



**Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of  
the Hong Kong Hockey Association (HKHA)  
held at Jockey Club Lecture Theatre, Olympic House,  
No. 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay Hong Kong  
at 7:00 pm on 29 July 2021**

**Present**

Mr Sarinder DILLON	President
Mr Billy DILLON	Vice President
Mr Ernest LI	Hon. Secretary General
Mr Siddick KHAN	Hon. Treasurer General
Mr Simon SHEPHERDSON	Chairman of Veterans Section
Mr Derek SIU	Chairman of P&D Section

and the following 14 Member Clubs attended:

Men's

Dutch  
Elite  
HKCC  
HKFC  
KCC  
NBC  
RHOB  
Valley

Women's

Dutch  
Elite  
HKCC  
HKFC  
KCC  
Valley

**1. To confirm the minutes of AGM held on 31 July 2020**

- 1.1 The minutes of AGM held on 31 July 2020 were circulated before the AGM. No proposed amendment was received. The minutes of meeting were confirmed without amendment as proposed by RHOB and seconded by HKFC.

**2. To confirm the minutes of EGM on re-organization held on 11 June 2021**

- 2.1 The minutes of EGM held on 11 June 2021 were circulated before the AGM. No proposed amendment was received. The minutes of meeting were confirmed without amendment as proposed by DHC and seconded by HKFC.

**3. To receive the President's Report**

- 3.1 The hockey season 2020-2021 was disrupted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in closure of sports facilities in Hong Kong. The men's and women's leagues could only complete one round of league competitions.

The regular one-day tournaments, knockout events and invitational international tournaments also had to be cancelled. The Guv Dillon Cup for the men's, women's and youth was however able to be played, albeit, on a smaller scale.

Wherever possible, school programmes and community programmes were conducted with encouraging turnouts. With the success of the Lai Chi Kok (LCK) hockey training course last year, the P&D Section continued further discussions with the LCSD for the use of the hard-surface football courts at the Ma On Shan Recreation Ground and the Pok Fu Lam Road Playground for P&D hockey training courses. This had been a success to further strengthen the promotion of hockey in the Southern District and the Shatin District for wider participation. The President conveyed thanks and appreciation of the achievements made by the Promotion & Development Section.

The President looked forward to a quick return to normality and a full and uninterrupted hockey schedule in the coming season. And participation in international events for which our national squads had continued their training and preparation. The events coming up included:

25 November – 5 December 2021	Men's & Women's AHF Cup, Jakarta
February – April 2022	Men's & Women's Asian Games Qualifier
10 – 25 September 2022	Asian Games, Hangzhou

We congratulate Mr. Alfred CHAN who was presently at Tokyo 2020 as a hockey Technical Official. It seemed Hong Kong hockey had a special affiliation with the Tokyo Olympics. The Hong Kong Men's hockey team participated in the Tokyo 1964 Olympics. Till today, the only team sport from Hong Kong that ever took part in the Olympics.

Proposals for the reorganization of the HKHA were put to clubs at an EGM on 11 June 2021. However, the proposal was not supported by the clubs.

In the course of the past year, the Asian Hockey Federation ran a series of online courses for coaches, umpires and technical officials. It attracted very good response from Hong Kong; a total of 44 participants.

The Hong Kong hockey community was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Fabian GREGORY, the Men's National Coach, in January 2021. Fabian led the men's squad since 2017 and made invaluable contribution to take the squad to its next level. He was well-respected both on and off the field and a good rapport with the players.

Kulwant Singh DILLON, popularly known as "Popeye", has been appointed as the men's national coach. Arif ALI continued as the women's national coach.

A few of our colleagues had decided to call it a day and stepped down from positions in the Council - Karina LAM (Vice President), Richard MAK (MS Chairman) and Siddick KHAN (Hon. Treasurer General). The President invited everyone to thank them for their services and contributions to hockey in Hong Kong over the years.

In closing, the President thanked the Hong Kong Football Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio for making available their hockey grounds and club facilities to the HKHA. The President would also like to record appreciation to the Government for their continued support in funding the activities of the Association.

**4. To receive and consider the Hon. Treasurer General's Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2021**

**4.1 Treasurer's report on the financial statements**

The audited financial statements included the consolidated financial performance for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the consolidated financial position as at 31 March 2021 for the HKHA, including the Council, Men's, Women's, Promotion & Development, Umpires' and Veterans' Sections.

The operational results showed a surplus of the year of HK\$939k down from HK\$2,047k last year. This decline was driven by reductions in our fees from clubs and reduction in subvention income recognized due to the cancelling of international events as a result of the pandemic.

Government subventions and fees from member clubs remained our main source of income, with our main expense this year being National Squad development, which represented 34% of our revenue, up from 24% last year.

Our financial position showed reserves at HK\$7,003k, of which HK\$6,268k was unrelated to the reserve fund, the majority of which were held in cash and bank. The accounts payables balance primarily represented HK\$2,324k estimated to be refunded to LCSD with regards to events not held.

Our reserve fund balance currently stood at HK\$754,547 which was close to our ceiling limit. It was likely that our subvention in the coming year would be net off with our exceeded amount.

The past four years had seen our non-restricted reserves double from HK\$3,115k to HK\$6,268k, primarily due to the Team-sport fund which injected c.HK\$1,000k to our P/L. This amount was partially dependent on our performance in the Asian Games and a review of our financial budget might be required if this funding was terminated.

**Treasurer's report on the treasury and corporate function of the Association**

The Covid epidemic has caused some changes to the operation of our association but considering the circumstances, the HKHA has managed to continue its operations with minimal disruption. The accounting firm we engaged and the accounting administrative assistant has streamlined the annual reporting and incremental improvements are being made within the finance / bookkeeping function of the association.

In our latest NSA assessment, we managed to score 75.52 (passing 75) due to a lack of international competitions for our athletes to perform, although for the corporate governance and compliance portion we scored 27.5 out of 30 and passed each subcategory.

Our timeline to prepare the audited accounts 3 weeks before the Council AGM has continued to be achieved and I expect the financial knowledge of our directors and sub-committee members will continue to increase as our staff becomes more familiar with our processes.

Although I personally feel that there is some way to go in modernising the HKHA corporate function, certain suggestions being implemented, such as the use of cloud technology, will go a long way to help our association be more effective in governance when access to information remains inefficient.

When I joined the HKHA I had hoped to make substantial changes, but I will have to settle with simply being able to ensure that the financial health of our association is strong and regardless of the challenges we are yet to face in the coming years, we are financially ready to tackle them.

I'd like to thank our office staff for their professionalism during the COVID epidemic and ensuring our office continued to run smoothly even when Kings Park was closed by the government at certain periods.

Finally, I'd like to close with my appreciation to my fellow council members and hockey players in Hong Kong. Four years have flown by and hockey has been a constant during that time. I appreciate the opportunity to serve and I wish my successor the best of luck.

## **5. To elect the following Council Officers**

5.1 Only one nomination was received for each of the following posts before the AGM and all were duly elected without contest for a term of two years:

- i. Vice President – Ms Leela PATEL; and
- ii. Hon. Treasurer General – Mr Andy CHAN

5.2 As Ms Leela PATEL was elected as Vice President, she would need to either resign as WS Chairperson or decline the Vice President post within one month's time.

## **6. To elect the following Section Officers for a term of one year**

6.1 The following Chairpersons of Sections were proposed by the Sections and elected as Section Officers for a term of one year except Women's Section as Ms Leela PATEL's election as Vice President.

- i. Men's Section – Mr Francis HO
- ii. Women's Section – Ms Leela PATEL
- iii. Umpires' Section – Mr Alfred CHAN

- iv. Veterans' Section – Mr Simon SHEPHERDSON
- v. P&D Section – Mr Derek SIU

**7. To consider any other business (AOB) of which due notice has been given in accordance with Article 27 of the Articles of Association of the HKHA**

- 7.1 No item for discussion in accordance with Article 27 of the Articles of Association was received. The President invited any question from the floor.
- 7.2 Simon Shepherdson enquired the status of the new stadium project. The President reported that no update had been received from Government.
- 7.3 Simon Shepherdson shared the observations from the visit to the new Kai Tak Sports Park. The venue could be used for hockey5s, beach hockey and possibly indoor hockey. The venue charges would be at a level similar to current LCSD charges. The completion date of the sports park was targeted at 2024.
- 7.4 The President added that Boundary Street was being re-turfed and would be complete around November/December 2021.
- 7.5 Clubs raised concerns on the serious incident involving physical assault on an umpire in May 2021. The President said that the Men's Section Committee had referred the SSSC players and official involved in the incident to the Disciplinary Committee. The hearing however was pending due to on-going police criminal investigation.

Clubs were of the view that the SSSC team should be suspended until the police investigation and Disciplinary Committee hearing were completed. The Men's Section Committee Chairman responded that disciplinary actions including suspending all remaining matches of the SSSC team of the season, had been taken based on evidence and a circular had been issued to inform clubs.

Clubs felt strongly on the seriousness of the incident. As such, the President requested the Men's Section Committee to re-consider the matter including the suggestion of placing the SSSC team on suspension.

- 8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Sarinder DILLON  
President

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Ernest LI  
Hon. Secretary General