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## *Minutes of the 122nd General Assembly*

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Date:	April 29, 2023
Time:	11.00 – 16.10 including lunch
Location :	Hôtel Royal, Rue de Lausanne 41, Geneva
Chair:	Frank Schneider, President
Board:	Erik Mudde, Vice President Patrick Huber, Finance Roger Thoma , competitive sports Karine Ven , grassroots sport and development Nick Zepf, Secretary General (Protocol)
Office:	Paul Schneider , Managing Director Christine Römer
Excused: members)	Jaap ten Sijthoff , Werner Ineichen (both honorary
<u>representatives of the clubs</u>	
Basler Hockey Club 1911	Roger Thoma
Berner HC	Barbara Flückiger
Black Boys Hockey Club Geneva	Marc Apothéloz , Marcela Apothéloz , Jacques Apothéloz
Grasshopper Club Zurich	Retus Giriet , Martin Graf
Grizzlies St. Gallen	Not represented
Hockey Athletico Club Lugano	Telassim Alberti
Hockey Club Höfe	Alexander Patskov
Hockey Club La Côte	Not represented
Hockey Club Olten	Daniel Pfister, Ramona Schwager, Marcel Wickart
Hockey Club Steffisburg	Not represented
Hockey Club Wettingen	Not represented
Krienser Hockey Club	Wouter Bosmans
Luzerner Sport Club	Dominik Rutishauser

Neuchâtel Hockey Club	Jean-Luc Jenni
Red Sox Hockey Club Zurich	Geert van der Zande
Hockey Club Rotweiss Wettingen	Thomas Meier
Servette Hockey Club	Jean-Mark Thijs
Stade Lausanne Hockey sur Gazon	Maria Herrero
Urania Genève Sports	Kamel Boulahia , Ricarda Choina
USTS Field Hockey	Bertrand Peny , Diane Valentin
Veyrier H5 Club	Grégoire Lascols
Zürichsee Hockey Team	Neda Töller

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Documents sent with the invitation:

- 5 Minutes of the 121st General Meeting 30.4.22
- 6.1 Income statement 2022
- 6.1 Balance sheet 2022
- 6.1 Report of the auditors
- 6.1 Budget 2023
- 6.2 Annual Report President 2022
- 6.3 Election proposals GV 23
- 6.4 Request for new referee mode
- 6.5 Application Regulation Fees
- 6.6 BHC proposal: League size NLA men
- 6.7 GC Application: Referee
- 6.8 Application SHC: Language

*The slides presented at the General Assembly are an integral part of these minutes. They are attached as an appendix. Their content is not repeated in these minutes.*

## 1. opening and welcome

Frank Schneider, President of Swiss Hockey, opens the 122nd General Assembly and welcomes everyone present. He thanks Black Boys Hockey Club for organizing the General Assembly.

He recalls that 3 years ago it was decided to introduce H5s and points to the early adopter role of Switzerland. The men have qualified for the World Cup as well as the European Championship. The sport could become an Olympic sport in 2032.

Paul Schneider will retire at the end of November 24. He will hand over the management to Alexander Khosrowi on July 1, 2023 and will continue to manage the competitive sports and development division at Swiss Hockey in an 80% mandate.

## **2. Information of the Board of Directors**

### **2.1. New management platform**

Nick Zepf introduces the new management platform Clubee and its implementation planning. It is crucial that 2 representatives per club participate and ensure the interface to the clubs.

Jean-Mark Thijs points out that collecting data from clubs is time-consuming. Ramona Schwager asks for a common text for the consent of the members and, in the case of minors, the parents. Barbara Flückiger recommends that the AHV number is also collected because of the reporting to J&S.

### **2.2. Swiss Data Protection Act**

The new data protection law will come into force in Switzerland on September 1, 2023. Due to the low level of reporting by the clubs, the clubs decided not to take joint action with Swiss Hockey.

## **3. Information from the office**

### **3.1. refereeing**

Paul Schneider presents the new referee concept. The NLA clubs must provide a referee for each team. Those who cannot do this must pay compensation. The referees are paid by the association, including expenses. In the lower leagues and the juniors, the referees are refereed club-to-club. The mentors are paid in the same way as the referees.

Drillster is transferred to a program for players where they can learn the rules of hockey.

### **3.2. club management**

Paul explains the concept of club management. At least one board member from each club should complete this training. The training day on October 7, 2023 is during the fall break and will be postponed.

### **3.3. Recreational Sports and HKT**

Wouter highlights the positive development of the last few years, especially in the HKT area. In the area of female juniors, we absolutely have to reach the number of 500 licenses (currently 405) in order to receive classification from Swiss Hockey. It is also important that all clubs obtain an HKT license for their juniors. Thomas Meier demands that all clubs obtain their licenses honestly. This is a question of fairness.

Bertrand Peny suggests having girls' days only. Jean-Marc Thijs suggests that the association should assign coaches to clubs, with the coaches being paid by the clubs. The focus here is on sharing the coaches.

12.45 – 13.40: Lunch break offered by Black Boys Hockey Club

#### 4. preparation of votes

Number of clubs present	18
Number of votes present	3614
Absolute Majority	1808

#### 5. Minutes of the 121st General Assembly of 30.4.22

The minutes of the 121st General Assembly of 30 April 2022 are approved unanimously.

#### 6. applications

##### 6.1. Income Statement 2022, Balance Sheet 2022 and Information Budget 2023

Patrick Huber presents the 2022 income statement and the 2022 balance sheet. Thomas Meier, as auditor, presents the auditor's report and attests to correct and clean accounting. The general meeting unanimously approves the 2022 income statement and the 2022 balance sheet. It takes note of the 2023 budget.

Dominik Rutishauser asks that in the future the key figures of the last four years be presented so that comparability is possible.

Jean-Marc Thijs questions the high costs of the national teams. Paul explains that we had to increase our efforts to achieve the goals set by Swiss Olympic. Otherwise we risk being downgraded and having subsidies cut. He also asks why we don't have any sponsorship. Frank Schneider explains that we are currently working with a company in the field of sponsorship and hope that we can achieve something positive with it. Sponsorship in fringe sports is difficult and has become even more difficult recently. He points out that we are looking for someone to take on this role on the board. This also applies to competitive sports, recreational sports and personnel.

##### 6.2. Annual Report of the President

The President's annual report is approved unanimously

##### 6.3. Choose

Erik Mudde and Nick Zepf are unanimously elected to the Board of Swiss Hockey for another 3 years.

Lisette van den Boogaard is unanimously elected as 2nd auditor.

Roberto Colombi as President, Ruedi Müller and Romain Deillon as members and Nadine Blattner Schmutz and Mariam Wetterwald as substitute members are each unanimously elected to the Association Court for a three-year term of office.

#### **6.4. application for arbitration**

The motion is approved with the following adjustment: In championship games, except for the NLA women's and NLA men's, the referees are provided by the home club. The visiting club has the right to provide its own referee. The exercise of this right must be reported by Monday midnight before the game. (Distribution of votes: 2327 yes, 958 no, 329 abstentions).

In tournaments such as HKT, it is decided that the organizing clubs will provide the referees, but that the participating clubs should have the opportunity to provide a referee themselves. This is accepted unanimously.

#### **6.5. New fee schedule**

The new fee structure is adopted. Half of the clubs agree, no one votes against, the rest abstain. A detailed count is not carried out.

#### **6.6. BHC proposal: League size NLA men**

The motion is rejected. 2 yes votes, half no votes and the rest abstain. A detailed count is not carried out.

The General Assembly wants the Sports Commission to discuss the NLA mode with the clubs concerned. Nick Zepf points out that all clubs can delegate someone to the Sports Commission and that the clubs themselves must ensure that their interests are represented there.

#### **6.7. GC motion: Referee**

The motion is adopted. (Distribution of votes: 2059 yes, 992 no, 563 abstentions). The board will decide which games are important.

#### **6.8. Application SHC: Language**

SHC withdraws its motion in favor of the Board's counterproposal, which reads as follows:

- «German as the main language and French as the second language will be retained as defined in the statutes. Swiss Hockey documents will continue to be produced in both languages.
- In everyday written communication, groups of people who do not all understand a language fluently need to be provided with a (machine) translation. DeepL can be used for this. This translation program is very high quality and free. The language to be translated depends on what the receiving party understands better.
- This applies to all groups of people within Swiss Hockey.”

The counterproposal is accepted. (Large majority for yes, no no and 4 abstentions)

## **6.9. Application Date Final 4 Halle**

Paul Schneider explains that the existing rule that the Final 4 indoor tournament must take place in January at the latest severely limits flexibility. This is a particular problem in relation to the constantly changing schedule of the EHF and the FIH. Thomas Meier suggests shortening the indoor hockey championship.

The General Assembly accepts the motion to hold the Final 4 Halle (distribution of votes: 2436 yes, 828 no, 350 abstentions).

## **7. Miscellaneous**

### **7.1. honors and farewells**

Bertrand Peny and Diane Valentin of USTS each receive an award for their efforts in girls hockey.

The youth department of Servette HC receives a club award for its achievements in youth development.

Daphne Post (SHC) and Ralf Korinth (ZHT) also received an award, but were unable to accept it in person. They will receive the award at the President's Meeting in November.

Frank Schneider thanks Roger Thoma for his 10 years of service on the board of Swiss Hockey and also recognizes his great sporting achievements.

### **7.2. Date and place of the next General Meeting**

The next Annual General Meeting will take place on April 27, 2024 in Zurich. GC will take over the organization.

### **7.3. Date of the Presidential Meeting 2023**

The 2023 Presidents' Meeting will take place on November 25, 2023 at the Swiss Olympic Center in Ittigen near Bern.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

Roger Thoma points out the importance of the senior championship and encourages the clubs to take part. The seniors are an important part of the hockey community, because they are all candidates for positions in the clubs and the association. The senior championship is a way to keep them on board.

## **9. adoption**

Frank Schneider thanks everyone present for their efforts in the field of field hockey and closes the 122nd AGM.



Nick Zepf, Secretary General