## SINGAPORE POLO CLUB 77TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 07 MARCH 2024

Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Members of the Club duly convened and held at the Singapore Polo Club Clubhouse, on Thursday, 07 March 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: As per Attendance Sheet

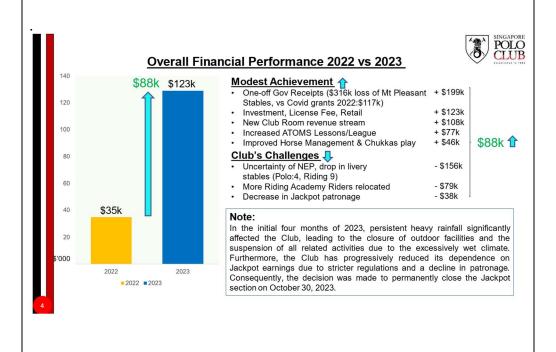
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No.	BUSINESS	SPOKEN BY
	The 77th Annual General Meeting did not start at 7pm as planned due to the lack of quorum. The meeting was then adjourned for half an hour in accordance with Rule 36 (d).	Mr Sylvan Braberry, GM
	As of 7pm and 7.15pm on Thursday, 07 March 2024, there was no quorum achieved. However as per Rule 36(d), the meeting was further adjourned and proceeded with a qualified quorum with 11 CPPM and 03 Charter Members present.	
	GM then proceeded to read the Standing Order and reminded members to observe the regulations of the AGM at all times. GM then handed over the meeting to the Chair.	
	President, officiating as Chairman of the meeting, thanked GM and members attending the 77th Annual General Meeting.	Mr Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence
	President also thanked Members, Committee and the Management for the continued support and trust extended to him and his team during the last one (1) year in office.	
	Overall Performance	
	President then proceeded to present a brief overview of the Club's overall performance, achievements and challenges over the past one (1) year.	
	The Club achieved a modest financial surplus in the form of a one-off payment received from the relevant authorities, consistent steady yields from our investment portfolio, licence fee, retail, etc.	
	The positive revenue stream derived from the New Club room, coupled with the increased in ATOMS lessons/League & Horse management, and Chukkas also helped in achieving the financial result.	

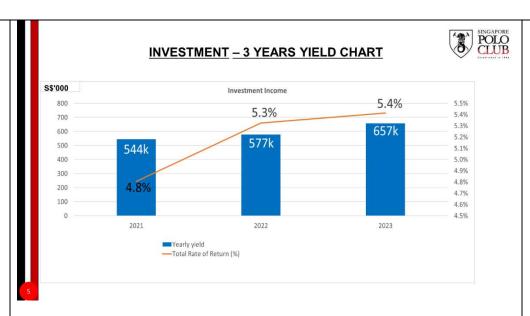
However, the Club had experienced a drop in livery stables as riders/livery owners relocated and also the decrease in Jackpot patronage.

The persistent heavy rainfall also significantly affected the Club, resulting in the closure of outdoor facilities and all related activities suspended.

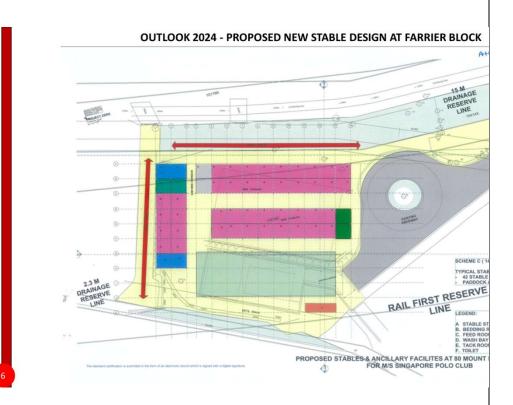
The stricter regulations by the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Singapore (GRA) inadvertently resulted in the decline in Jackpot patronage and subsequently, the decision was made to permanently close Jackpot operations on 30 October 2023.

Although the Club is still in a sound fiscal financial position, it requires us to now focus on alternative growth in the form of other business initiatives and sustainability. We will continue to plan ahead, seize business opportunities that may come our way, so as to further strengthen the Club's fiscal financial position.





## Outlook 2024 - Proposed New Stable Design



Honorary Secretary next presented the proposed new stable design at Farrier Block. The team had carefully studied the proposal and deemed that the design was the most suitable for the Club and its requirements.

## Update on New 10-Year Lease at NEP

The formalization of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently underway, with the Licence Agreement being processed by the respective lawyers of EFS and SPC.

As the new licence agreement is still pending from Sport SG, the Club expects the new livery contract for term stables to be ready by April

2024.

During this interim, all term stables' leases which have expired before 21 February 2024 will be auto-renewed for 4 months from 1 January 2024 or until the new term livery contract has been finalized. More updates would be shared then.

Mr Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505)

## Update on the Club's Vision/Mission - Strategies

#### **UPDATE ON VISION/MISSION - STRATEGIES**



#### 1. EXPANDING OUR POLO & RIDING FOOTPRINT

- Riding and Atoms Academies have a total base of more than 1,100 players/riders. This number is expected to grow.
- Both academies have schools and public programs to making these sports inclusive and available to the community.
- Atoms has hosted 2 regional friendly tournaments in 2023 i.e. with New Zealand and India. Such regional friendlies positively raises the Club's profile while giving our players more exposure.
- The formation of SPC Polo Teams to represent the Club at regional friendly games and polo tournaments will happen.

#### **VISION/MISSION - STRATEGIES**



#### c) Create City Polo Event

The Club has lodged a trademark for the brand "City Polo" to host this annual event open to the public. Polo is played in a 150m x 75m arena on the polo field with future tournaments having regional polo teams participating.

City Polo is a positive step to raise the Club's profile regionally and increase its tourism value.

d) Formation of a Singapore National Polo Team to win the SEA games medals in 2025 and 2029. Hon Treasurer Mrs Stephanie Masefield and Committee member Mr Wee Tiong Han at the invitation of the Thai Polo Association, attended a meeting from 6th to 8th November 2023 with delegates from Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Brunei also present; to gather the interest of SEA Polo Associations to participate in the coming series of SEA Games with Thailand hosting in 2025, Malaysia in 2027 and Singapore in 2029.

The Club is in the process of forming the Singapore National Polo Team and naming a Head Coach in preparation for SEA Games 2025 in Thailand.

#### **VISION/MISSION STRATEGIES**



#### 2. EXPAND SPC's OUTREACH THROUGH EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES

SPC has built better relations with Equal, RDA with various social enterprises e.g. Red Cross Society, Touch Community Services, Dayspring Home, etc. This list will continue to grow.

The first ever Annual Outreach Polo Tournament & Carnival 2023 held on 22 October 2023 attracted about 1,500 people. Our Guest of Honour was Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Second Minister for Law.

**The Minister posted on social media calling SPC a Club with a heart.** The event raised \$78,000 for the Club's Outreach Fund of which a sum of \$8,888 was given to each of our beneficiaries i.e.; Touch Community Services, RDA, Equal and HCSA totaling \$35,522.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Outreach event is scheduled to be held sometime in October 2024.

#### **VISION/MISSION STRATEGIES**



## 3a. <u>WORK WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SECURE NEP & SPC FOR THE FUTURE</u>

- The Club had presented the concept of a Public Polo & Riding Centre to HDB, URA & MND. While they liked the idea, they did indicate that it was too early as the expected completion of the housing estate was scheduled for 2028.
- Management is re-working on a new plan that is practical and which will integrate the Mt Pleasant estate and its surroundings while preserving the biodiversity of the environment. This will include viewing galleries and riding trails through Bukit Brown. It is proposed that the Center operates on a not-for-profit basis.

3b. To manage more horses to support the expansion of various equine programs for the community.

(Work-in-Progress)











President presented the key achievements and progress which broadly outlined the range of Club's strategic initiatives presented above.

Moving forward, as the Committee moves towards the model of a Board of Directors with Mr Sylvan Braberry, General Manager (GM) managing, the Committee would take a hands-off approach while leaving Management to manage the Club.

Elaborating further, President said that the Committee would determine the strategic goals, whilst leaving GM to drive the operations and capability developments with his team. He has full faith in Mr Braberry's leadership as he has been instrumental in the successful deliverance of several key initiatives of the Club.

A good case in point is the inaugural annual Outreach Polo Tournament & Carnival on 22 October 2023, which was a resounding success.

The Guest of Honour (GOH) Mr Edwin Tong, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law also posted very positive comments regarding the Club after the event, to which the meeting then gave a rousing applause to GM.

President continued that some works are still in good progress and would be carried out in due course, such as the formation of a Singapore National Polo Team to compete in the international arena and the continuous engagement with the relevant authorities for the extension of the Club's land lease.

Together, the Committee and Management would be aligned in ensuring the feasibility and a successful outcome of the Club's Vision / Mission and strategic goals outlined earlier.

# 1) Confirmation Minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023

The first order of business was to confirm the minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023 which were posted on the notice board in accordance with the Constitution Rule 36(f).

GM requested for a proposer and a seconder for the motion to confirm the minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 23 March 2023.

Mr Wee Tiong Han (W2032) proposed and was seconded by Mr John Wong (W2033) to confirm the minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

The minutes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were approved and adopted by a majority show of hands.

### 2) To receive the reports of the Committee

The following order of business was to receive the various Committee' Reports in the Annual Report 2023.

Members were able to view the reports which were posted by electronic mail on 22 February 2023 and in hard copies which were available and therefore, considered the said reports as received. It

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	was adopted by a maj	ority show of hands.	
3)	To receive and approve the audited financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.  GM informed that the next business on the agenda was to receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.		Mr Sylvan Braberry, GM
	Mr Brian Miller (M1220 (C3019) to approve the year ending 31 December 1		
	The audited financial December 2023 were		
4)	To appoint auditors for the year 2024.  The next order of business was to appoint auditors for FY 2024.  GM then called for a proposer and a seconder to approve this appointment.		Mr Sylvan Braberry, GM
	Mr John Wong (W20) Tan Saik Hock (T1490	33) proposed and was seconded by Mr Ernest )) for this appointment. The majority of members ppoint KBH Integra PAC as the auditors for FY nds.	
5 (a)	In accordance with Committee to hold of General Meeting The next order of busito Rule 37a (iii) of the closing of nomination nominations for Committee to the committee of the closing of	Braberry, GM	
	President	Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Proposed by Rickard Hogberg (H0080) Seconded by Stephanie Masefield (M2347)	
	Vice President	Hogberg Fred Rickard Robin William (H0080) Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Seconded by Chua Sheng Jie Daniel (C0183)	
	Polo Captain	Garcha Satinder Singh (G0021) Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Seconded by Chua Sheng Jie Daniel (C0183)	
	Honorary Secretary	Stephanie Masefield (M2347) Proposed by Rickard Hogberg (H0080) Seconded by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505)	
	Honorary Treasurer	Chua Sheng Jie Daniel (C0183) Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Seconded by Rickard Hogberg (H0080)	
	Committee Member	Yeo Peggy (Y0019) Proposed by Stephanie Masefield (M2347) Seconded by Rickard Hogberg (H0080)	
	Committee Member	Federico Vescovi (V0108) Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Seconded by Stephanie Masefield (M2347)	

	Committee Member	Leon Chu (C3019)	
		Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) Seconded by Wee Tiong Han (W2032)	
	Committee Member	Lee Joo Bae (L0095)	
		Proposed by Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505)	
		Seconded by Wee Tiong Han (W2032)	
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5 (b)		Rule 33(a) of the Constitution, to elect a hold office till the conclusion of the next	1
	Annual General Mee		Diaberry, Givi
		business was to elect the Trustee Group in	
	accordance to Rule 3		
	as at closing of nomin		
	nominations for the Ti	rustee Group were received.	
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	As there were no c		
	•	ees were returned unopposed and therefore	
	deemed elected.		
	The named parties	are now elected as the Trustee Group for	
	2024/2025.		
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6 (a)		Rule 40a of the Constitution, to consider and	•
		lution relating to alterations or additions to he Club for which due notice of not less than	Braberry, GM
	given to members;	e of such alterations and additions have been	
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		s of closing at 7pm, 21 February 2024, no	
	resolution as per Rule	e 40(a) was received.	

In accordance with Rule 37a (v) of the Constitution to consider and vote upon any resolution (excepting an alteration and/or addition to the Constitution, in which case Rule 40 is applicable) for which notice has been given in writing to the Secretary not less than seven clear days before the date of such meeting, provided that such resolution is not inconsistent with this Constitution.  GM informed that as of closing at 7pm, 28 February 2024, no resolution as per Rule 37(a) (v) was received.	
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In accordance with Rule 11, to consider and vote upon any nominations for Charter Polo Playing Members.	Mr Sylvan Braberry, GM
GM informed that as of closing at 7pm, 21 February 2024, one (1) nomination for Charter Polo Playing Members was received.	
In accordance with the Constitution, only Charter Polo Playing Members (CPPMs) present or who were not absent members with a proxy could cast a vote. With all ballots cast, President then announced the ballot boxes closed	
GM announced a break for refreshments while the votes were counted.	
After the break, President announced that Mr Lee Joo Bae (L0095) has been nominated a Charter Polo Playing Member (CPPM) by majority vote.	
President then called the 77 <sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting to a close and extend his warmest welcome to the incoming Committee after expressing his appreciation to GM, the Management and all members for their continued support and trust.	Mr Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505)
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Approved by Chairperson

Mr Khong Kin Hoong, Lawrence (K2505) 06 April 2024