



# Alliance International Hockey Club

## Minutes of the General Assembly held on the 27th of June 2018

The meeting was held during the Grand Masters Hockey World Cup in Barcelona at the Senator Hotel, Carrer del Cardenal Reig 11, 08028 Barcelona

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

Samuel C. Mante-Acrofi	Dave Ferguson	David Sonenberg
Ken Allan	Kashmir Singh Dhugga	Bas van Nooten
Iqbal Khan	Bert Feijtes	Roy Wilson
Nigel Sanchez	Paul Hartman	John Hall
Paramjit Singh	Maarten van Oosterzee	Robert Groeneboom
Philip Vander Gucht	Feiko Feijtes	Bernard Smoor
Jahanger Ahmed	Peter Moldenhauer	Martin Vellinga
Paramjit Singh Hayre	Mike Button	David Fargus
Rod Tresise	Anthony Mavridis	Janamjit Babbra
Alan Nieuwenhuyzen	Neil Miller	Fedor Midanko
John Willmott	Roy Ashcroft	Frank Marlatt
Clive Kendall	Pritpal Singh	Scott Lyddiard
Chris Szpak	Satvarg Singh Nijjar	Nevelle Brown
Paul Woodward	Norman Mannheimer	Alan Leary
Adrian Wellington	Colin Benporath	Terry Gaston
Jaap Zandbergen	Daan Holsboer	Peter Child
Kees Tresling	John Ingram-Mariott	Wim van Noortwijk
Jorgos Dramitinos	Francine de Booy	Morley Pecker
Herbert Ostermann	Jordi Graells	Clyde Lok
Graham Colombé	Steve Winnall	Christine Eather
Peter Stevens	Andrew Matthews	Tom Carney
Hajé Wessels	Masanori Suga	Mike McInnally
John Mercer	Ryiso Miyamoto	Jan Dekker
Richard Macklin	Saburo Amemiya	Ishbel Dickens
Norman Walker	Shuji Imose	Shelley Tap
Tom Harris	Masaaki Tsutsumi	Josien Sips
Peter Terleski	Tosaku Susuki	Margriet Tromp
Fin Everding	Nanda Siebers	Judy Silom
Beverley Nunan	Janet Tancred	Sue Norman
Rosemary Hann	Heather Deayton	Judy Board
Carmen Cortes		

### Apologies for not attending the meeting were received from:

Anne McGregor	Sally Walsh	Terry Haecker
Angie Lynch,	Helen Colenso	Maureen Bathgate
Carol-Ann James	Joan Hart	Irash Kaghaztchi
Naomi Kato	Jean Claude Le Clef	Marc Loonsteen
Walter Marthaler	Allison McGillivray	Anne McGregor
Frank Meaker	Yvonne Menthe	Marc Wilson



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## 1. Opening address by the President

The meeting was opened at 20.15hrs by the President David Fargus.

A moment of silence was observed to remember Robert (Bobby) Bridge, who passed away earlier this year. Bobby was one of the oldest members having gone to Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in 2002 when the first Grand Masters World Cup was played.

Subsequently the Chairman continued with a warm welcome to all members that are attending the General Assembly and especially welcomed the President Of WGMA Wim van Noortwijk, The Hon. Treasurer of WGMA Dave Ferguson, the former President of Alliance, Daan Holsboer, the former President of Alliance, Peter Child the former President of WGMA, and the Asian representative of WGMA Kenji Yamanaka.

Next to that a special welcome was extended to Tom Harris who, at 82 years old, is the oldest player to represent Alliance in Barcelona.

## 2. Minutes of the previous General Assembly held on the 24th of August 2017 in Glasgow at Lorne Hotel, Glasgow, 923 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G3 7TQ.

There are no comments and the minutes are taken as read.

## 3. The report of the activities of the past year 2017/2018

The secretary Maarten van Oosterzee adds to the report that it is a pity that we were not able to participate in the Lille tournament and that it has become apparent that it is becoming increasingly difficult for Alliance to present a full and/or suitable team in some of the smaller tournaments. In addition to that the experience is that the average age of most of the other teams in these tournaments is sometimes (much) lower than our team's what is reflected in the results and scores. Ishbel Dickens, Member of the Board overseeing the women's section, memorises the successful developments and results achieved within the women's section in the last few years with as a result nowadays two teams playing in Barcelona and one in Terrassa later this year. The report was approved without changes.

Chairman David Fargus thanked both Ishbel and Maarten for all the work they have done with regard to all these activities.

## 4. Finance

### Report of the treasurer and the auditor followed by discussion about the club's finances.

The Treasurer, Peter Terleski, handed out the account statements as per 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 and gave an explanation to the members present. The account statements are merely a statement of opening balances, income, cost and closing balances of the GBP (HSBC) and EUR (RABO) account over the past 10 months since the previous account statement as per 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2017. The income includes membership fees received, sales of kit to members, tournament fees received and payments received for dinners/meals. Stock of kit and pins are not reported in the statements, as these are valued at zero, as their external value is seen as zero commercial worth. The figures given reflect the situation per 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, so the income received and costs



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incurred thereafter, especially those regarding the World Cup in Barcelona, are not incorporated in the figures circulated. It was remarked that before the 13<sup>th</sup> of June substantial prepayments for tournament fees, dinners have been made for the World Cup in Barcelona and that during the past few 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. So the actual financial condition as per July 2018 will be better than reported. The aim is not to make a profit, but to have sufficient means in the various bank accounts (RABO bank in The Netherlands in Euro and HSBC in England in Sterling) to fund the significant payments to tournament organisers in advance of collecting those fees from members.

In this regard it is remarked that the Board is also looking to use Paypal in the future to collect of tournament fees and other payables (dinners) from members as transfer costs with Paypal are sometimes much cheaper. This should improve the financial situation of the club before the tournaments.

The auditor, Richard Macklin, stated that the books are in order and correctly show the current situation.

The finances were approved and the Treasurer Peter Terleski is thanked for his efforts.

## **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. New Privacy rules (GDPR)**

Members had been circulated with the new privacy rules as applicable to Alliance, the purpose of which is to conform with new EU legislation covering data protection and privacy (GDPR). Members were asked to agree to the new rules, by sending a simple email to the Hon. Secretary. Up to the date of the meeting the vast majority of members had complied with this request.

## **7. Developments relating to bringing the WGMA and IMHA together under the umbrella of WMH**

The Hon. President, David Fargus, briefed the meeting on developments regarding the formation of the new organisation, World Masters Hockey (WMH).

It has been agreed that WGMA and IMHA will be disbanded and merged into a new single entity (WMH). FIH have insisted that this is accomplished by July 2019.

A new Board will be established comprising 2 directors each from WGMA and IMHA, plus an independent President. Thereafter at the first Assembly of WMH the directors will be voted in.

Various working groups have been formed e.g. Competition, Development, Finance etc. with a view to effecting a smooth transition.

It has been agreed that Alliance will continue to be a Special Recognised Organization with a vote, to be ratified every 2 years, as at present.

One of the major priorities for the new organization will be to review the formats of the major tournaments, particularly in light of the number of teams participating.

One of the implications for Alliance is that we may in due course be requested to accommodate players in the younger age groups. If this turns out to be the case we would need to take steps to



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upgrade our club and become more professional in many ways. It would also be necessary to improve our marketing and achieve more of a global reach.

Part of Alliance's raison d'être is to recruit more players from smaller countries that are rarely or never represented at major tournaments.

## **8. Appointment of Auditor(s)**

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

## **9. Election of new officers of the club**

There are no other persons nominated for the positions in the Board which are open for (re-)election.

### *I. Election of the Membership Secretary of Alliance International Hockey Club.*

Sue Norman was elected by acclamation.

### *II. Re-election of the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary*

Roy Wilson, Peter Terleski and Maarten van Oosterzee were all re-elected by acclamation for the positions of respectively Vice-President, respectively Hon-Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

The President of the club remarks that in the future we will definitely need more people for running the Club.

## **10. Any Other Matter**

- In the meeting concern was expressed regarding the playing time that each player of a team gets and such not only because a this member has been coming from far away and consequently has paid sometimes substantial amounts of money for taking part in the tournament. The Trophy is more felt to be seen as a social tournament and different from playing in the national competition. Equal playing time should especially be applicable in the smaller tournaments as we want hockey for all.

The Board agrees that the principle of equal playing time is correct, however it could be that this principle does not fit in every individual match in the tournament. In some matches the better players will have more playing time. But overall it should be in accordance with the principle.

- In relation to this the selection procedure used came to the table, whereby it was remarked that selection is relatively new within Alliance and in the past rather a "first come, first served" policy was used. The need of such policy would also increase as it is expected that the number of tournaments will gradually increase.

The President, David Fargus agreed that the Board will look carefully into this rather difficult matter.



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- After the discussion regarding the above matters Chairman David Fargus noted that one last important matter was left on the table: The proposal to appoint Daan Holsboer, former President and Hon. Secretary of Alliance, as Member of Honour of Alliance International Hockey Club, considering the considerable efforts made and work done in these two positions for Alliance.

The proposal to appoint Daan Holsboer as Member of Honour was approved by acclamation.

## **11. Closing of the Meeting.**

Slightly after 21.30 hrs Chairman David Fargus closed the meeting.