

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of OHF held in Auckland on 26th Feb 2012 at 10.30am at the Hockey New Zealand Board Room.

Present

Pam Elgar (OHF President), Bob Claxton (OHF Secretary/Treasurer), Dean Ellwood (Deputy Chair Hockey NZ), Hilary Poole (CEO Hockey NZ), Stuart Carruthers (Board member Hockey Australia), Kaluwin Potuan (President PNG Hockey & OHF Vice President), Gill Gemming (OHF Continental Development Officer).

Apologies

Robin Mitchell (President Fiji Hockey), Mark Anderson (CEO Hockey Australia), Faamausili Taiva Ah Young (President Samoa Hockey) and Ross Fraser (Secretary Vanuatu Hockey)

Confirmation of Financial status of members

Hockey, Australia, Hockey New Zealand, Fiji Hockey, PNG Hockey, Samoan Hockey and Vanuatu Hockey.

Proxies

Vanuatu to Gill Gemming.

The proxies for both Samoa and Fiji were judged to not to comply with the OHF Constitution Item 21 and therefore were not permitted. In the case of Samoa they failed to complete the nomination form and indicate who was to hold their proxy. In the case of Fiji they did not submit the form 4 within the stated time frame as per Item 21 in the constitution.

Minutes of 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were moved as a true record.

Moved/Seconded Pam Elgar / Bob Claxton

President's Report 2011

Tena koutou i o koutou tini mate
No reira, haere e nga mate
Haere ki te wa kainga
Haere ki te kainga tuturu
O to tatou Matua i te rangi
Haere, haere, haere.

Greeting to your many dead therefore, farewell the dead Go to the home of all time
Go to the true home
Of our Creator
Farewell, farewell, farewell.

Te hunga mate ki te hunga mate
Te hunga ora ki te hunga ora
Apiti hono, tatai hono
Te hunga mate ki te hunga mate
Apiti hono, tatai hono
Te hunga ora ki te hunga ora
The living to the living
The dead to the dead
The dead to the dead
The lines are joined
The living to the living

It is our custom in Aotearoa New Zealand to acknowledge those that have passed before and I would feel remiss if I did not acknowledge the on-going earthquakes in Canterbury, New Zealand or the floods in Queensland, the natural disasters in Fiji and the tragedies in Papua New Guinea.

The year from 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2011 has been a full and important one with significant milestones. We really have two clear functions:

- 1 Develop Hockey within the Continent
- 2 Hold Continental events that allow our National teams to compete on the world stage

Our ability within Oceania is contingent upon the support of all our National Associations and the funding we are able to attract.

This report will cover my specific responsibilities/activities in leading us to the achievement of those aims. I will not review the main points covered in either the Secretary/Treasurers report or Continental Development Officers report.

BACKGROUND

Our current members are:
Hockey Australia
Hockey New Zealand
Fiji Hockey Federation
Samoa Hockey Federation
Tonga Hockey Federation
Papua New Guinea Hockey Federation
Vanuatu Hockey Federation

Inactive members:

American Samoa Hockey Federation

Solomon Islands Hockey Federation – although we have had recent approaches from Solomon Islands and hopeful they will become active again.

We sit to the side of the relationship between FIH and National Associations and work as a voice for and advocate of the National Associations as well as Oceania Continent as a region at the Executive Board of FIH.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Strategic Plan/Operational Plan

The 5 strategic priorities were translated into objectives in our strategic plan and we committed via the MOU to achieve specific targets for 2011.

Triple the revenue
Raise the profile of the FIH and Hockey
Enhance and rationalise competition
Close the performance gap
Strengthen governance

<u>FIH</u> – as President I have attended three Executive Board meetings of FIH during 2011. FIH office in Lausanne, in March, Amstelveen for Women's Champions Trophy in July, and finally FIH office in Lausanne in November. CF meeting held February in London was also useful to try and understand how we report on MOU between FIH and Continental Federations.

These meetings continue to give Oceania an opportunity to ensure our voice is held by the governing body of our sport. Significant improvement in governance and event management in particular is being made within FIH. More work needs to continue with Sponsorship and Marketing. It is clear that funding MOU and the model of funding that is applied does not work for Oceania. We are the smallest CF however have the 2nd largest player base and all our active members have a World ranking. This is something we intend to use to argue for a different funding model. As I believe they are indicators of success against our two core functions.

This year we were very excited to have the President of FIH Mr Leandro Negre attend Oceania Cup and meet with our members in Fiji. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for the President to present his picture of Hockey within the world and the issues relating to development. Each of the members presented an overview of Hockey in their countries, outlining the successes and the challenges. He spent time with the umpires also at a meeting which proved very valuable. The President left Fiji knowing the situation our members face and very happy with the approach Oceania CF is taking by focusing on developing the game in each country.

Oceania continues to have very good representation on committees and is seen by others at Executive Board as providing quality people to committees. We currently have:

Ken Read Chair, Keith Gorringe Competitions committee,

Jason McCracken Umpire and Technical committee,

Ramesh Patel, Richard Aggiss

Don Davies

Paul Lissek

Rules Committee,

Judicial Commission

High Performance panel

Peter Cohen retired from FIH Executive Board as Honorary Secretary General late in 2011. I would like to formally acknowledge his years of service, support and wise counsel to both Oceania and the wider hockey family through his role on the FIH Executive.

<u>Financials</u> – the financial reports show we have made progressing continuing to clarify our real costs of all our events, and have managed to arrange two supply contracts with Just Hockey Australia, and Obo which is helping to provide equipment and umpire/officials shirts for tournaments.

The Treasurers report provides details in this area.

<u>Administration</u> – This continues to improve however the challenge for our CDO is having volunteers to work with. Our work commitments and time zones have meant, and no doubt will continue to mean, progress is never as quick as we would wish. Thank you to all members who continue to keep in touch and ensure we are working to meet your needs as members.

Competition

The CDO report will provide detail on our International and Continental performance. I will only say congratulations to all our countries for competing on the world stage – we have the impressive result of all our active members having a world ranking. Superb performances from Australia and New Zealand saw the Australian Mens Kookaburras remain at the top of world ranking and the New Zealand women's Black Sticks having the best ever result at Champions Trophy.

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and now Vanuatu continue to develop and display their skills at Oceania Pacific Cup.

Special note of thanks to Australian Country and NZ Barbarians team for their on-going support of Oceania Pacific Cup.

CHALLENGES

FIH – CF MOU

The 5 strategic priorities were translated into objectives in our strategic plan and we committed via the MOU to achieve specific targets for 2011 – this we achieved. Our funding for 2012 depends on our ability to achieve these therefore they govern the priorities for 2012.

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Making this work is critical to our success. The performance of Continental Federations is going to be assessed is still to be worked out. However we can report that we have met each of our success criteria.

<u>Funding</u> – This is an ongoing issue for us. As with any business we will focus our expenditure on where we believe we get the biggest return. We need to work more closely supporting your applications for funding via the NOCs within each of your countries and leveraging support where we can via FIH and ONOC.

We are pushing for a change in the funding model which would acknowledge that we are the smallest continent in terms of member countries but the 2nd largest in terms of playing numbers. We also wish to push for longer term commitment to Continental Federation. Our preference is for four year cycle as per the Olympic Funding cycle paid in two yearly portions.

<u>Administration</u> - The MOU provides clarity to FIH and our CF members about commitments. It also helps guide the CDO work plan and budgeting. CDO sustainability is something we must be very watchful about. Our goal is to have our CDO working alongside our members and ensuring we have potential successors in place.

<u>Competition</u> – The CF Calendar is something that has exercised much time and effort by the Secretary/Treasurer. We continue to work on achieving a stable four year calendar with all details from each of our member nations inputted so that we can ensure maximum participation in CF level competitions with minimum disruption to National competition frameworks.

The Future

Increased collaboration between FIH and other CFs will ensure we all benefit from Global learning. Increasing the collaboration within our Continent will ensure Oceania can share the knowledge from the two larger member countries of Australia and New Zealand to ensure the smaller Island members develop and strengthen hockey within the region.

It also means each member country needs to develop sustainable plans that are realistic and goal driven. As with every playing nation you are only as strong as the quality of the people engaged be they paid or volunteers. We are indeed grateful for the many who tirelessly give of their time and skills to help develop Hockey within Oceania.

The 2012 year is set to be another challenging year. I wish to thank all our National Associations and their representatives for their hard work. Australia and New Zealand I thank you for your ongoing support and ask that it continues. Last but certainly not least I particular wish to thank Bob, Kevin and Gill for their enormous contribution.

Following the President's Report Hilary Poole acknowledged the work that Pam and Renita Garard have been doing within the FIH Executive Board to achieve positive outcomes for Oceania.

Secretary/Treasurer Report 2011

Tournaments

This year has seen significant progress in having one more Nation participating in our competitions. Vanuatu Men and Women have been active within Vanuatu but for the first time the Men travelled to Fiji to play in the Oceania Pacific Cup. All the results of the OPC can be seen in the CDO report.

In 2010 both the Fiji Men and Women won the right to play in the Oceania Cup by winning the OPC which is a prequalifying tournament for teams who have a World Ranking below 30.

The Oceania Cup which is the Olympic Qualifying tournament was hosted by Hockey Australia in Hobart. This location while an excellent venue is a costly place for the teams to travel. Unfortunately both the Fiji teams pulled out of the tournament leaving just Australia and New Zealand Men and Women's teams. The issue was compounded by the Fiji Men notifying their withdrawal just a week out from the tournament. This very late withdrawal caused a significant redraw of the tournament fixture, a reshuffle of the numbers of officials that were required and perhaps the most damaging was to the advance ticket sales.

What are the lessons to be learnt from this?

Teams need to pay a nomination fees that part or none is refundable if they withdraw within a certain timeframe

OHF needs to retain control on the placement of the tournament so we can ensure travel costs are kept to a minimum.

OHF need to review the process and procedures in the event of a qualified Nation withdraws. Does that Nation get replaced by the next qualified Nation?

Qualified Nations need to be sure they can fund travel and accommodation to the event.

2012 and beyond – this year will be the start of the World League with the first round being held in Suva Fiji. This provides our lower ranked nations the opportunity to win the right to compete outside Oceania in round 2. However with this come some responsibilities to ensure you can fund sending your team to round 2.

2013 will be a very busy year as we have the Junior Oceania Cup for the teams to qualify for the Junior World Cup. When FIH confirm the JWC has been moved to Nov/Dec 2013 then the qualifying event will most likely be in March 2013 if it

remains in Feb 2013 then we will need to hold a qualifying tournament late 2012. Later in the year we have the Oceania Cup and then we will need to be looking at a tournament for the Youth Olympic qualifier.

FIH Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

2011 was the first full year of the operating of this arrangement with FIH. I can report that it has been very successful. All Continental Federations were required to report on progress twice during the year. In our case we can report that we have made excellent process on our key responsibilities which are;

Increase our revenue 5% by 2016.

Raise the Profile of the FIH/OHF and of Hockey

Enhance and Rationalise the International competition schedule

Close the performance gap between top level playing Nations and the rest by raising the World-Wide level of play. Strengthen the Governance structures of FIH, OHF and for hockey.

Financials

This year we budgeted for a surplus of \$10,184.00 but finished the year with a deficit of \$3417.00. The result needs to be considered quite reasonable as we did not receive a \$25,000.00 grant from Oceania Olympic Committee that we had budgeted to receive. Our budgeted income was therefore below budget by \$22.5k.

There are two items that do distort the overall result which are "reimbursement expenses" and "Uncategorised expenses" as these are the accounts where we had paid out for expenses that were later reimbursed to OHF. If these are removed then our expenses remained under budget by \$7398.

The OPC is still a major expenditure which was \$18,000 this year down from \$22,000 from 2010.

Our cash position remains strong even without the ONOC grant being at the end of the Financial year 2011 at \$103,286. This position has been further strengthened in 2012 with in-flows of revenue from FIH and ONOC to a balance of \$153,147.

The 2012 budget is planned for a surplus of \$19,878. This ensures that we are in a strong financial position to maintain our funding of development activities with Oceania.

Financial Statements are in a separate attachment.

CDO Report 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit of FIH President, Mr. Leandro Negre, to Oceania in December 2011
- The participation of Vanuatu at the Oceania Pacific Cup Tournament
- The inaugural meeting of the OHF Officiating Committee
- Significant appointments to elite world level events by Oceania umpires and technical officials.
- FIH Awards recognizing development won by Papua New Guinea (Pablo Negre Trophy) and Fiji (Continental Youth Award)
- High levels of performance of Australia and New Zealand National Men's and Women's Teams continues against
 world 'top 8' teams (Australia Men won gold at Champions Trophy NZ 4th, New Zealand Women won bronze at
 Champions Trophy Australia 6th)
- Significant contribution by Oceania members on the International Hockey Federation Committees

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 2nd April in Auckland. Office bearers elected for 2011: Ms. Pam Elgar (NZL) - President, Mr. Bob Claxton (AUS) - Secretary Treasurer, Mr. Kaluwin Potuan (PNG) - Vice President.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Executive held a planning meeting on 21 July in the Gold Coast, Australia, in conjunction with the Women's International Masters Series. This allowed Executive Members to develop a relationship with the Australia Veterans, with the vision of encouraging Masters Competitions throughout the Continent.

OPC MEMBER COUNTRY MEETING, FIH PRESIDENT VISIT

Aligning with the Oceania Pacific Cup and the visit of FIH President Leandro Negre to the Oceania Region, the OHF Executive met on 8 December in Suva, Fiji with the FIH President and two representatives of the respective member nations. This meeting was significant as it was an opportunity for the members to present a representation of hockey in their country, their needs, and specific issues. The FIH President addressed the meeting giving an outline of changes to competition formats such as the new FIH World League which will begin in 2012.

FIH President Leandro Negre also took time to meet with Umpires and Officials later that day emphasizing the support the FIH provides for officials at all levels. He also spent time at the tournament on Wednesday the 7th and presented Youth Leadership Certificates.

At the official opening ceremony dinner, Leandro made a special presentation to Papua New Guinea as recipients of the FIH Pablo Negre Trophy. The Trophy is named in the memory of Leandro's father, Pablo Negre, a highly respected hockey identity who rendered exceptional services to the sport. The Trophy is awarded annually by the FIH Council to the National Association which has, by its activities, initiatives and sportsmanship served best the course of hockey and made it more popular during the previous two years.

DEVELOPMENT VISITS AND MEETINGS

The Continental Development Officer (CDO), Gill Gemming, had a very busy year supporting all the member countries. The key strategy taken in 2011 was for the CDO to make early contact to assess needs, to encourage planning during the first 2 months of the year and to inform members of special global programmes that they could be involved with. This proved an effective strategy in that the both the communication levels and the engagement in activities was higher than the previous year. The main methods of support this year have been through the availability to visit, resource development support, provision of 'used equipment', organising workshops and tournaments or gathering information or quotes on behalf of the members.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING

All National Associations were asked to complete a 'Current Status Survey' and return their Strategic Plan to OHF by March 2011. This has largely been achieved. The Current Status Survey provides current information on contacts, as well as statistical information on facilities, types of competition, registration numbers and issues. The first ones went out in 2008 and the returns are now providing OHF with useful updated information and the current trends in growth. OHF ran a Strategic Workshop meeting in December at OPC Tournament to look at the new FIH Strategic Plan alongside the Oceania one to allow all members to comment.

One of the key issues identified by the OHF Executive is the lack of electronic record-keeping and databases. Lack of electronic recording of forms such as registrations, competition forms and results make it very difficult to identify progress and plan for future needs. In 2012 this will be a major focus area.

TOURNAMENTS:

2011 was an extremely busy year for all members with increased participation in all tournament levels – youth, club, national, regional and international. The highlights were as follows:

FIH & International

3rd Men's & Women's Indoor World Cups – Poznan Poland 8-13 February 2011

Australia Women - 8th, Australia Men - 7th (Australia was the sole Oceania representative)

Champions Trophy Women - Amstelveen, Netherlands, 25 June - 3 July 2011

New Zealand - 3rd - *Bronze Medal* Australia - 6th

Champions Trophy Men – Auckland, New Zealand - 3-11 December 2011

Australia - 1st - *Gold Medal* New Zealand - 4th

FIH All Star Teams

Oceania had an unprecedented seven players selected for the International Hockey Federation All Star Teams: Men - Jamie Dwyer (AUS), Matthew Swann (AUS), Eddie Ockenden (AUS), Nick Wilson (NZL)

Women - Kobie McGurk (AUS), Gemma Flynn (NZL), Anita Punt (NZL)

Mark Hagar, Coach of NZ Women, was named one of two coaches of the Women's All Star Team.

Continenta

Oceania Cup - Men & Women - Hobart, Australia - 5-9 October 2011

Men - 3 Test Series - Winner: Australia

Oceania Pacific Cup - Suva, Fiji - 3-10 December

The Fiji Hockey Federation hosted the event well with excellent media coverage. FIH recognized this tournament by allowing ranking points to be awarded for matches between OHF member nations. Results:

OPC Championship

Men: 1. NZ Barbarians, 2. Australia Country, 3. Fiji Women: 1. Australian Country, 2. Fiji, 3. Papua New Guinea

Pacific Cup (Highest ranked OHF Member Nation):

Men: 1. Fiji, 2. Papua New Guinea, 3. Samoa, 4. Vanuatu

Women: 1. Fiji, 2. Papua New Guinea, 3. Samoa

OPC Plate:

Men: Samoa, Women: Samoa

OFFICIALS

Appointment of Oceania Officials to International Tournaments

It is important to acknowledge the calibre of umpires and technical officials from the Oceania region. 32 umpires are recognised by FIH as accredited to umpire international fixtures. In 2011, 31 appointments were made to Oceania umpires, which was an increase from 23 in 2010.

| FIH UMPIRES | MEN | WOMEN |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| OUTDOOR | | |
| 1. World Level | 3 (AUS) | 2 (AUS) |
| 2. World Development Panel | 2 (NZL) | |
| 3. Grade 1 | 3 (AUS) | 2 (1 AUS, 1 NZL) |
| 4. Promising Umpires | 2 (1 AUS, 1 NZL) | |
| 5. International Umpires | 6 (3 AUS, 3 NZL) | 9 (6 AUS, 3 NZL) |
| INDOOR | | |
| 1. Grade 1 | | 1 (AUS) |
| 2. International | 2 (AUS) | |

Technical Officials – (Tournament Directors, Umpire Managers, Judges, Medical Officers)

Australia and New Zealand had 17 FIH appointments for technical official positions during 2011. All these appointments were to elite world level events which demonstrate the comprehensive accreditation process in place within the national associations.

At the Oceania Pacific Cup all the 17 technical officials came from within Oceania. 2 – Aus, 8 –Fiji, 5- NZL, 2 - Papua New Guinea.

OHF Officiating Committee

To continue to foster the recruitment and recognition of Oceania officials, OHF created an Officiating Committee which convened for the first time in March 2012. The aim of this committee is to ensure that training programmes are both available and consistent across the continent and recommend the appointment of officials to the appropriate level of tournament. This committee worked with the OHF Executive in the appointment process for both Oceania Cup and Oceania Pacific Cup tournaments and provided mentoring opportunities at both events.

FIH COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There are a significant number of Oceania members who have been elected to FIH Committees. This is very important for Oceania as it keeps the membership completely up with rule and competition changes, possible changes in FIH strategic direction. It also highlights the high calibre of personnel within the region.

Executive Board

Peter Cohen AUS - Honorary Secretary General (retired in 2011) Renita Garard AUS, Pam Elgar NZL

FIH Committees

Competitions Committee – Ken Read AUS (Chair), Keith Gorringe NZL Umpiring Committee – Jason McCracken NZL Rules Committee – Richard Aggiss AUS, Ramesh Patel NZL Judicial Commission – Don Davies AUS Risk and Compliance Committee – Renita Garard AUS High Performance – Paul Lissek AUS

COACHING, UMPIRING AND OFFICIATING WORKSHOPS

OHF have looked to provide specialised courses in 2011 identifying the specific needs of each. This was especially important as the coach education framework had been ratified at the end of 2010. The policy of having workshops associated with an event also continued.

'Technically Speaking' Officiating Workshop - Auckland, New Zealand - 26 - 27 March 2011

48 individuals attended including guest presenter Jan Hadfield (AUS). This workshop was geared for Technical Officials (Technical Directors, Umpire Managers, Technical Officer's and Judges). Key areas of presentations included Roles and Responsibilities, Situational Scenarios and the varying directions of Communication required of Technical Officials.

Club Coach Practical Workshop - Suva, Fiji - 16 - 17 April 2011

12 participants attended the workshop held in Suva. All participants had been involved in completing the OSEP introductory workshops prior to this Hockey specific course. As a result of this, Albert Miller (OSEP deliverer) and head coach Hector Smith attended and acted as presenters.

Youth Coach Practical Workshop - Suva Fiji - 10 - 12 May

23 participants attended the workshop in Suva. As it was school holidays a number of teachers attended this course and this is a reflection of the growth of youth hockey and competitions involving schools. The participants represented all hockey areas - Suva, Nadi, Lautoka and Levuka.

Club Coach Practical Workshop - Port Vila, Vanuatu - 23 - 24 June 2011

13 participants attended a practical coaching workshop in Port Vila. The first sessions were on current rules of the game and different competition formats while the remainder involved practical opportunities for coaches to try out skills and small games.

Coaching and Umpiring Workshops - Lae, Papua New Guinea - 13 - 17 July 2011

A number of Coaching and Umpiring Sessions were run beside the National Tournaments. In 2011 PNG ran its first U18 National Tournament. The day before the competition started 52 U18 players attended a practical training session at the Lae Basketball Stadium. The second practical session was held at the same venue on the 15th of July for 62 senior players before the start of their competition. The CDO Gill Gemming and head Hockey Queensland Coach Barry Vohland ran the two clinics and then continued to give support to coaches and players during their competition.

Vanuatu National Team Coaching Sessions - Port Vila, Vanuatu - Oct 2011

Murray Fitzpatrick past Australian representative and Brian Fitzpatrick past AHL coach ran training sessions for the Men's team competing in the Oceania Pacific Cup Tournament. Gary Belcher, former Australian Rugby League star ran the team through warm up, conditioning and stretching routines.

Papua New Guinea National Team Coaching Sessions - Brisbane, Australia - 27- 30 Nov 2011

A coaching and umpiring clinic was held in Brisbane for the PNG National Teams on their way to OPC Tournament. This is part of the relationship with Hockey Queensland that supports PNG. Expertise was provided during this camp and then the HQ Head Coach Barry Vohland and HQ Umpire accompanied the PNG teams to Suva to continue the support throughout the tournament.

OPC Umpire Mentoring - Suva, Fiji - 6 - 10 December 2011

Current International Umpire Kelly Hudson (NZL), who had just been appointed to the 2012 Olympic Games, attended the OPC Tournament as a mentor umpire. Kelly was involved with the Umpires that were appointed to the tournament, working with them informally providing specific direct feedback and talking more generally from her experiences at world level events. Kelly umpired with Peter Samol (PNG) and Ross Fraser (VAN) providing on-field support to the officials from developing member countries.

YOUTH

Oceania has been very proactive as a Continent in supporting and promoting youth participation in hockey and the development of school programmes, as well as appropriate levels of competition for the different ages.

Global Youth Event 14-15 May 2011

'Age Fit Hockey Coaching' was the theme and this encouraged youth coaching courses and workshops during this month. The timing of the youth programmes are very relevant to OHF members as most members are beginning their major youth programmes in April- May. This was well supported by Australia, Fiji, New Zealand Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Vanuatu. Vanuatu had the distinction of putting in the first report back to FIH from any continent so were awarded a continental prize of a digital camera. Fiji, organized a comprehensive programme through new Development Officer, Tai Smith. This included a coaching course for youth coaches, and a weekend of hockey activities that was organized according to age grouping so that the activities were appropriate for the age in each group. This was a magnificent programme and

as such FIH awarded Fiji the continental prize. This prize is 100 youth sticks and they will be well used in the 2012 Fiji programmes.

FIH Youth Leadership Certificates

These certificates recognise voluntary work by youth in coaching, umpiring and event management. 120 certificates were presented to youth leaders in Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. This is an increase from the 85 of the previous year.

Global Youth Leaders

Past Global Youth Leaders, Nicola Connell - NZL, Anna Mehonoshen - AUS, and Nina Niedermeyer - GER, (2005, 2010 and 2008 respectively), are still contributing to hockey, and all had roles at the Men's Champions Trophy in Auckland, New Zealand. Nicola works for Hockey NZ and along with Anna they were responsible for running a mini champions trophy with youth teams alongside the competition. Nina was involved with media and was reporting back to a number of publications including German Hockey Magazine.

OCEANIA EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME- 'Champions Give Back'

The lack of equipment and the availability of supply have continued to be highlighted by the smaller Federations as one of their most pressing needs. However, the exchange programme for equipment has begun to be well recognized by the senior members, Australia and New Zealand and many donations of used equipment have come into the CDO during 2011. At all OHF tournaments officials and players have been encouraged to bring items to exchange and this has worked extremely well. Players provide playing equipment such as sticks, shin guards, gloves and shoes while the officials provide whistles, warning cards and umpire uniform. Individual clubs and schools have also been proactive in offering exchange materials and this is allowing more "mentor" relationships to be fostered. In 2011, OHF worked beside equipment providers to organize easier access and less costly methods of gaining hockey equipment as this was identified as an issue for developing members at the meetings in December 2010. As a result a number of sponsorship opportunities were created and will be available in 2012.

Election of Office Bearers

The two positions up for election were President (2 years period) and Vice President(1 year period). President Pam vacated the Chair to Bob Claxton for the election of President.

Only one nomination – Pam Elgar who was elected unopposed.

Chair handed back to Pam Elgar. Pam then indicated that she intends to serve at least a 4 year term to ensure the consolidation of all OHF programs.

Vice President – there were two nominations – Kaluwin Potuan the current incumbent and Stuart Carruthers.

A ballot was held and Kaluwin Potuan was elected.

General Business

Subscription Fees – Treasurer proposed that the fees remain at AUD \$1000 for Hockey Australia and Hockey New Zealand, AUD \$50 for all other Nations. Moved/Seconded Bob Claxton/Hilary Poole, carried.

It was proposed that we add an additional member to the OHF Executive. Moved/Seconded Hilary Poole/Kaluwin Potuan, Carried.

This will involve a change to our constitution and a calling of a Special General meeting to pass the changes. The Secretary will draft the changes and also take the opportunity to update any other areas of the constitution then set up the special General meeting as per the constitution.

President Pam thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:25pm on 26th Feb 2012