

SINGAPORE HOCKEY FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 22 September 2023 at 7:30pm CoachSG Room, Sport Singapore

The 31st Annual General Meeting was held on 22 September 2023 (Monday). It commenced at 7:30pm after a quorum was attained. Refer to Appendix 1 for the attendance list.

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

1.1 The President, Mr. Mathavan Devadas, welcomed the affiliates and guests of the Federation present at the 31st Annual General Meeting and called the meeting to order. (The President's Welcome Address is at Appendix 2)

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 30th AGM HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

- 2.1 The minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting with its appendices having been circulated to affiliates and life members three weeks prior to the meeting, were taken as read.
- 2.2 There were no comments from affiliates and no matters arising from the minutes.
- 2.3 The 30th Annual General Meeting minutes was passed.

Proposed by: Kumarasan Ramasamy [Prison Sports & Recreation Club]

Seconded by: Shrmani Abdul Hamid [Police Sports Association]

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 The President presented the Report and highlighted the key points.
- 3.2 There were no questions and the Annual Report was passed with no objections.

Proposed by: Muhammad Al Matin Bin Al Bash [Vanquishers Hockey club]

Seconded by: Ganesha Periasamy [Balestier Lions Hockey Club]

4. APPROVAL OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

- 4.1 The Treasurer presented the statement of comprehensible income for Singapore Hockey Federation for the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. He informed that the auditor has given the SHF a true and fair opinion. For this year, the Federation had a deficit of \$195,995. Regardless, the Federation retains strong cash flow with donations and support from SportSG. For the upcoming FY with the same expected inflow coming in and with continued spending of our One Team Singapore Fund is expected to continue running at a deficit as this accumulated fund must be spent.
- 4.2 The Treasurer then invited questions from affiliates regarding the Audited Accounts.
- 4.3 There were no questions, and the Audited Accounts were passed.

Proposed by: Nicholas Andrew Jonathan Kiramathypathy [Old Rafflesians' Association] **Seconded by:** Nordin Manaff [Victoria Junior College]

5. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

- 5.1 The President informed the meeting that the Executive Board is recommending that the SHF keep the same auditor for at least 3 years and that Stamford Assurance PAC are willing to continue to be our auditors.
- 5.2 There were no objections and Stamford Assurance PAC appointed as auditors for FY2023 FY2024.

Proposed by: Shrmani Abdul Hamid [Police Sports Association] **Seconded by:** William Woolsey Brown [Tornados Hockey club]

6. APPROVE ANY RESOLUTION TABLED BY FULL MEMEBERS OR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.1 There are no resolutions tabled.

7. APPROVE OR REMOVE FULL MEMBERS

7.1 The President informed that a new affiliation application was received from Singapore Hockey Alliance, which the Executive Board had approved, whereupon they became an Associate Member of the SHF. In order to become a Full Member the application must be approved at a General Meeting. The affiliates present unanimously approved the application of Singapore Hockey Alliance, which was then admitted as a Full Member of the SHF.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 The President shared some upcoming events with affiliates.
- 8.2 There is a 4 Nations competition from 13 to 17 December 2023 with the purpose to provide more competition for the national team and to bring back international competition to Singapore. The men's competition will play for the EW Barker Cup (Singapore, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Thailand), while the women's competition will play for the Annabel Pennefather Cup (Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Chinese-Taipei).
- 8.3 A question was asked as to whether tournament fees paid by Members can attract tax relief. Members were informed that tournament fees cannot attract tax relief as they are not donations.
- The President shared that there's no current intention to move the national leagues out of Seng Kang as it is still the best venue with 2 pitches and appropriate amenities available to support the league. He further shared that hockey would be played on the dry pitch starting in 2026 at the World Cup and 2028 at the Olympic and the next time Seng Kang gets resurface it would be a dry pitch. Dry pitch is chosen to support the sustainability model of the International Olympic Committee.
- 8.5 Kanan from SCC requested that SHF organise a Masters League as Members prefer competitions organised by the SHF. Ravin P as the Deputy Chair of the Tournament Committee reverted that it would be something that would be look into in 2024. They would also review and consider the possibility of more tournaments for the different age groups.
- On behalf of the Executive Board, the President thanked everyone present at the Annual General Meeting for their attendance and participation.
- 8.7 The meeting was declared closed at 8.05pm.

Appendix 1 SHF 31st Annual General Meeting Attendance List

SHF Affiliates			
1	Abdul Samad Bin Mohamed Ismail	Hawks Hockey Club	
2	Nur Sabrina Binte Mohd Shamsi	ACSOBASG Oldham	
3	Ramamoorthy s/o Krishanan	Republic Polytechnic	
4	Ajeet Singh Chahal	Sikhs Sports Club	
5	Ang Chee Kiong	Bakerites	
6	Tan Tong Leng	Eagles Hockey Club	
7	Shrmani Abdul Hamid	Police Sports Association	
8	Aw Bang Hui	Buccaneers Hockey Club	
9	Ganesha Periasamy	Balestier Lions Hockey Club	
10	Vimala Thulasi	Vijayanti Hockey Club	
11	Gilda Su	Crescent Hockey Club	
12	Nordin Manaff	Victoria Junior College	
13	Kumarasan Ramasamy	Prison Sports & Recreation Club	
14	Kanan Packrisamy	Singapore Cricket Club	
15	William Woosley Brown	Tornados Hockey Club	
16	Muhammad Al Matin Bin Al Bash	Vanquishers Hockey Club	
17	Tony Chow	SA Alumni	
18	Nicholas Andrew Jonathan Kiramathypathy	Old Rafflesians' Association	
19	Mathijs Bruggers	Hollandse Club	
20	Ravin Periasamy	Law Society of Singapore	

Life Members		
21	Nirmal Singh	Life Member

SHF Observers		
22	Agathiyan Baskaran	Sport Singapore

SHF Executive Committee			
23	Mathavan Devadas	President, SHF	
24	Soo Hon Weng (Wayne)	Treasurer, SHF	
25	Latha Natarajan	Asst Treasurer, SHF	
26	Srikanth Kakulapati	Appointed Member, SHF	
27	Jaya Moorthi s/o Sinniah Pillai	Appointed Member, SHF	

SHF Staff		
28	Derek Chong	General Manager, SHF
29	Ho Wei Hong	High Performance Executive, SHF
30	M S Pasupathy	Tournament and Events Executive, SHF

Appendix 2 SHF 31st Annual General Meeting President's Welcome Address

Good evening, Affiliates and Life Members. Welcome to the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Federation and thank you for attending in person.

In the 12 months since the last AGM we have resumed all activities and competitions prior to COVID. All field hockey competitions have restarted and in a month's time so too will indoor.

We now have an active Masters program, with 2 teams participating in the 2022 World Cup and in November, Men's and Women's teams will participate in the Asia Cup.

Singapore enjoyed a successful SEA Game with the national teams returning with a silver and 2 bronze medals. And in a few days' time both Men's and Women's teams will be participating in the Asian Games, the first time that this has happened.

In December the SHF will host two 4 Nations competitions, one for Men and one for Women. They will provide added competition for the national teams, and also bring back international competition to Singapore, something we have not seen since 2019.

In 2024, the Paris Olympics will take place. Although the national teams are not there, 4 Singapore officials will, and this is the same number as the officials from the rest of Asia. We continue to strive for excellence in all areas of Hockey and we look forward to doing so with all affiliates.

Thank You.