



HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT (DRAFT)

1. COUNCIL MEETINGS

7 meetings since the last B.D.M. were held with the latest meeting held via virtually via live streaming – zoom on 6th December 2020 to review the preparations for the B.D.M.

The attendance for the meetings were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1. Chong Boon Ee “Super Tanker”	Chairman	Butterworth Hazards	7
2. Rajinder Agnihotri “Speedy”	Hon.Secretary	RSC H3	7
3. Darshan Singh “Bhai on the Loose”	Adviser	SP Fullmoon	7
4. Ganesan. K “Walking Tall”	KL Rep	KL Dalmatians	7
5. Jeeva K “Tan Sri”	Kedah/Perlis Rep	Kulim Techno H3	5
6. Sanmugam “Ninja”	Negri Rep	Kuala Lumpur H3	5
7. Grace Tan Gait Keat	Perak Rep	Tin City Harriets Assoc	6
8. Han Dee Heng “Han Two”	Treasurer	Teluk Intan H4	5
9. Oscar Chai Tek Siong	Sabah Rep	Moyog Fullmoon	4
10. Yeap Fong Yiee @ Calculator	Penang Rep	Seberang Perai 4H	5
11. Datuk Visva “Bomba”	Malacca Rep	MIA	4
12. Johan Van Geysel “Ex Pat”	Selangor Rep	Fukarwee San Frontiers	5
13. Kevin Lee “P.Ayam”	Johore Rep	JB Hazards	5
14. Ng Ing Ann @ Wildboar	Sarawak Rep	Bintulu Ballbreaker	3
15. Datuk Magendran “Indomie”	Dep. Chairman	Tanjung Petri H3	2
16. Yong Kong Hooi	Pahang Rep	Raub H4	2

2. MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at 227. We welcome the following new affiliates:

- (a) Kelab Rekreasi WFR 4H Daerah Kulim
- (b) Indian Association Penang Hash House Harriers & Harriets
- (c) Persatuan H4, Cameron Highlands
- (d) Kelab Harapan Baru H4 Nibong Tebal
- (e) Royal Commonwealth Society H4
- (f) SP Titanic Hash House Harriers
- (g) Persatuan Eco Park Harriers & Harriettes
- (h) Miri Oil Town Hash House Harriers

3. COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

3.1 Web-Site – “Keeping the Hash Spirit Alive”

The Council spent RM3,000.00 to upgrade our web-site as the old site was obsolete and the plug-in's outdated. The present web-site runs on Wordpress and is interactive. The tag line for the web-site is “Keeping the Hash Spirit Alive”. The web-site link i.e. www.malaysianhashcouncil.com has been updated and refreshed with a new look and features:

(a) MHC

- (i) History of MHC
- (ii) Malaysian Nash Hash
- (iii) Tribute to past MHC Chairmen

(b) What is Hashing?

- (i) Origins of HHH
- (ii) HHH Genealogy
- (iii) Joys of setting a good run

(c) Chapter Information

- (i) Summary of “run days” of respective chapters at State level

(d) Health Tips

(e) Humour

(f) Gallery

3.2 Whatsapp

Communication with chapters has been established via whatsapp by our state representatives with their respective states with the exception of Sabah and partial update by Pahang. This communication channel will instill closer rapport and fellowship as well as to disseminate information, latest updates, chapter's celebration runs, discussion of hash issues, etc.

4. Covid-19

4.1 MHC Advisory dd 16th March 2020

In view of the impending restrictions then, the Council took immediate actions to address issues arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council issued an Advisory to all affiliates in respect of the Registrar of Societies directive that all societies postpone/cancel their activities including Annual General Meetings until the 30th June, 2020. We also advised members that the Nash Hash 2020 scheduled for 1st – 3rd May 2020 has been postponed indefinitely.

Further to the above, timely advisories were sent to affiliates as and when there were new updates from the government on the status of the EMCO, CMCO and RMCO. The latest announcement by the government on 5th December 2020 has relaxed restrictions and allowed inter-state travel. However, a number of areas are still under EmCo & CMCO while the remaining areas are still under RMCO until 31st December 2020 as messaged to states on 6th December 2020.

4.2 MHC Dialogue with Affiliates on 18th July 2020

The MHC convened a dialogue with affiliates to discuss the impact of the Covid-19 restrictions. The session emphasised that “**Hash will never be the Same**” and that hashers would have to adhere to the “**new norm**” and comply with the various requirements by the authorities. The main topics discussed were:

- (a) Update on the 13th Nash Hash 2020
- (b) Changing trends in Hash
- (c) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on AGM's
- (d) SOP on Hash Runs

The dialogue was a success attended by 103 delegates from 61 hash chapters representing Kedah, Penang, Perak, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Johore & Pahang.

Based on the feedback received from the delegates, the Council issued 2 (two) Advisories to affiliates on 21st July 2020:

- (a) Recommended SOP on AGM's;
- (b) Recommended SOP on Hash Runs.

4.3 Meeting with Pesuruhjaya Sukan Negara (PSN) & Constitutional Amendments

During the dialogue session with affiliates on 18th July 2020, members raised the issue on why Hash was classified as a recreational activity instead of being classified as a "Sport". It was also emphasised that the MHC needs to be relevant in order for it to be effective.

With this mandate, Hon.Secretary, Speedy met up with PSN. It was a productive meeting where PSN gave their recommendations on how this could be achieved. The 1st step was to amend our Constitution to be in line with the National Sports Bodies in Malaysia followed with by-laws for Hash activities. They also informed that we need to amend our name.

The Council in its meeting on 12th September 2020, approved the proposed name change from Malaysian Hash Council to Malaysian Hash Federation. Relevant sections of Constitution were amended as requested by the PSN accordingly and were disseminated to affiliates for their feedback.

After receiving some feedback, the Council decided to defer the tabling of the amended constitution to a future date.

4.4 ROS e.mail dated 13th August 2020 on holding of AGM's by 31st December 2020

A directive was issued to all affiliates on 18th August 2020 on ROS's requirement to hold their AGM's latest by 31st December 2020. Affiliates were also advised to adopt the MHC's recommended SOP on AGM's which is based on MKN's SOP.

5. FINANCIAL POSITION

Due to Covid-19 pandemic and the various restrictions placed by the authorities, the financials of the Council were further strained by an increase in expenditure. This was due to the cost of organising the dialogue session with affiliates on 18th July 2020 and the B.G.M. An estimated expenditure of RM10k would be incurred.

The only income for the Council comes from (i) Nash Hash where RM5.00 is collected for each registration and (ii) registration fee of RM300.00 for new affiliates.

The Council has to utilise these limited funds prudently for 2 years. Members must be made aware that council members bear their own expenses such as travel and accomodation to attend meetings. The Council members are also looked upon for sponsorship of beers or advertisements for affiliates' functions and celebration runs. With this in mind, Hash chapters should consider giving a concession to council members attending their celebration runs.

In view of the above, the incoming committee needs to seriously look into various measures to raise funds for the Council for it to be financially viable to move forward and remain relevant.

6. STATE REPORTS

6.1 Kuala Lumpur/Selangor

- A dialogue session was held with KL/Selangor chapters on 29th April 2018 in Kuala Lumpur to enhance closer rapport and camaraderie. The session was a success with the attendance of 49 GM's/Hon.Sec's from 29 chapters. The delegates adopted several "green" initiatives to keep the running site and environment clean and appointed RSC to be the host for the inaugural KL/Selangor Joint Run.

- A Quadrangular Run was hosted by KL Dalmatians on 4th August 2018.
- The inaugural KL/Selangor Joint Run, hosted by the Royal Selangor Cub H3 at Bukit Kiara on 24th May 2019 was a success which had 548 hashers representing 35 chapters.
- Royal Klang Club Hash hosted their Quadrangular Hash Run on 22nd July 2019.
- The Bill Panton Memorial Run was held at the Heritage site on 31st July 2020. Bill Panton was the genealogist on the history & lineage of the HHH. The event was to acknowledge his invaluable contribution to the HHH as well as raise funds for the Hash Heritage Foundation. A minimal contribution of RM100 was collected per hasher. The event was a success attended by hashers from all over Malaysia, United Kingdom, Australia, USA, etc.
- Shah Alam H3 celebrated their 30th Anniversary Run at Setia Alam on 8th September 2019.

6.2 Kedah/Perlis

Kedah/Perlis were one of the most active states in organising numerous celebration runs. The notable ones were:

- SP Hazards held the inter-hazard run at Danok on 18th August 2018.
- Sungei Petani H3, the oldest chapter in Kedah held their special 2222 celebration run on 20th February 2020.
- Per. HHH Kulim celebrated their 23rd Anniversary on 23rd February 2019 while Baling H3 45th Anniversary Celebration Run was held on 29th February 2020.
- Techno City 3H and Bagan Serai 3H Charity run in Pulau Aman highlight was the sponsorship of food and wheelchairs for the handicapped. The function was graced by Yang Berhormat, Chief Minister of Penang, Mr. Chow Kon Yew.
- The most successful run was the SP Full Moon Harriers 17th Anniversary/3rd Kedah/Perlis Joint Run on 23rd November, 2019 which attracted around 500 hashers. The event was a success and created a first by charging a registration fee of only RM80.00 and giving 2 t.shirts commemorating the joint celebration.

6.3 Penang

The following chapters held their celebration runs as follows:

- Seberang Perai 17th Anniversary run on 17TH November 2018.
- Butterworth Hazards 25th Anniversary run on 8th December 2018.
- Indian Association Penang H4 organised the Inter-Club Run on 22nd June 2019 attended by 13 hash clubs.
- Penang International Hounds 1000th run on 30th November 2019.
- 6th Penang Joint Run held on 7th December 2019 attended by 450 hashers.
- The Joint Grand Ball was held on 1^{2th} January 2019 & 11th January 2020 respectively, attended by 14 chapters.
- Gotong royong at Taman Rimba Cheruk Tokun on 12th October 2019 attended by 150 hashers from 22 chapters.

6.3 Perak

- The 6th Joint Perak Run/30th Anniversary was hosted by Kamunting H4 held on 18th August 2018.
- Lower Perak H4 celebrated their 6th Anniversary on 18th May 2019.
- The 7th Perak Joint Run/35th Anniversary was hosted by Slim River H4 on 30th June 2019.
- Bagan Serai held their 35th Anniversary Celebration Run on 20th July 2019.

6.4 Pahang/Kelantan/Trengganu

- The 12th Pahang Joint Run was held by Jerantut H4 on 18th August 2018.
- Ulu Kelantan H3 40th Anniversary Balik Kampung Run was held on 31st August 2019.
- Temerloh H4 celebrated their 25th Anniversary run on 6th September, 2019.
- The 13th Pahang Joint Run was hosted by Kuantan H4 on 19th October 2019.

6.5 Johore

- The 29th Johore Hash Chapters Joint Run host was Kangkar Pulai H4 on 4th August 2018 at Forest City while the 30th Joint Run host was Skudai H3 on 31st August 2019.
- All the chapters in Muar held the Muar Joint Run on 22nd February 2020.

- Both Johore Bahru City Hash and Penggaram Wankers H3 celebrated their 25th Anniversary on 21st September 2019 and 13th December 2019 respectively.

6.6 Sabah

The 17th Borneo Nash Hash was organised by a few hash chapters in Kota Kinabalu was held from 13 – 15th September 2019 attracting around 800 participants.

6.7 Malacca

Malacca Fullmoon H4 held their 200th Run Celebration on 19th January 2019.

The turnout for all the above events were encouraging and MHC council members were present to give their support. A 'big hand' to the respective state representatives for a job well done. Such hash events and joint runs organised with a 'back to basics' concept brings about greater unity and fellowship amongst the Council and Hash Chapters/Members, is highly encouraged.

7. MALAYSIAN NASH HASH

7.1 12th Nash Hash, 2018, 4th – 6th May, 2018, Raub H3, Raub

The council has received the balance of the participation fee of an additional RM1,290.00 from the event.

7.2 13th Nash Hash, 2020, 1ST – 3RD May 2020, Tanjung Petri H3, Johore Bahru

The host informed that Nash Hash has attracted 1,700 participants. Due to Covid-19 and ongoing RMCO extending to 31st December 2020, the signature event is now postponed indefinitely to the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2021. The host has assured the Council and all hashers that they will honor their promise to hold a successful event when the situation improves.

8. LITTERING & UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO RUN-SITES

The Chairman & Hon.Sec met with FRIM officials on 25th March 2019 regarding the detention of hashers in FRIM. The FRIM officials highlighted a long list of intrusions and paper littering by the Hash. FRIM is a Unesco Heritage site and is out of bounds to the hashers. An Advisory to this effect was sent to all affiliates.

In addition, the Council had on numerous occasions reminded affiliates to avoid negative publicity and ensure that our trails and run-sites are clean and litter-free.

Approval is required to run in forest reserves and avoid running and drinking in public parks. To upkeep our social responsibility, hashers are required to ensure that we abide to the laws of the country and pay particular attention to the drink and drive law. Car pooling and taking public transport eg. Grab, etc. is encouraged to ensure the safety of all hashers.

9. CELEBRATION REGISTRATION FEES

Due to the price increases of food & beverages, the Council recommends that the cost of a 1 day event should not be >RM90.00 per pax.

It is further recommended that we have 2 categories (a) with freebies (b) without freebies. Hashers over the time have collected a lot of freebies and this option allows them to away with freebies at a reduced cost. The organisers are also given the opportunity to minimise cost.

For runs which incorporate a celebration and joint MHC run, 2 freebies should be given for each event and the MHC logo be printed on all promotional items and banners.

10. CONCLUSION

Hashing is facing numerous challenges and is going through a difficult period due to limited running sites, enviornment conscious public and the drink and drive law excaberated further by the Covid-19 pandemic in Yr 2020.

The incoming council needs to adapt and embrace change accordingly to be relevant. It is pertinent that they take positive steps to reinforce hashers commitment to uphold the Council's role as the governing body of Hash in Malaysia and recognised nationally and internationally.

Stay Safe & Healthy.

Happy Hashing ON! ON!

- signed -

Rajinder 'Speedy Raj' Agnihotri