes were discussed and approved with the following changes:

- Egbert Egberts was present in the General Assembly and is to be added to the members present.
- Ishbel Dickens was in the General Assembly of 2015 appointed and not elected as member of the EXCO for overseeing the Women's Section, as there was no formal candidacy.

3. The report of the activities of the past year 2014/2015

The report was approved without changes.

4. Finances: report of the auditor, Richard Macklin, and discussion of the club's finances.

The Treasurer, Peter Terleski, handed out the account statements and explained them to the members present. The account statements are merely a statement of opening balances, income, cost and closing balances over the past two years. Peter Terleski explains upon a question in this regard of Egbert Egberts, that the income includes sales of kit to members and tournament fees received and payment for dinners/meals. Although there is a relatively small stock of kit and pins, these are not reported in the statements, as these are valued at zero, because external value is commercially seen as zero worth. The figures given reflect the situation per 15th of August 2015, so the income received and costs incurred thereafter, especially those regarding the European Cup in Glasgow, are not incorporated in the figures circulated. It is remarked that before the 15th of August substantial prepayments for tournament fees, dinners and kit have been done for the European Cup in Glasgow and that during the past days substantial amounts for member and tournament fees, dinners and kit have been collected from the players, which are however not accounted for in these financial statements.

The amounts in the various bank accounts (Rabobank in The Netherlands in Euro and HSBC in England in Sterling) are needed for and considered sufficient to fund the significant payment to tournament organisers in advance of collecting those fees from members.

The auditor, Richard Macklin, stated that the books are in order and correctly show the current situation. The finances are approved and Treasurer Peter Terleski is thanked for his efforts.



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5. Approval of the running of the club in the past year

In accordance with Dutch law for associations, the meeting approved the management by the executive committee for the past year.

6. Appointment of Auditor(s)

Richard Macklin agrees to being auditor for another year and the Assembly approves his appointment.

7. FIH/WGMA/IMHA matters

Merger of Masters an Grandmasters

The most important issue discussed in the latest WGMA Assembly was the merger of Masters an Grandmasters as aimed at by FIH, as it wants to deal with one body instead of the present two bodies, WGMA and IMHA.

WGMA entered the discussion on the basis that the good things of the present situation have to last and potential bad things avoided.

A framework has been set-up in order to achieve this which involves a lot of technicalities which are on the background needed for successfully merging into one efficient organisation. This framework has subsequently cut in manageable pieces that are being discussed in subgroups.

More important is that on the foreground the proposal of WGMA is to keep the tournaments "as it is" with separate tournaments for below 60-year age groups and over 60-year age groups, what has been accepted. This has to be further worked-out and presented in November 2017.

Grand Masters World Cup in Barcelona

This tournament will be much more strictly organised. Timelines are very strict with teams to be entered before Sept 30th 2017 and payment before 30th of December 2017 and no reimbursement if teams are withdrawn.

Further, every nation will be only allowed to participate with one team in the TT-section, where the core hockey countries up to now participated with two or more teams in the TT-section. This will result in a lot of the present international TT-players not being selected for the World Cup in Barcelona. Alliance, being the only non-nation based member, has proposed to be allowed to have a second team participating in a competition where the number is uneven. This proposal has been positively received.

- Colin Benporath remarks that a lot of Southern Cross hockey players are looking to play with Alliance as well and that this will cause a flood of member applications.
- On the question of Bridget LeGood, whether there will be a women's GGM competition, the Chairman answered that he expects that the WGMA might be more lenient in an experimental situation applicable to women's GGM.
- On the question of Bernard Smoor how we will and can do the selection of the teams before 30th of September, the Chairman answered that at that date only the number of participating teams have to be entered and not yet the players in these teams.
- Heather Banham stated that it has to be clear what the benefits are in order to make an merger effective and not losing support and that this is not clear.

The chairman answered that things on the background, as sponsoring and secretarial/administrative will improve, but that the Tournaments should remain to be held in the same philosophy. Restriction in number of teams in Barcelona is also caused by restricted number of hockey fields available.

Wim van Noortwijk, President of WGMA, but attending this meeting being an Alliance member, states that the overview given by Chairman Daan Holsboer has been in general correct, however that he wants to make clear that it will not be a merger of two organisations, but that there will be a complete new organisation, wherein it however is very important to have incorporated Alliance as well as LX and Southern Cross. Nothing has been decided yet, but this will be in September 2017. However, if this plan is accepted, this is in the interest of all players of our age.

- Els Kruithof-Papier asks when a women's 70+ competition will be started. The chairman Daan Holsboer



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answers that this will have to start spontaneously from the members of WGMA which include Alliance which started with women's GM and GGM.

- In answer of a question of Andrew Matthews regarding restricted number of member-players being able to participate in Barcelona, the Chairman remarks that at the same time the International Super-Veterans Tournament will be held in Tilburg, a three day tournament for 60+ and 68+ age, wherein Alliance aims to participate with both a women's and men's team.

8. Election of new officers of the club

- Election of the President of Alliance International Hockey Club
David Fargus was elected by acclamation.
- Election of Board Member of Alliance International Hockey Club overseeing the women's section.
Ishbel Dickens was elected by acclamation.

8. Any Other Matter

- As just elected President David Fargus started with memorising all the efforts done for the Alliance teams by their respective captains and managers, both before and during the tournaments, and expresses his appreciation for this, which is followed by a great applause from the members present.
- Peter Terleski agrees and asks the managers to return the Alliance pins which are not handed out to competing teams, considering the costs of these.
- Colin Benporath expects a potential influx of players of LX and Southern Cross due to the restriction in Touring Teams in Barcelona and therefore asked what the Board's ideas are regarding that and how that will be dealt with in the selection procedure. Daan Holsboer answered that Alliance is in the first place a platform for players from countries which cannot set-up a full team of hockey players in an over-60 competition. Next to that Alliance treasures our true and always present members, but these nevertheless do not have the automatic right to participate. The selection procedure has to make sure that the Alliance teams are strong enough to reasonably compete the national teams. Chairman David Fargus added that Alliance cannot be a club with and for people coming in and going out. We certainly need body in our club, but also need to bring strength in our club.
- Wim van Noortwijk expressed the idea of making it worthwhile to be a member for life in order to prevent coming in and going out, but this should not mean this being cheap.
- Regarding the question by Anne Keating when there will be an equivalent number of women in the board, the answer is that we should not force a 50-50 share, but this something that we should progressively look and work to. The basic principle is that we are looking for people, men or women, who are willing and able to work for Alliance.

After the questions came to an end Daan Holsboer took the opportunity to express that during the past 8 years, of which 5 ½ as secretary and 2 ½ as president, he has felt it being a privilege but also rewarding to serve the club. In this period the club has grown tremendously, and he noted that the original spirit, friendship and fair play, has remained the same as at the time that Johan Herbert started the club as sole board member with a small number of players.

David Fargus, on behalf of Alliance, thanked Daan Holsboer under great applause, remarking that it cannot be overstated how much work has been done in these years.

Subsequently Wim van Noortwijk as President of WGMA thanked Daan Holsboer, stating that it is difficult to come with a short story of all things Daan has done, but that he has been one of the corner stones, always available when needed or when there were conflicts to be solved within WGMA. Wim van Noortwijk ended with the words that he trust that Daan Holsboer will remain available for advising and umpiring.

9. Closing of the Meeting.

Slightly after 20.00 hrs. Chairman David Fargus closed the meeting.