Annual Report SPR 2022 - 2023

The past sporting year saw an unprecedented number of members; the SPR now has more than 1,700 members. Before the Covid pandemic, the record of 1,500 members had been reached and celebrated, whilst during the Covid pandemic membership fell to below 1,200. The increase consists mainly of non-affiliated members. The sections remain fairly constant in terms of membership numbers. The HCU has seen a slight decline in membership. We are exploring whether members can be recruited for the HCU through a BALANS course.

This year, too, consideration has been given to whether the SPR's range of sports activities can be expanded. During the General Members Meeting in the spring of 2023, suggestions were made to organise golf and sailing courses. The feasibility of this is being investigated.

Over the past year, efforts have also been focused on:

- Organising courses for BALANS and HanzeFit. Any new sports are given a place in the SPR's programme. A good example of this is the refresher swimming course, which, owing to its great success, has been reintroduced into the SPR's sports programme.
- Organising the ice-skating course run by KRAS, which will be offered this winter season (2023–2024) by both the University of Groningen (BALANS) and HanzeFit.

Over the past year, the board has taken a further step towards improving the 'papertrail' of our finances. After all, in recent years it has become apparent from the assessments of successive audit committees that many agreements with sections or decisions by the board have not been properly documented or are difficult to trace. One of the next steps is to update the addendum to the annual SLA agreements for the tennis section. The addendum is virtually finalised; it sets out agreements on funding, so that this is clear to everyone. Furthermore, agreements have been made with the FSSC RUG (Financial Shared Service Centre) regarding the administration and processing of invoices.

A meeting was held in the spring on the topic of 'A Vision for the Future of the SPR'. A number of members discussed with the executive committee whether and how the SPR can continue in the future. Given that most SPR members are independent members and that members of the sections view their section more as an association within which they carry out their duties, the question is to what extent the current form of association remains viable with a limited number of board members. Or, is it desirable and feasible to transfer the members to the Sports Centre and then transform the SPR into a foundation with a foundation board, similar to the organisational structure of the ACLO? The board is exploring possible next steps.

Furthermore, the board is examining the possibilities of introducing a membership card similar to the ACLO card. This would result in a more uniform working method for the staff at the sports centre

The board currently consists of 4 members and we hope that there are still people who want to sign up as volunteers for this wonderful task. Board composition November 2023:
Irma Koornstra – Chair
Herman Blom – Treasurer
Anne Bouwmeester – Secreatary
Teye Marra – Board member