

THE SINGAPORE ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD @ LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE ON 31 AUGUST 2024 1500HR.

Present: MS. DIANE FOO (President)
MR EUGENE ANG (Vice-President)
MR JASON MASI (Treasurer)
MR JAY TAN (Secretary)
MR JOEWE LAM (Development Director - Men)
MR ASHLEY CHOW (Interim Development Director - Youth)
MS SERENA TSANG (Director for Marketing & Communication)
MS KRISTY YEW

In Attendance: SEE ATTENDANCE SHEET

Having established a quorum of more than 30 members the meeting is called to order – Diane Foo chairing.

1.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following office bearers were proposed:

President - Diane Foo
Vice President - Eugene Ang
Secretary - Kristy Yew
VP Marketing & Communication - Serena Tsang
Development Director (Men) - Joewe Lam
Development Director (Youth) - Ashley Chow

All of the Ex-Co positions, were up for election and re-election.

- Diane Foo was re-elected as President without contention.
Voting result: 24 votes for, 18 votes against, 2 abstain
- Eugene Ang was re-elected as Vice-President without contention
Voting result: 43 votes for, 0 vote against, 1 abstain.
- Kristy Yew was elected as Secretary without contention.
Voting result: 44 votes for, 0 vote against.
- Joewe Lam was re-elected as Development Director (Men) without contention.
Voting result: 44 votes for, 0 vote against.

- Ashley Chow was elected as Development Director (Youth) without contention. Voting result: 44 votes for, 0 vote against.
- Serena Tsang was re-elected as VP Marketing & Communications without contention. Voting result: 40 votes for, 3 votes against, 1 abstain.

Proposal to accept all new office bearer made – Diane Foo, seconded by Eugene Ang.

2.0 Year in Review 2022 & 2023

A summary report of the activities in the past 2 years, 2022 & 2023, was presented by Diane. With the loss of the rink at JCube, many of the previously planned programs were either cancelled or being run at a smaller scale at the rink in Johor Bahru.

3.0 Annual Report and Financials.

Annual report was presented by Diane. The SIHA membership for 2022 to 2023 was 407 members with 227 Ordinary members and 180 were Youth Guardian members.

Financial report was presented by Jason Masi. As the COVID pandemic was ending in 2022 and with us losing the rink in 2023, most programs and activities were either cancelled or are operating at a smaller scale, profit was at \$9,922 in 2022 and \$88,782 in 2023.

Proposal to accept annual report and financial report by Diane Foo, seconded by Eugene Ang (and other members).

Accounting services is in the process of being transited from JS Lim to HBS.

SB Tan Audit PAC was nominated by Eric Van Steen to continue as auditor for SIHA for the upcoming year 2024, seconded by all members.

4.1 Looking ahead – Strategic Focus

SIHA is focus on increasing awareness of all of SIHA’s comprehensive ice hockey programs which includes National Development Programs, Youth Programs, resuming the Men’s league and having the inaugural Women’s League started as well.

SIHA plans to resume certification for game officials and community coaching programs in Q2 2025.

SIHA aims to have all volunteer coaches obtain NROC certification, as required by SportSG for coaching in local schools.

Due to the current lack of facilities in Singapore, SIHA is looking to working with partners in Johor in starting a cross-border league.

A team managers program will be established to train candidates interested in becoming team managers.

4.2 Review 2022, 2023 & Looking ahead – Men’s National Development

The following was presented by Joewe.

IIHF tournaments resumed in 2022 after COVID restrictions were lifted worldwide, the Men’s team achieved Bronze at World Championship Division IV in 2022 and was promoted to Division 3B in 2023. They secured 4th place at IIHF World Championship Division 3B in 2023.

Due to the closing of the rink at JCUBE, the team has been training weekly in Johor Bahru since.

Selections for Asian Winter Games 2025 will be held in November 2024

The team will also be heading to Mexico for World Championship Division 3B games in April 2025 and Bangkok for SEA Games 2025 in December.

The National Youth team took part in 2022 IIHF U20 Asia & Oceania Championship and achieved Silver Medal. The team took part in and won the 2022 SEA YOUTH CUP that was held in Bangkok, Thailand. They were also awarded the 2022 Sportboy / Sportgirl Team of the Year by SportSG for their achievement.

The National Youth team took part in 2023 SEA YOUTH CUP but was not ranked as they did not proceed top 2.

Joewe thanks the parent support group that was established in 2021 for all their help and support to the team.

Aim to provide and support youth players to study and play overseas.

4.3 Review 2022, 2023 & Looking ahead – Women’s National Development

The following was presented by Eugene.

After COVID restrictions were lifted, there were close to 40 new girls that participated in the sport. 20 of the new girls participated in training for at least 3 months.

The girls took part in high performance training camp in South Korea in August 2023.

The Women’s Team took part in Asia & Oceania Cup in Thailand and achieved Bronze in 2023. The Women’s Team also participated in their first IIHF World Championship Division 3B in Estonia and achieved 4th in 2024.

They will be participating in IIHF World Championship 2025 in Bosnia.

Participation in 2025 SEA Games is in discussion.

4.4 Review 2022, 2023 & Looking ahead – Youth Development

The following was presented by Ashley.

Term 2 in 2022 started with 94 kids registered after COVID restrictions were lifted and rose to 137 kids registered in 2023.

In 2022, Ice Dragons are coached by Frank Nagle, Jesse Sacha, Ashley Chow, David Patterson, Peter Dmytruk, John Freeman and community coaches.

Jesse Sacha started a skills session that was well received by the kids.

Singapore national youth players and Ice Dragon took part in regular exhibition games and practices.

There were also 'home and away' cross border exhibition games with kids from Malaysia.

Between 2022 and 2023, the kids also took part in overseas trips and tournaments in Hong Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan.

4.5 Review 2022, 2023 & Looking ahead – Marketing

The following is presented by Serena.

Marketing for SIHA has been done with a three-prong approach: Activities, Campaigns & Socials.

For activities, both the summer and winter leagues and the Lion City Cup has been revived after COVID restrictions.

The KTHXBYE Cup was organised during 31st July – 4th August 2023, as a last tournament to commemorate the closure of the rink at Jcube.

Both online and offline campaigns that involves the national teams, Safesports and our sponsors.

Communication channels were also set up using different social media channels and our community leaders.

5.0 Other Business

Rink Renovations

The Rink at Pandan Gardens is confirmed with a 10 + 10 years lease.

The facility will feature an Olympic-sized rink and a smaller rink measuring one-third of the Olympic size.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2025, with completion expected by the end of 2026.

Constitution Changes

SIHA is in the process of updating its constitution to align with the requirements for all NSAs set by SportSG.

Community Volunteers

SIHA is looking for volunteers to help with events and logistics.

Both Men's and Women's team are looking for SafeSports officers and medical personnels.

Jason Masi nominated Greg Blakney for the position of Treasurer.

- Greg Blakney was elected as Treasurer without contention.
Voting result: 37 votes in favor, 7 votes against.

The Treasurer role, one of the two vacant Executive Committee positions alongside Development Director (Women), has now been filled.

6.0 Announcement of New Executive Committee Members.

The following are the new SIHA Exco members for 2024/2025:

President - Diane Foo

Vice President - Eugene Ang

Secretary - Kristy Yew

Treasurer - Greg Blakney

VP of Marketing & Communications - Serena Tsang

Men's Development Director - Joewe Lam

Youth Development Director - Ashley Chow

The proposal to accept all new office bearers was made by Eugene Ang and seconded by Diane Foo.

Recorded by
Jay Tan

Approved by

