# Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) 2023

### 19:00 (Microsoft Teams) - 25th July 2023

## Agenda

1. Roll Call & Welcome
2. Resolution: Confirmation of Membership Fees
3. Confirmation of 2023 AGM Date
4. A.O.B

## Minutes

### 1. Roll Call & Welcome

EwH welcomed everyone to meeting and provided an overview on the purpose of the meeting and agenda items. Ewan briefly highlighted the success over the past season and progress and growth across the sport.

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| **Club**  | **Name**  | **Initial** |
| Livingston Handball Club HC | Julie Ferguson | JF |
| EK82 HC | Lorna Kelly | LK |
| Tryst HC | James Yule | JY |
| Glasgow HC | Andrea Gunner | AG |
| Glasgow HC | Pablo Ortin | PO |
| Troon HC | Alison Braddock | AB |
| Strathclyde University HC | Ailey Porter | AP |
| Edinburgh HC | Mads Aune | MA |
| EK82 HC  | Ben Muir | BM |
| CEO | Ewan Hunter | EwH |
| Operations Manager | Julia Stenhouse | JS |
| Development Manager | Allan Stokes | AS |
| Development Officer | Emma High | EmH |
| Development Officer | Eilidh McDonald | EM |

### 2. Resolution: Confirmation of Membership Fees

JS provided an update on the proposal and rational regarding the proposed increase in membership. All clubs were given advance notice of the proposal via email in the weeks before EGM and no questions raised in advance.

### Membership Fee Proposal – Summary

* In 2022/23 the Scottish Handball Association took in £8720 in membership fees. The cost of the associations and members’ insurance has increased by 63.3% since 2016 (from £3546\* to £5765.37). However, despite some changes in the youth subscriptions, the Senior Player membership fee (£30 – Men’s) has not increased in price since at least 2016.
* To replicate the rate of inflation over the seven years, membership prices would have to **increase by 26.6%.**
* **As such we will not be implementing** an increase in-line with inflation but will be suggesting a rise of **10%** to the Associations membership prices, in addition to the creation of new membership categories. In addition, we will keep the subsidy of the Senior Women’s Membership for this season to aid the growth of the women’s game.
* To reduce the admin load on clubs/staff memberships will be completed directly via playwaze which has a transaction fee in addition to the 10% increase.

A question was raised to provide more clarity on the new memberships and whether senior members needed to purchase two memberships for example Senior and Scottish Cup.

JS outlined the new membership categories including Scottish Cup, Recreational and Officials and confirmed that the Scottish Cup membership is for players who wish to play in the Scottish Cup and **are not registered** as a playing member for any other club already participating in Scottish Handball competitions (for that season).

### Vote

EwH and JS explained the voting process completed via a poll on Microsoft teams.

* **7 Clubs Eligible to Vote**
* **Unanimous Agreement 7/7**
* **Resolution accepted**

### 3. Confirmation of 2023 AGM Date

5th September 2023 - 7pm via Microsoft Teams. Notice of meeting has been send to clubs already.

### 4. A.O.B

JS confirmed that the Club Awards will be held on the 28th October at Glasgow University Union.

This year the awards will feature some new categories including Club of the year, Team of the year, Volunteer of the year and Best Publicity.

Nominations will be open for a month and will be shared widely via our social media.

A question was raised from EK82 regarding rearrangements, players being selected to play for GB/Scotland with clubs not being notified and players being borrowed from other cubs. EwH and AS confirmed that the process for all of the above is continually improving and will be changed ahead of the following season for rearrangement and players being borrowed. Work is continually ongoing to work with BHA in terms of notification.

EwH provided a closing statement thanking everyone for their attendance at tonight's meeting and for the continual support and effort across the season. EH also provided a special mention to players and staff from Tryst ’77 HC and the National Academy who recently represented at the Partille Cup.

Close of meeting 19:45

Appendix 1

## Scottish Handball Association Membership Fee Proposal

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### Introduction

This paper concerns increasing the Association’s individual memberships for season 23/24.

### Context

In 2022/23 the Scottish Handball Association took in £8720 in membership fees. The cost of the associations and members’ insurance has increased by 63.3% since 2016 (from £3546\* to £5765.37). However, despite some changes in the youth subscriptions, the Senior Player membership fee (£30 – Men’s) has not increased in price since at least 2016.

To replicate the rate of inflation over the seven years, membership prices would have to **increase by 26.6%.**

### Proposal

However, we appreciate that the COVID Pandemic followed by the Cost-of-Living Crisis has had a huge impact on our membership. **As such we will not be implementing** an increase in-line with inflation but will be suggesting a rise of **10%** to the Associations membership prices, in addition to the creation of new membership categories. In addition, we will keep the subsidy of the Senior Women’s Membership for this season to aid the growth of the women’s game.

Furthermore, we will be piloting an individual pay-per-membership through Playwaze. This means that whilst there will be an additional transaction fee on top of the 10% rise in subscriptions, clubs will no longer be invoiced for player memberships. Players will be required to pay for their own membership through the system, reducing the administrative load on clubs and any potential cash-flow issues.

#### Cost Proposal – Table 1.

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| Membership Category  | Current Cost | Proposed Costs |
|  |  | Net SHA Income  | Transaction Fee | **Total to Pay**  |
| Senior Men’s Membership  | £30 | £33 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£35** |
| Senior Women’s Membership | £20 | £22 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£23.50** |
| Youth Membership  | £20 | £22 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£23.50** |
| Mini Membership  | £10 | £11 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£12** |
| Scottish Cup Membership \*\* |  | £15 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£16** |
| Recreational Membership \*\* |  | £5 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£5.50** |
| Officials Membership \*\* |  | £5 | (3%) + (1.4% +20p) | **£5.50** |

### New Membership Categories

We are proposing the introduction of several new membership categories:

Scottish Cup Membership

This membership has been proposed to provide the opportunity for teams to play in the Scottish Cup without the full commitment of registering a league team.

This membership is for players who wish to play in the Scottish Cup and **are not registered** as a playing member for any other club already participating in Scottish Handball competitions (for that season).

Recreational Membership

This is for any player taking part in recreational club activity (training / friendly matches & tournaments) which would fall under the insurance of the Scottish Handball Association.

Officials Membership

This is for any club or SHA official (Coach/Referee)taking part in club and/or SHA activity which would fall under the insurance of the Scottish Handball Association.

\* Figures taken from AGM 2016 presentation

\*\* New membership categories

\*\*\* Any person(s) requiring to upgrade their membership will be able to do so by just paying the difference in membership categories. Membership refund for downgrading will not be possible.