



# World Masters Hockey

Newsletter – November 2019

## Landmark signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FIH and WMH

FIH CEO Thierry Weil and World Masters Hockey (WMH) President Sean Curran signed the ground-breaking agreement that will bring all Masters Hockey under a single organization within the global FIH hockey community.

The document was signed on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at FIH Headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland, witnessed by WMH Board members Sue Briggs, Glenn Paton and Norman Same.

This achievement is the culmination of many years of negotiations and confirms and implements the decision made by the FIH Executive Board that “the future international strategic direction and growth of Masters Hockey will be most effectively and efficiently delivered through one single constituted and fully inclusive Masters organisation”.



Sean Curran expressed his gratitude to FIH for all the help and support they have offered to the new organisation and confirmed how much the WMH Executive Board is looking forward to becoming an integral part of the FIH community.

He went on to say that, on behalf of hockey players everywhere, he would like to thank all those individuals who had been responsible for developing Masters Hockey to date, for all their hard work and dedication over the years and that WMH would continue to build on the solid foundations they had created.

Plans for the first ever WMH World Cup Event are well under way with tournaments planned for Nottingham, England; Cape Town, South Africa; and Tokyo, Japan.

Here is the FIH article: <http://fih.ch/news/world-masters-hockey-brings-all-masters-hockey-under-a-single-organization/>

Here is the FIH tweet: [https://twitter.com/FIH\\_Hockey/status/1192835347253792768](https://twitter.com/FIH_Hockey/status/1192835347253792768)

## First WMH Full Board meeting held

The first meeting of the WMH Full Board was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in Lausanne consistent with the requirements outlined in the WMH Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Full Board is responsible for proposing the strategy to the General Assembly and for agreeing the operational model adopted by the Executive Board. They will oversee corporate governance and ensure that the delegation of day to day responsibility by the Executive Board complies with the Rules and Regulations. The Executive Board will provide regular reports to the Full Board. It was agreed that the Full Board will meet twice yearly, at least one meeting to be face-to-face. The Full Board comprises:

- (a) all members of the Executive Board;
- (b) up to five (5) Representative members who shall be appointed by the five (5) Continental Federations of FIH and
- (c) a Representative member from the FIH who shall be appointed by the FIH Executive Board

Attending the meeting were representatives from the Continental Federations Bob Claxton (Oceania), Angus Kirkland (Europe), Laura Macchiotti (Pan America) and Ahmed Azmy (Africa). Jon Wyatt was the FIH representative with Thierry Weil, FIH CEO joining the meeting later in the day. Tayyab Ikram (Asia) sent his apology for being unable to attend. Members of the WMH Board in attendance were Sean Curran, Sue Briggs, Glenn Paton and Norman Same with Ishbel Dickens attending the meeting via skype.



WMH Board members – (l-r)  
Norman Same, Sue Briggs, Sean Curran, Glenn Paton

## WMH documents and policies ready for release

The WMH Board has been developing a number of documents and policies which are now ready for release. The list includes:

- WMH Rules and Regulations
- 'Spirit of Masters' Policy
- Eligibility Policy
- Competition Principles, Polices and Procedures.

These documents and polices will be distributed to members by the Secretary in the coming weeks.

## WMH Committees being established

In September 2019, the Executive Board sought expressions of interest from people willing to be members of the standing committees being set up. The response was very pleasing with over 60 nominations received from around the world.

These committees will cover the following key operational areas:

- Technical
- Events
- IT
- Commercial
- Development

At this time, the Technical, Events and IT committees have been finalised and initial meetings having occurred already or are planned.

The WMH Executive Board would like to thank all those who expressed interest in being involved in one of these committees.



### WMH Masters World Cup – 2020

#### Nottingham

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August

#### Cape Town

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

#### Tokyo

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November