

Joint Statement from Co-Chairs

We are both delighted that World Masters Hockey (WMH) is now operational and are confident that the new organisation will build on the successful foundations laid by IMHA and WGMA. WMH will continue to promote international competition, to encourage a lifelong participation in the game that we all love and to develop friendship and collaboration in Masters hockey on a global scale. Full details of the authority and responsibilities delegated to WMH by FIH will follow shortly. In the meantime, the Interim Board will concentrate on putting all the required management and administrative mechanisms in place ahead of what will be an historic first General Assembly later this year.



Glenn Paton



Wim van Noortwijk

Interim WMH Board Update

The first meeting of the Interim WMH Board was held in January 2019 attended by Glenn Paton, Sue Briggs, Wim van Noortwijk and Adrian Stephenson.

Existing Interim Board members were allocated portfolios. Glenn and Wim will be Co-Chairs to provide direction to the meetings. Glenn will manage the portfolio of "Commercial" and Wim will be responsible for working with National Associations and local Masters Groups to establish a harmonious membership arrangement(s). Adrian Stephenson will be the contact person for the 2020 World Cup in Japan. Sue Briggs was allocated the secretarial duties.

Key functional areas were also identified that required additional resources on the Board in the areas of finance, events and IT.

The Interim WMH Board is pleased to announce the addition of Sean Curran (Events), Steve Winnall (IT) and David Ferguson (Treasurer) to the Board. Ishbel Dickens has been invited to provide additional secretarial resources by taking on the position of Assistant Secretary.

The key tasks for the Interim Board include:

- Setting a date for the first General Assembly and commencing planning for this event including nominations and elections of office bearers.
- Fine tuning of Memorandum & Articles of Association (Constitution)
- Finalising the MOU with FIH
- Ensuring all tournament documentation be standardised by the start of 2020, especially the World Cups.
- Confirm venues for all World Cups in 2020.
- Planning the shape of the WMH Board post General Assembly.
- Plan WMH budget - income and expenditure.



First General Assembly

The Interim WMH Board is pleased to announce that the first General Assembly will be held on Friday 2 August 2019. Venue to be confirmed.

Membership/NAs and Local Masters Organisations working together

The Interim WMH Board is very keen to make contact with all National Associations, member Master organisations and contacts to encourage a collaborative approach to determining representation in WMH. These groups will need to apply for membership of WMH and appoint a delegation to represent them at the General Assembly. A country will be eligible for one vote only but delegations of up to three will be welcome to attend the General Assembly.

Bids process for 2020 World Cup underway

In 2020 the World Cup will be split into four separate Tournaments. At this stage bids are being sought for the following three Tournaments:

- Mixed Gender for age groups Over 35 & Over 40
- Mixed Gender for age groups Over 45 & Over 50
- Mixed Gender for age groups Over 55 & Women's 60 & 65 and the 'Spirit of Masters'.

The World Cup for Men's Over 60s, 65s, 70 and 75s has been confirmed to be hosted by Japan in most likely late September 2020 at the Olympic venue.

The Events Director (Sean Curran) is overseeing the bid process utilising a suite of documentation developed over the last 12 months.

Bids are to be submitted by February 15 with an expected announcement of hosts by mid March. Announcements will be made as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events in 2019

- **Masters Indoor World Cup – Hong Kong** – 14th – 17th February
- **Home Nations – Southgate, London** – 14th – 16th June
- **European Championships**
Over 35s, 40s & 45s – mixed gender Rotterdam – 22nd-28th July and for Spirit of Masters 25th-29/30th July
Over 50s & 55s – mixed gender Krefeld – 8th – 17th August including Spirit of Masters. **Over 60s – mixed gender Brasschaat, Belgium** - 19 Jun 2019 to 29 Jun 2019 including Tournament Trophy
- **Trans Tasman Masters Challenge**
Australia versus New Zealand in ages from Over 35s to 65s mixed gender.
Gold Coast, Australia - 30th April – 4th May