

Draft Minutes of the General Membership Meeting SPR on 23 November 2022

Attendees: I. Koornstra (chair), H. Blom (treasurer), A. Bouwmeester (secretary), T. Marra (board member), M. Vrijens (audit committee member), H. Nieboer (account manager SPR/SC), J. Bezema, S. Xu, J. Heidelberg, G. Huitema, G. Zieriksmā, W. Koster
Secretary: A. van Klinken

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1. Opening & approval of the agenda

Irma Koornstra opened the meeting. The agenda was approved.

2. Draft minutes of the GMM on 18 May 2022

With regard to

- page 1, point 3; Mia Vrijens stated that she hasn't seen the ice-skating event mentioned, was it cancelled? Teye Marra confirmed that this was indeed the case. Next year, another attempt will be made. By the way, this event hasn't been linked to the course in Balans, which will take place annually.
- page 2, point 3; Mia Vrijens asked about the state of affairs concerning the new construction plans for the University Sports Centre. Hans Nieboer said that the plans are being worked on, and the idea is to start with the new construction in 2026. Currently, the new buildings' sites are being examined. These are sites that belong to the current Sports Centre or that are already in use.
- page 2, point 4; Anne Bouwmeester mentioned that the name 'Van Wolfsbergen' is not correct, it should be 'Wolferen'.
- page 3, b; Mia Vrijens said that the financial hygiene mentioned was not visible at the time, now it is. She explicitly stated that this remark related to 2021.
- page 4, point 7; Mia Vrijens asked about the state of affairs of De Brug fitness centre. Anne Bouwmeester answered that this discussion is being held and a new meeting concerning the safety and inspection of the equipment will follow soon. Facilities will perform the management of the equipment. For clarity, an agreement/contract will be made starting on 1 January 2023. The members of De Brug (staff association) and members of SPR may use these fitness facilities.

The minutes were approved with these remarks.

3. Announcements (Board, sections, University Sports Centre)

- Tennis:
Hans Burgerhof: The number of members has remained constant, around 80 members.
- Ice skating (KRAS):
Teye Marra: The number of members has slightly decreased to just below 50. The annual BALANS course is doing well, and the training sessions are well-attended. Unfortunately, the envisaged event could not take place.
- Angling (HCU):

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Jur Bezema: The number of members is slowly decreasing; now, there are 23 members. No new members, and there is little interest in competitive angling. Might a course through Balans help? It was agreed to examine this point and use any potential reports to underpin what HCU stands for. Hans Nieboer will make an appointment soon.

- Pensioners:
Jan Heidelberg said that the group of pensioners remains relatively constant, between 80-85 members.
- University Sports Centre:
Hans Nieboer said that the discussions between the University Sports Centre and Balans will be held together with Hanze. Irma Koornstra remarked that there are two routes: Balans (UG only) and HanzeFit (Hanze only). It was mentioned to open up several activities; for instance, the refresher courses swimming and spinning are pilot courses. It will be evaluated whether the activities match the organization, better coordination, and promotion. The group of sports players that are not a member of a club is increasing, and this point is addressed in point 7 of the meeting (future vision SPR).
- Board:
No announcements.

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4. Annual Report 2021/2022

Remarks:

Mia Vrijens asked about the membership fees. If the number of members exceeds 1300, the payment for the service provision agreement (DVO) Sports Centre–SPR will increase. How about it? Irma Koornstra said that this arrangement is part of the service provision agreement. It is not known what the number 1300 is based on. There are discussions between the University Sports Centre and SPR concerning a more detailed interpretation of the activities that the Sports Centre performs for the service provision agreement. Last week, a draft was received, which will be discussed and it may lead to adjustments.

The Annual Report 2021/2022 was approved.

5. Financial Matters

a. Budget for 2022

- The file contained two tabs, the budget and the financial report. The annual report has not yet been completed and will be discussed in the next GMM.
- Herman Blom gave a brief explanation: The financial hygiene is being improved continuously, and references will be made to the ledger accounts, showing an improvement in set-up and processing (debiting the correct amounts to the correct accounts).
- For 2023, we will assume to have 1,350 members, and there is a sizeable budget surplus. Financially speaking, all is well. Irma Koornstra stated that there are more members now, namely 1,470. However, we will adhere to a conservative budget. Everything has become more expensive, prices are rising, and other clubs suffer from losing members. It is not the intention that the financial surplus will increase. A possible reduction of contribution fees was suggested. The

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board stated that they do not want this for the time being. First, it would like to see how things progress (the contribution fees have remained unchanged for many years). However, the board will think about what to do with the financial surplus. The board will discuss it in the next GMM.

- Mia Vrijens pointed to the 75th anniversary of SPR in 2025. Could a financial reservation be made? The treasurer will include it as an item in the 2023 budget.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact. The number of members, for instance, fell from 1,500 (February 2020) to 1100, but has risen again to the current number of more than 1,400. Concerning the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decrease in the financial surplus was unclear. For that matter, SPR received compensation through the University.
- Mia Vrijens suggested budgeting a part for investments or unexpected expenses. Irma Koornstra replied that the board will not make any investments for now. The sections can submit proposals for purchasing materials.
- Hans Nieboer pointed to the possibility of non-member sports players using the future Sports Centre. How can that be arranged? Irma Koornstra pointed to the existing option of participation through Balans. It will be considered if SPR participants to Balans (who pay for it) can be compensated.

The 2022 budget was approved with the addition of the item '75th anniversary'. A possible expenditure of the reserves will be considered. The amount in the notes to the budget will be adjusted.

b. Election Audit Committee

[Sietse Jan Boer](#) was a candidate. There were no objections, and he was appointed. Another vacancy is still open, and candidates can put themselves forward via spr@rug.nl. For the financial report 2022 and the audit by the Audit Committee, Mia Vrijens and [Sietse Jan Boer](#) formed the Audit Committee. Mia Vrijens will step down in 2023. Suggestions for new candidates are welcome.

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6. Election members of the board (vacancy)

Irma Koornstra reported that no candidates stepped forward. According to the Articles of Association, five members are required. Now there are four. All those present were urgently requested to consider joining the board or suggesting probable candidates. Anne Bouwmeester stated that it is possible to attend a few meetings before deciding. Jur Bezema suggested offering the board members a tax-free allowance, for instance, €1,500. The board will include the suggestion in its considerations.

7. SPR future vision - proposal for the procedure

Irma Koornstra stated that the board should have one or more brainstorming sessions with a small group of non-board members to discuss what can be changed and which direction SPR should take. Given the large number of non-member sports players, the question is how to increase engagement. Hans Burgerhof replied there are many international members and that this meeting is conducted in Dutch. Irma Koornstra responded that the documents will be translated and that participating in this meeting is also possible in English. Herman Blom indicated that Dutch club life differs from what international participants are used to. Hans Burgerhof will

ask the members of the tennis club. Jur Bezema suggested actively approaching former contact persons. This suggestion will be considered.

Mia Vrijens said that she regularly attends Balans activities as it allows staff members to get to know colleagues. Getting to know each other regarding the SPR Future Vision was suggested. A request was made for interim suggestions and brainstorming. Gerard Sierksma signed up for the brainstorming group.

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8. Questions before closure

- Hans Burgerhof: An initiative for a charity competition has been revitalized. Seven clubs in and around Groningen all provide their courts for one day, and the registration fees will be donated to a charity. The question was if SPR would like to participate in the activities. The board requested to apply for a subsidy.
- Jur Bezema: Can the municipality do something for us in case of capacity problems? Hans Nieboer replied that in in case of capacity problems, we already move to other sites instead (city centre).

9. Closure

Irma Koornstra closed the meeting at 7 p.m. and thanked everyone for their contribution.

The next SPR GMM will be held in the spring of 2023.