

PAN AMERICAN HOCKEY FEDERATION
CONGRESS
7 AUGUST 2019
8:00AM
MINUTES

1. **Verification of Credentials**

- a. 22 countries present.

ARG	Miguel Grasso
BAR	George Bennett
BER	Keith de Silva
BRA	Claudio Rocha
CAN	Ann Doggett
CHI	Walter Kramer
COL	Luis Alfonso Sanchez
CRC	Bernardo Picado Trejos
CUB	Alex Hernandez
DOM	Miguel A Hernandez
GUA	Pablo Reyes Villatoro
GUY	Robert Fernandes
JAM	Fabian Stewart
MEX	Carmen Garcia
PAN	Ademir Montenegro
PAR	Patricia Niella
PER	Gianni Delucchi
PUR	Eleuterio Lastra Serrano
TTO	Willard Harris
USA	Simon Hoskins
URU	Danae Andrada
VEN	Zuleika Seijas

- b. 21 countries are eligible to vote.

President's Remarks - Welcome to the congress and PAHF

A Budeisky thanked Peru for opening their doors for the Americas. These games leave a legacy for Peru. He also thanked the honorary members: Sue Neill, Tony Von Ondarza, Leandro Negre and the nations that are in PAHF. The challenge is to continue to develop and train our nations. We need to work together as we work towards a common goal. Diversity is seen as an opportunity to continue to grow and we need to be open and trust in each other. Thinking out of the box and take risks will help us grow.

Message for the FIH President, Narinder Batra (video tape)

FIH Representative - Leandro Negre.

Mr Negre expressed he was very happy to be back in front of PAHF, and to see his dear friends in PAHF. He highlighted the great growth in PAHF and the quality has grown in PAHF. There is a great future in hockey due to

this. Europe and Asia have shown great success. The PAHF has shown great growth at an advanced level. Mr Negre thanked Peru and Gianni Delucchi for the PAGs.

Tony Von Ondarza provided an over-view on the 60 Anniversary of PAHF. The Federation was established by 3 men in the USA in October 1959 related to competition between the US and Canada. In 1967 the men expanded to competitions in South America. Executive committee expanded to 4.

The PAG 1971, 1975, 1979 to 1983 started to see changes due to the International Federation when men and women were merged. Prior to this there were no competitions with women. In 1983, there was a merge (women started with Sue Neill as a member of PAHF). In the Olympics in 1984, women were added to the competitions. Committees began in 1984 where PAHF events began to be organized and ran by PAHF. In 1987, the first elected President was Tony Von Ondarza. The FIH directed all CFs to have committees in place: Competitions, Development, Judges, Media. Only two PAHF events: Central Caribbean and the Pan American Games. PAHF only started with 14 members. Needed to grow hockey in PAHF as a directive from the FIH. Tony von Ondarza said: "I had a great group of people to help me; first secretary and treasurer, Peter Porritt who retired in 1969. My group of leaders in PAHF were a great help. There are now 30 members. Thank you to Coco Budeisky to allow me to explain the history of PAHF. I hope to see the PAHF continue to grow. I remain at the PAHF disposal to help PAHF in anyway."

C. General Report: PAHF President Coco Budeisky (see attached report)

- a. Continue to grow with the Board to support all involved in PAHF.
- b. Changed the PAHF logo to align with FIH
- c. Sustained growth in social media,
- d. Course development- 300 participants at online courses across PAHF in one year
- e. Increase grow in para hockey and beach hockey
- f. FIH representatives from PAHF reviewed on all committees
- g. PAHF have visited many countries to help with growth
- h. The PAHF is strong with financials- 70% from FIH.
- i. Forbex contract has been signed and working with 2 clothing companies as potential sponsors
- j. HWS has finished. The inclusion of more teams allows for increased competitions and exposure

D. Hon Treasurer's Report see attached report

- a. The Treasurer thanked Janet Paden for her audit of the finances. PAHF is in a strong financial position.
- b. See attached. Surplus is due to not having a fulltime Managing director. Additional equipment has been purchased and supplies for countries in need of equipment. IRS requirements due to incorporation in USA have been complied. The FIH continues to provide the majority of the PAHF funding in the range of 67% and 41% of those funds are spent in the area of development. The new FIH MOU has clear directives as to where the funds must be spent, mainly in the area of development.

E. Auditor's Report 2017-2018 see attached report

- a. Presented and conducted by USA Field Hockey

F. Approval of the Accounts

- a. Motion to approve auditors report by Ann Doggett (CAN) and Willard P. Harris (TTO). Thank you to USA Field Hockey and Simon Hoskins for conducting the audit. USA will conduct the next audit as well.

G. Reports of Committee and Panel Chairs

- a. Competitions: Willard P. Harris (TTO)
- b. Communications: Yan Huckendubler (CAN)
 - i. New Logo- launched in June. Simple and aligned with FIH logo.
- c. Development: Laura Macchiotti (PAHF Staff)
- d. Umpiring: Roger St Rose (TTO)
- e. Appointments: Laura Pigretti (ARG)
- f. Athletes: Felipe Montegu (CHI)

H. Ratifications for Membership and for Striking of Members

- a. Do not have any memberships to review currently

I. Individual Awards

- a. **Order of Merit:**
 - i. Rodolfo “Chiche” Mendoza- continued collaboration
 - ii. Laura Pigretti- Continued support at all levels
 - iii. Roger St Rose- Continued support at all levels
- b. **President’s Award**
 - i. Bermuda Hockey Federation- Development
 - ii. Cuba Hockey Federation- Participation in events
 - iii. Guyana Hockey Board- Development
 - iv. Jamaica Hockey Federation- Development

J. Approval of Statutes amendments and changes

- a. Motion for Approval for changes to bylaws- Argentina and Puerto Rico

Scrutineers for elections- Sue Neill (PAHF HON Life Member), Danae Andrada (URU), Victor Tomlinson (JAM)

K. Election of Treasurer

- a. 4-year term
- b. Candidate- Mary Cicinelli (CAN)
- c. Due to one candidate in position to approve or elect by NAs
- d. All NA’s approve the nomination for election

L. Election of Ordinary Board Members

- a. Roger St Rose will run the elections and reviewed the process of voting
 - i. 21 countries eligible to vote
 - ii. Absolute majority to win which is 11
 - iii. Voting process:
 - 1. Each country will be called by name
 - 2. Voting member of the country will collect the ballot vote and deposit in the locked box,
 - 3. Scrutineers will verify the votes and bring the results to the table
 - 4. Results will be announced

- b. **1 Male Ordinary Member for a 4-year term**
DELUCCHI Gianni (PER)- **ELECTED**

- c. **2 Female Ordinary Members for 4-year terms**
CRAIG-ROUSSEAU Maureen (TTO) Elected
GILLESPIE Bree (USA) Elected

- d. **1 Female Ordinary Member for a 2-year term**
FIEDTKOU Tricia (GUY) Elected

- i. The president thanked Zuleika Seijas for her years of service on the EB and welcomed her to stay involved in PAHF.
- ii. The President thanked the Scrutineers for their assistance with the election.

M. Any Other Business

- a. Danae Andrada would like the PAHF Board members at the next PAHF Congress to sit with the President for all the PAHF members to see and participate in the PAHF Congress.
- b. Danae Andrada expressed concern about the loss of the Hockey Series. The President responded that he will bring her concern forward to the FIH.
- c. Video presented from the media on PAHF hockey

N. Adjournment at 13:01