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Open Letter To Dr. K.D Asante – Ghana Hockey Association President (2022-2026) V

Dear Dr. K.D Asante,

It is another Tuesday and I agree with the Psalmist that “This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.” I trust this fifth letter finds you well and in a highly spirited condition, vital enough to continue performing your roles as GHA President.

Sir, last week, in my fourth episode, I brought up the discussion about the GHA Constitution and mentioned that, I will be delving into details this week if God permitted us, of which he has.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything, there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven

Psalm 39:4

“Lord, make me to know mine end, what it is, that I may know how frail I am”


Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our heart unto wisdom

Pardon me if I sound too “churchy” today, but the above scriptures provides us three (3) dimensions of the importance of the GHA Constitution. These includes;

1. The Constitution helps us to do things at their seasons, thereby acting **timely**.
2. The Constitution offers knowledge which leads to **self- actualization**.
3. The Constitution provides direction which when followed will make us **prudent**.

The scarce or unavailability of the GHA Constitution doesn't only make the people you are leading ignorance, it also wears you out and it is just a matter of time, your several decades of hard work will be swept away by a flood of unappreciative misunderstanding. People will brush off your achievements not because they hate you but because they just don't know and understand what it is required of you. They see and will continue to see your achievements as your personal goal for self-gratification. I humbly beseech you to gather a team that will race against the time under a search and rescue operations to

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making the Constitution a common document just like the Constitution of Ghana (selling on the streets, markets and every corner).

The substantive issue for today's discussion, I believe, will literally pull the rug from under your feet because I will be specific and speak as thing appears. I will not be wrong to say how big a role certain postures of your administration has played in causing doubts of leadership knowing and understanding the Constitution meant to direct its affairs.


Article 4 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the GHA shall be:

- 4.1 To introduce, develop, promote, control, organise and generally encourage and regulate the sport of hockey for men, women, youth, and seniors in all its forms played throughout Ghana.
- 4.2 To develop and promote hockey as a means of fostering social integration and forming the character of the youth in Ghana in the spirit of fair play and in pursuance of the development goals of Ghana.
- 4.3 To organise competitions in hockey in all its forms for both sexes at youth and senior levels

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- 4.4 To introduce, develop and promote the game of hockey among young people in schools in partnership with the educational authorities and institutions.
- 4.5 To maintain affiliation with AfHF and FIH and support its ideals and objects
- 4.6 To formulate policies for the control, training and development of coaches, umpires, technical officials, medical personnel and administrators involved in hockey
- 4.7 To organise training and competitive programmes and arrange and supervise the participation of national teams at various levels in International competitions
- 4.8 To promote good relationship with the Sector Ministry and the body any time charged with the overall organization and control of sports in Ghana.
- 4.9 To promote good relations and co-operation amongst all stakeholders and settle disputes arising between members or bodies connected with hockey within Ghana.
- 4.10 To enforce the statutes, rules and regulations of hockey as promulgated from time to time by FIH, AfHF and GHA and to protect the game from any form of abuse.
- 4.11 To promote the welfare of clubs and players and to foster a friendly relationship between players, umpires, coaches, technical officials and administrators

The objective of GHA is framed around three words which serves as pillars; **Introduce**, **Develop** and **Promote**. On this premise, I want to state the following;

1. Ball and Stick is an organization duly registered at the Registrar-General's Department as a hockey promotion entity.
2. Ball and Stick is an organization duly introduced at Ghana Hockey Association (GHA), National Sports Authority (NSA) and the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS) with letters and certificates.

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3. In 2019, before the first edition of our Hockey Youth Empowerment Summit held at the VIP Lounge of the hockey stadium, we wrote for the use of the venue and had to pay for the use of the place even though it is in fulfillment and support of GHA objective pillars (Introduce, Develop and Promote).
4. In April 2019, we wrote to GHA to assist us ship hockey sticks from our partners, Harrow Sports (USA) in order to donate to schools for the introduction, development and promotion of hockey but GHA never responded to that letter. I personally handed a copy of the letter to you for action and still got no response.
5. This 2022, we wrote to GHA in January to inform it of our decision to organize the second edition of our Hockey Youth Empowerment Summit and to use the same venue again. I received no response and I had to physically visit the stadium and it was there I was told, GHA is yet to draw its program for the year so it is unclear if I can get the venue. This response caused us to change the venue to Lincoln Community School in Abelemkpe.
6. In April, I wrote to GHA again, inviting the body to attend the Hockey Youth Empowerment Summit now at Lincoln Community School in Abelemkpe. I received a response and the General Secretary confirmed her attendance on behalf of GHA. She never showed up and failed to send an apology to that effect.
7. On 5th September, I sent a letter informing GHA about our B&S Young Officiating Umpire Project Launch at Legacy Girls' College in Akuse and offered an opportunity for a message from GHA but I received no response.

We therefore ask the following questions;

Is GHA really interested in introducing, developing and promoting hockey as mandated by the Constitution?

Why is GHA not acknowledging Ball and Stick as a stakeholder in the introduction, development and promotion of hockey but sees it as a competitor instead?

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Is the appointment of people outside GHA as General Secretary a major factor to this problem of seeing potential stakeholders as competitors?

Why is GHA not supporting or even partnering with us on our various project ideas since ideas are precious and it is the only lever that moves the world. Why ignore and fight your helpers when you should be encouraging and celebrating their effort towards your own mandate as prescribed by the Constitution?

I have not been in hockey for a long time, so I cannot talk about the failures of the past administration and framers of the GHA Constitution even though I wish I could, but I will not allow what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. I am wide open to growth and development and I will keep renewing my push for a better Ghana Hockey Association (GHA).

When you are a leader in a public office like this (GHA) and leading people in a sport that has an international dimension, it is required that, you expect to have diverse and competing opinions, and people like us will keep pushing till you thread the needle to sew the fabric of growth and development in the sport we love and are committed to seeing it do well. We want to be here, at the end of your reign as GHA President and say; we think you did the best you could under the circumstances.

Nothing will gladden my heart than to see you build GHA so well that entities will deem it highly value to tie its brand to that of GHA should they think of competitive advantage.


Till you hear from me again next week, enjoy the goodness of God.

Best regards,

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