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SAGMHA MINUTES of the 26 MARCH 2022 AGM

11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION held at 12:45 on SATURDAY 26th March 2022 at the KZN IPT at Riverside Club Durban.

AGENDA

1 Welcome & apologies

The President welcomed all to the 2022 AGM and thanked the KZN Committee for organising the IPT.

An attendance register was circulated and recorded 56 attendees, meeting the quorum requirements for the meeting to proceed.

Apologies: Tom Lawless

The meeting held a 30 second moment of silence for those players who had passed on during the past year.

2 Approval of the Agenda

There were no changes to agenda and it was duly approved

3 Minutes of the 10th AGM held 16th October 2021

- a. Correctness of minutes: There were no changes to the minutes
- b. Confirm minutes: Approved, proposed by K Luff seconded by S Bennett
- c. Matters arising: incorporated into the agenda

4 Committee reports

a. Presidents report:

Read by B Froneman and attached to these minutes

b. Treasurer – M Broughton

Financial statements for the period ending 31st December 2021 were circulated on the SAGMHA website prior to the AGM

M Broughton thanked J Shankland for his assistance in the adoption and use of the revised "Xero accounting package". The financial review had been tough but it was detailed and clear. Financial results showed a decrease in the SAGMHA bank accounts from **R768000 to R582000**. This decrease related to postponement of the World Cup. Accumulated funds were now **R582000** and liabilities were **R281200** reflecting deposits made by players. There was **R300000** in the bank and income for the year was **R107000** from player capitation fee. The association was in a strong financial position.

Players who had made a deposit in preparation for the World Cup were listed on a schedule given to Team Managers and those not selected would be refunded their deposit by end of April 2022. Every player would know how much money was in the bank account held by SAGMHA. World Cup costs in 2021 were estimated to be **R50000.00** per player. **(Japan)** There were serious forex losses and due to WMH retained funds, resulting from the postponement of the World Cup. S.A.G.M.H.A. absorbed both these losses.



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Repeat of that situation will hopefully be avoided for W.C. 2022. A final decision regarding W.C. 2022 venues and arrangements is expected early April 2022 when registration of the participating teams will be required. Payment for registration will be required no later than 1st May 2022.

There will as per normal procedure, be tight but transparent financial controls.

At this point in time, the anticipated costs for both Japan and Cape Town remain the same but will be adjusted if necessary and will be communicated to all the W.C.players.

J Shankland added that those who are selected for the World Cup will receive an invoice indicating when the money is to be paid. This will make it easier for Managers. The process will be applied to each age group and by a specific date players will be required to pay their deposit. The system will be communicated via e-mails and an age analysis will be generated following the issuing of the invoices. Managers will get a summary of who has/has not paid. Managers and Coaches players and SAGMHA contributions will be communicated in due course.(Current players contribution towards managers and coaches costs is 60% of flight, accommodation and kit costs).

The adoption of the finances were proposed by K Luff and seconded by K Dauncey.

- c. **Playing affairs** – Provincial Reports had been posted on the SAGMHA Website for access to members.
- d. **Provincial Chairperson Feedback** Regarding Co-operation with Masters Hockey:
 - Southern Gauteng : (M Broughton): The merger with the Southern Gauteng masters resulted in one committee with a single constitution. The finances of each entity are being ring fenced.
 - Eastern Gauteng (G Talbot): The process of combining the two associations is expected to be completed by April 2022.
 - Eastern Province (G Dawson): No discussions between the two associations as yet. Will be initiated this season.
 - Kwazulu Natal (B Evans): Preliminary discussions held with agreement in principle. Process still well short of final combination.
 - Western Province (K Luff): Verbal discussions at local level but at this stage no further progress.
 - Alliance (R Anderson): Masters currently included with all Alliance players. Efforts to retain under one umbrella will continue.

5 **Affiliation Matters**

SAGMHA/SAMHA – status:

B Froneman reported that there had been numerous discussions regarding ongoing cooperation with R Marias.(Chairperson of SAMHA) .The forward planning includes setting up a mutual Roadmap and negotiating a combined Masters Committee and Structure. Finances are unlikely to merge due to different funding models and both organisations will retain their own bank accounts.

Items such as “Number For Life”, Frequency of replacement of W.C. kit, remains to be discussed.

6 **Constitution revision:**



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a. Process applied to revise the SAGMHA Constitution

B Froneman explained that the Draft Thirteen, Version 2 constitution was posted on the SAGMHA website prior to the AGM but prior this publication a process on drafting the revised constitution involving 22 Provincial and Alliance participants and representatives, were delegated by their own Provinces to review the drafts and make proposals on its content. Contributions had been received via Provincial Chairpersons and appreciation was expressed for the time they had dedicated to that task. A fundamental key principle of the revised constitution was "what is good for hockey". Another objective is to assist Alliance to increase their base of players. Bigger Provinces have large and growing members but smaller Provinces need assistance through Alliance e.g. the Free State is absent as a Province and N Gauteng is not present at the IPT. Drafts of the proposed constitution were sent out and responses received via email. Not all the proposals were incorporated and the document was kept to 15 pages. Another key change was the reference to World Grand Masters and being affiliated to SAHA and WMH. However the current structure will be referred to as Masters+60 and not Grand Masters. Another key objective is to ensure that South Africa fields the strongest teams possible, requiring Alliance players to attend National and Provincial playing structures and being available for South African teams. Governance and technology and Transformation were both critical portfolios and excellent work was being done by K Luff in his portfolio on Governance and Technology.

Voting rights were revised from one vote per Province to voting based on the number of G.M.(Participation age...60 +)teams present at the current IPT.

Capitation fees for all the members of the individual team voting representatives must however have been paid as per the capitation payment deadline.

Provincial Chairpersons would also have a vote each.

Over 50 players (Ages 55 to 59) will unfortunately not have voting rights.

The above voting rights apply to any constitution and/or major structural and/or operational change within SAGMHA.

Voting rights for SAGMHA office bearers will be determined by the **legible** SAGMHA players who attend the AGM and will be based on a majority vote basis.

A liability clause was included in addition to a SGM provision, to cater for the event of a potential dissolution of the SAGMHA association (Merger with SAMHA).

A further clause pertains to the uniformity and standardisation of W.C.playing kit.

b. **Feedback from Provinces – Each Provincial Chairperson** was requested to provide feedback on the adoption of the revised constitution:

1. WP (K Luff) explained that 69 WP players were asked to vote for or against the revision after a subcommittee had made proposed changes. 80% voted in favour of revised constitution. The adoption of the Code of Conduct and associated recommended sanctions in the event of a breach of the code was still required.
2. KZN: B Evans reported that KZN had agreed to adopt the constitution
3. E Gauteng: G Talbot reported that E Gauteng agreed to adopt the revised constitution.



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4. S Gauteng: M Broughton stated that S Gauteng supported its adoption.
5. E Province: G Dawson stated that E Province supported the adoption of the revised constitution.
6. Alliance: R Anderson felt that there needed to be a few changes but supported the adoption of the revised constitution (The few changes were not mentioned)

c. Adoption of SAGMHA constitution:

All 5 Provinces and the Alliance representative supported the adoption of the constitution. As a result it was adopted with their full support.

B Froneman thanked all for their support on the adoption of the revised constitution.

The latest adopted Constitution will be published on the SAGMHA Web-site.

7 Election of committee members

Current Committee terms of office

There was no current value in going through another vote for the election of office bearers as the current committee members were voted in at **the 10th AGM held 16th October 2021** and had agreed to continue in their current portfolios.

8 WGMA World Cup – Japan 2022

Final team announcements would be made during the evening of the function arranged at Riverside Club.

9 Questions:

B Froneman posed a question to the AGM attendee's as to how long before a World Cup Tournament should Trials ideally be conducted. The overwhelming response from the floor was 12 months prior to the commencement of the W.C. Tournament.

10 General:

B Webster suggested that the IPT should be run for a longer period and possibly commence a day earlier.

There was no objection to the suggestion.

An extra day will be incorporated for the Cape Town IPT2023 and the success thereof will be reviewed after the tournament.

11 Close:

B Froneman thanked all the attendee's and B Evans/ KZN organising committee for their work in planning and running the IPT.