



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hobart Hockey Centre 2.00pm Thursday Sep 28th 2017

Minutes

Welcome : Ric Roberts (Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming all to the AGM

Present: 33 members, 1 visitor (as per attached sheet), includes 9 committee persons)

Apologies: Howard Herbert, David Mellor, Alan Leary, Trevor Dancer, Stuart Moane, Bruce (VB) Smith, Peter Murray, David Sonenburg, Allan Harris, Ross Swadling

Minutes of 2016 AGM: Accepted Tony Gibbs, 2nd Marvin Heaston

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Chairman's Report:

Welcome and thank you for attending the 4th Southern Cross Masters Hockey Inc Annual General Meeting.

REVIEW

Now in the 6th year of its reincarnation and 4th year as an incorporated body, Southern Cross Masters Hockey continues to grow to provide a means whereby its members can enjoy the benefits of prolonging playing and involvement in the game of hockey at the International level at ages beyond 60 years. Our committee structure is now well established with all members involved both in their particular "portfolios" as well as in the general running of the association. With a well organised secretariat we can expect further initiatives and efficiencies in our operation which will benefit of our members in future years.

The members of the committee and their areas of responsibilities are:

Elected members:

Chairman	Ric Roberts (SA)
Secretary	Peter Hayes (NSW)
<i>Chef de Mission</i> /Database	Tony Cohen (NSW)
Uniforms/Web Master	Peter Fogels (WA)
Chairman of Selectors	Marvin Heaston (NSW)
Accommodation	Mike Cooke (NSW)
Technical Matters	Bruce (VB) Smith (VIC)

Appointed members

Legal Matters	Peter Murray (WA)
Treasurer	Wayne Harris (QLD)

The committee meets at least twice a year to formalise the implementation of the wishes of the members as determined at the Annual General Meeting, and to carry out such other duties as are required for the running of the Association.

This year 4 elected committee member positions have been declared vacant and elections will be held to fill these positions at this meeting. Neither of the two appointed committee member positions becomes vacant this year, so no new appointments will need to be made by the new elected committee.

REPORTS ON 2017

August: WGMA European Cup Tournament Trophy Competition Glasgow, 18th - 28th August 2017

Southern Cross entered a team in each of the age divisions of the Tournament Trophy at this international event, including 2 teams in the 65+ division and a team in the inaugural 75s TT competition. This was a total of 5 teams in all with nearly 150 players, partners and off field staff in our contingent.

The teams stayed at the Glasgow Jurys Inn Hotel which was conveniently located both near the railway station, many shops and restaurants and within walking distance of the main hockey venue. This proved to be an ideal location with comfortable rooms and good restaurant and bar facilities.

Prior to the Tournament, Southern Cross trained and played warm up matches at Milngavie and travelled to Edinburgh for the Tattoo. The Tournament Trophy matches were played at the Scotland Hockey Centre, Clydesdale HC and University of Strathclyde grounds. Apart from some teething troubles with communications, the tournament ran very smoothly. Managers were introduced to Altuist.rt, the hockey match data management system used by FIH and now used by AMHC at the Australian Mens Masters National Championship and the weather they could expect to experience in Tasmania. Matches on the #1 pitch were streamed live and all teams played there and so had the opportunity to be seen by friends and family performing on the world stage!

Congratulations to all players, team management and support staff for their efforts and performances during the Championships. The teams acquitted themselves well, with Southern Cross winning the inaugural Gold Medal in the 75+ division by defeating Alliance and with two silvers and a bronze, this was overall a good result. Hopefully we will be equally competitive in Barcelona at the World Cup in 2018.

Results:

60+ Blue	Bronze
65+ Blue	Silver
65+ Red	4 th
70+ Blue	Silver
75+ Blue	Gold

The results of all Southern Cross matches have been collated by our Archivist Bruce (VB) Smith and sent to most of those who were in Glasgow.

I would like to express special thanks to our 3 member dedicated medical support group led by Ross Swadling with Tracey Elphick and local expat Alison Coles keeping our players on the field throughout the Tournament.

Thanks also to our ***Captains*** Mark Elliot, Dudley Evans, Alastair McNab, Bill Osborn, and David Horsley; ***Coaches***, Ed Andersen (assisted by Dannie Camilleri and Mark Elliot), Jeff Wait, Graham Wood, Marvin Heaston and Ric Roberts; ***Managers*** Robyn Andersen (assisted by Phoebe Willcock), Wendy Looi, Bruce (QB) Smith, Marlene Mathews, Irene Simpson and ***Chef de Mission*** Mike Cooke who held everything together.

October: 4th Asian Grand Masters Championships, Hiroshima, Japan – Oct 23rd – Oct 29th 2017

Southern Cross has entered one team in the 65+ division of the Tournament Trophy to be run in conjunction with this FIH sanctioned event. For the first time we have included a tour with the hockey event and have engaged a local Japanese specialist travel company (Janesco) to organise the tour. I

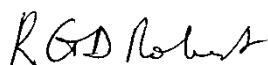
congratulate those members of this group on their selection and wish them well in what I'm sure will be a memorable experience and may indeed be the forerunner of more similar tours in the future. Thanks to Mike Cooke for organising this tour.

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At the Special General Meeting of WGMA held during the European Cup in Glasgow, members voted to approve the process of amalgamation with the International Masters Hockey Association initiated by FIH. It is proposed that, by the end of 2018, there will be one World Masters Hockey organisation, directly answerable to FIH and responsible for the planning, organisation and implementation of all future FIH sanctioned Mens and Womens Masters events. This reorganisation may have significant implications for the future development of Southern Cross Masters Hockey. WATCH THIS SPACE!

In 2018 Southern Cross will be sending one team in each of the 4 age groups, 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+ to play in the Tournament Trophy section of the FIH sanctioned Grand Masters Hockey World Cup. The tournament, to be held in Barcelona, will run from Wednesday 20th June to Saturday 30th June. Southern Cross teams will arrive in Spain on Sunday 17th and depart on Sunday 1st July. Nominations for this event will be sent out to the membership by email shortly after the AMHC National Tournament in Hobart, and will be available on the Southern Cross website (<http://www.southerncrosshockey.org/>) from Tuesday October 10th

In conclusion, I would like to thank the committee for their continued support and for their unsung efforts towards providing us all with these great experiences which I hope we will continue to be able to enjoy for many years yet. I would also like to thank all the Southern Cross members for their good fellowship and cooperative goodwill that makes all these efforts worthwhile.



Ric Roberts

Chairman SCMH
28 Sep 2017

Financial Report: Wayne Harris presented the report (attached). 2nd Keith Miller

- Questions from the floor ; Keith Miller asked about insurance for the committee ; Alan Chapman remarked on the need for travel insurance by every member, Keith Miller also queried in any SX committee received an Honoriaum – answer No.

Election of Committee Members: The meeting passed a motion of thanks to Bruce smith from his work on the committee since 2012.

- The chairman stood down and the Secretary outlined the nominations for the vacant positions on the committee
- 4 nominations were received by the due date and the secretary declared that these nominees would be automatically elected to the committee; they are Ric Roberts, Marvin Heaston, Peter Fogels & Graham Wood. Ric Roberts resumed chairing the meeting.

Plans for 2017 – Japan tour ;

- Mike Cooke (Chef De Mission) gave a broad outline of where arrangements are at and spoke after the meeting individually with the Manager and other members of the tour party. The meeting wished them every success.

2018 Barcelona WC;

- Just 4 teams are being allowed. It is not known at this stage of the merger to one body (WMH) whether this restriction will change.
- The committee will be scouting for other forms of International hockey that SX could participate in.

Any other Business: Nil

Meeting Closed: 2.35pm