

# Minutes of the WPGMHA AGM 2023

Meeting held at 20:31 on 24th April WPCC

1. Attendance: Register attached. No Zoom attendees
2. Apologies: As below
3. Adoption of the minutes of the AGM of the WPGMHA held at the WPCC on 7th March 2022. - proposed by DsD seconded EF
4. Matters arising:
  - a. Amalgamation Masters and Grand Masters - discussed last:
    - i. KL presented a slide show (to be attached) illustrating the restructuring of Masters and Grand Masters into one body.
    - ii. The issue is that World Master Hockey wants to communicate with one body, and hence we need to amalgamate masters and grand masters.
    - iii. This means that all masters are under one association.
    - iv. WPGMHA members will be consulted on several issues regarding the amalgamation of GM and Masters, and a proposal will be put to members to seek a mandate on those issues.
    - v. KL proposes that SA masters and GM (Grand Masters) unify at a national level, and then the provinces run as separate entities.
    - vi. TH pointed out that the masters (M) in WP are part of the club level, and the GM is a separate entity.
    - vii. BW - pointed out that running GM and M as separate entities means that they can build their own member levels up.
    - viii. DsD pointed out that true amalgamation is an equal representation of masters and grand masters. Without them being separate, GM will suffer.
    - ix. CB pointed out that other nations have done nations have amalgamated into one Masters's entity.
    - x. GT pointed out that WP Masters is well run and with a lot of passion for hockey making it the most successful masters association in the country. Both WP Masters and WPGMHA needed to work together.
    - xi. KL proposed the establishment of a WPGMHA subcommittee to discuss the implications of a Provincial amalgamation and at the national level in the best interests of the members and for the good of hockey. WM to email all members to establish who would volunteer as a member of such a subcommittee.
    - xii. It is noted that we need to follow the Constitution.
    - xiii. RB suggested that we need WPGMHA needed a mandate from members and then meet with WP masters.
    - xiv. TH pointed out that there can be significant advantages to merging.
  - b. Report/review of March Cape Town IPT 2023
    - i. NW - IPT was a huge success, WPGMHA did very well, and we made a small profit. Profit will go into a development fund for those players that have financial constraints. Added to this will be the "pay for a mate fund", to which members currently contribute.
    - ii. MoK - catering was excellent.
    - iii. JP - brought up a consideration about the 70s W.
    - iv. NW was congratulated as a TD.
  - c. DsD - asked to check that the Constitution is on the website. WM has noted that the main paged of the wpgm.co.za site has a link to the Constitution, or it can be accessed here: [WPGMHA Constitution – WPGM](#).

## 5. Player Matters

- a. Summer league. Won by the Blues. KL congratulated all admins, coaches and admins.
- b. Winter league. Team remix is working well at this stage, teams appear to be well-balanced. RB congratulated those that organised the teams.
- a. Review of coaches, captains, administrators and umpires. Some new admins and managers have been appointed - KL asked the payers to cooperate with their administrators.
- b. Ladies team/ involvement in WPGM going forward. Ladies have been incorporated into the WL teams.

## 6. Chairman's report, summary, KL made a comparison between 2021 and 2023::

- a. 2021 had only 2 umpires. Now we have 7 umpires.
- b. The support staff is still 3 and 3.
- c. JP has now taken over as player affairs.
- d. Sonny replaced Sam.
- e. NW does the background checks.
- f. 2021 - 14 injuries, in 2023 - 19 injuries
- g. Relocated or resigned 2021 - 15 / 2023 - 21
- h. Members 2021 - 68 / 2023 - 79 - so good growth.
- i. IPT 2023 - 4 matches were played in 4 days. This went well except that the 70s side that found the extra day is a little longer. It is therefore proposed that the 70s have 3 games in 4 days. Awaiting feedback from the other provinces. BC noted that there were 2 WP 70s and the second team did survive. But it was agreed 3 games in 4 days may be correct. RB spoke about a possibility that is under discretion regarding camps. JH pointed out that for the world cup players should be fitter. BC pointed out that being part of the IPT that became a team.
- j. BW said it should be noted that WP should be impressed with what they have achieved.
- k. KL thanked the subcommittees that got things done. NvB, VO, Brian Alcock. WM for the website. DMA assisted in general, and CB for sorting out the umpires.
- l. It is noted that the tournament report for the IPT has been prepared and sent to the SAGM committee, this included the 70s recommendations. Report to be posted.
- m. Returning to the league The venue for the winter league has been secured at WPCC. KL thanks all that assisted.
- n. KL reiterated the profit from IPT will be put towards any players that are financially constrained to settle fees. A second 32-day call account will be set up for this fund, which profit from the IPT and the "pay for a mate" fund will be deposited into.

## 7. Finances.

- a. 2022 financial report by NW"
  - i. BA has signed off on the 2021 financials.
  - ii. And has reviewed the 2022 financials.
  - iii. We made a profit of around R10,000 in 2022.
- b. The banking account is in the "green".
- c. WRT the weekly games fee increase.
  - i. Astro fees are increasing.
  - ii. Physio fees have to increase. We have not increased for a decade. NW proposed the fee should be increased to R500 / hr. It was agreed.
  - iii. CB will also be doing a monthly audit for which umpires have paid.
  - iv. The medical kit needs replenishment.
- d. Sunday training fee needs to be considered.
- e. SAHU FEE and Capitation fee.
  - i. The full capitation fee goes to SAHU.
  - ii. It is separate from SAHA, wrt SAHA fees:
    1. Before the clubs paid, now it has to be paid directly.

2. KL has put this to SAGM at the moment and is working on this. A sliding scale has been proposed. NW said that it is a once-off per player,
3. CB said there may be a different level for age.
4. RB pointed out that SAHA in the past had shown no interest in SAGMHA but now wants us to pay fees.
5. KL said as soon as there is something to report he will.

8. Up-coming tournaments

- a. 2024 – WMHA WORLD CUP – Cape Town O65M to O80M plus SOM teams
  - i. IT asked if a person can get dispensation if almost 65, and KL said not likely.
  - ii. RB said there may be training before the WC, but GT pointed out that this may not work.
  - iii. MoK - said the previous WC training was done in CT not just camps in Johannesburg, it will reduce the number of eligible players. KL agreed. BW - said the squads shared costs. CB pointed out that playing down an age group helps with strength.
- b. 2024 – WMHA WORLD CUP – Auckland O55M/O60M & O55W to O70W; plus SOM teams
  - i. Selection is to be 2 days before the Masters IPT.
- c. IPT Southern Gauteng including WC RSA team selection. No date yet.
- d. Masters IPT – PRETORIA in August 2023
  - i. Over the weekend nearest the 9th - will use that for selection

9. Election of office bearers.

- a. DsD - pointed out we need to adhere to the constitution, and NvB pointed out that we need to move the WP agenda forward on the SAGM committee
- a. Chairperson,
  - i. RB has proposed that KL should stay on as chairman, however, the constitution does not allow it.
  - ii. JP has been nominated to the committee as Chairman and is to be assisted in the chairman role by KL.
- b. Secretary
  - i. WM was prepared to stand again, no one objected.
- c. Treasurer,
  - i. NW to remain as Treasurer.
- d. 3 additional committee members
  - i. Other members are needed and should be proposed. Members are asked to propose other members to stand on the committee.

10. General Discussion.

- a. JP - stated that he would like to thank those who have confidence in him in developing GM. He asked for all members to contribute.
- b. RB asked WM to send an email to ask who wants to be on the amalgamation subcommittee.

The meeting closed at 21:55

# Attendance Register WPGM AGM 2023

1. AR – Andreas Redenz	2. BC – Bob Commin
3. BCo – Brent Combrine	4. BW – Brian Webster
5. CB – Clive Belcher	6. CBr – Clinton Brown
7. CR – Cliff Rutherford	8. DM – Dereck Marnewick
9. DMa – Deon Maart	10. DsD – Danny St Dare
11. EF – Edmund Fisher	12. GF – Gary Frayne
13. GFr – George Frost	14. GI – Grant Irlam
15. GT – Glenn Turner	16. IT – Ian Thomson
17. JH – Jiggers Halket	18. JP – John Potgieter
19. JT – Jan Taljaard	20. KL – Karl Luff
21. LL – Leon Lategan	22. LS – Larry Sherman
23. MoK – Mike O'Keeffe	24. MS – Moir Scholtz
25. MvdM – Mike van der Merwe	26. NvB – Nel van Blerk
27. NW – Noreen Wonnacott	28. PK – Peter Kratz
29. RB – Rob Birt	30. RP – Rod Palmer
31. SD – Stephen Dugmore	32. TH – Tony Hugget
33. WM – Warren Machanik	34.

# Apologies WPGM AGM 2023

1. Brian Alcock	2. David McKecnie
3. Ian Richter	4. Chris Hayley
5. Gary Barret	6. Brian Goemans
7. Bobby Freeman	8. Neal Lavin
9. Bjorn Kesler	10. Shawn Bougard
11. Guy Jenkins	12. Allan Issac
13. John Shardlow	14. John Domald
15. Barry Chedburn	16.