**Field Hockey Nova Scotia**

**2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 – In Person at St. Mary’s University, Homburg Centre & Zoom Meeting**

**Halifax, N.S.**

1. Call to Order: The 2024 FHNS AGM was called to order by President Sharon Rajaraman at 7:35pm. Minutes were recorded by Lori Ann Andrews.
2. Determination of Voting Rights: with a membership of 123, quorum was set at 12 members. Quorum was met with 6 members present in person, 6 online and 4 proxies.

Voting members present (in person & online): 12 members

Murali Rajaraman, Ghassan Hamam, Allison Snow, Lori Ann Andrews, Kye Rajaraman, Ali Mahmood, Maxxim Vigneau, Alan Wintermeyer, McKenna Purcell, Kelsey Stewart, Nick Johnson.

Proxy forms from membership: 4 forms

David Andrews, John Andrews, Peter Andrews, Liam Andrews.

1. Approval of 2022 & 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Mal Rajaraman, seconded by Ali Mahmood.
2. Board Reports: Note that only specific highlights and/or corrections are noted in these minutes. For full board reports please refer to the 2024 AGM Package.

**President’s Report – submitted by Sharon Rajaraman**

* Indoor mixed program began late due facility problems at the Lions Gym. The 4 team league relocated to Armbrae Academy and ran from Jan-April 2024.
* FHNS sent three officials to the Canadian Indoor Classic
* Mixed outdoor league returned to a four team league
* Women’s Outdoor program extremely successful with approximately 50 registered participants and a coaching pool of 12.
* FHNS athletes joined Team New Brunswick U18 Nationals – Sophie Pomeroy/NS was recognized as a Tournament 11 at the Championships. Ali Mahmood & Jamal Burgess served in an umpiring capacity.
* A plan was put into place to hold 3 National Next Gen. Camps – PEI Nov/23, NB Mar/24, NS May/24 – Andrea Gibson, FHC National Coach was the lead coach. 11 NS athletes were involved in this program.
* FHNS Membership was 123 for the year with 79 Female/ 44 Male registered members. FHNS was successful in increasing its Male Membership

**Director of Finance – submitted by Sharon Rajaraman**

* A detailed Field Nova Scotia (FHNS) financial statement will be forthcoming for the year ended March 31, 2024
* Cash: $ 36,123.39
* Payables: All Programs ran at a 0 balance.
* Field Hockey Men’s Trust Account $ 10,285.02 (Act. – Mario DeMello/Mike Andrews)

Field Hockey Women’s Trust Account $3,347.97 (act. – Lori Ann Andrews/ Sharon Rajaraman)

**Director of Administration, Marketing & Communications – Submitted by Allison Snow**

 - provided updates via email, website, and Facebook to FHNS members

 - distributed issue of The Scoop at Atlantic Cup

 - gave prospective and new members information on playing opportunities

 - Board meeting minutes written/distributed to FHNS board members, AGM materials written/distributed for FHNS board members and members

 - Sport Nova Scotia outcomes were written, updated and uploaded

**Director of Leagues – Submitted by Ghassan Hamam**

* Outdoor league expanded to five teams – welcomed new team – “Young Guns”
* Indoor league relocated to Armbrae Academy as the Lions Gym facility was not available due to fire damage
* Indoor mixed scrimmages were cancelled due to the fire at the Lions gym.

**Director of Tournaments – Submitted by Lori Ann Andrews**

* Atlantic Cup ran in 2023 with 7 teams participating

**Director of Umpiring – Submitted by Ali Mahmood**

* Indoor season was played at a smaller facility that the previous year. With six on six play, smaller circles, officiating was a challenge.
* Three FHNS umpires (Ali, Mario & Jamal) officiated at the 2024 CIC tournament.
* Outdoor season started with changes to our outdoor regulations to accommodate the 5 team league.
* Three new female umpires have been onboarded
* We have increased the use of umpiring coaching tools – post game chats, in game radios, videos and weekly umpiring tips.
* Ali Mahmood and Jamal Burgess will be attending the U18 National Championships

**Director of Development – Submitted by Maxxim Vigneau**

* 60+ participants in outdoor women’s league
* solid turn out from the junior high and high school women this year for our outdoor summer womens league

**Director of Coaching – Maxxim Vigneau**

* Successful Women’s League Season May 2023 – August 2023 with +60 participants and developed pool of 11 coaches.
* Comp Intro Course Planned for July 2024 – Anne Doggett to lead

**Director of Women’s Programs – Maxxim Vigneau**

* Team of 15 players participated in the 2023 Atlantic Cup in Halifax, NS August 6th -7th.
* Traveled to Charlottetown, PEI for u18 Atlantic’s August 12th -13th 2022 with team of 14 players.
* Team did not attend Nationals in ON due to lack of resources (i.e. time and coaching staff)
* Two athletes from FHNS competed at nationals with FHNB, Sophie Pomeroy and Allyson Lightfoot. Sophie Pomeroy was named tournament 11.

**Director of Men’s Programs – submitted by Ghassan Hamam**

* Due to cancellation of practice sessions caused by the fire at the Lions Gym, we were unable to send a travelling men’s team this year. Planning to send a team to Boston in January 2025.
* Long-term plan to reintroduce programs into high schools put on hold.
1. **Election of Officers**:

The following individuals have been voted in for 2024-2025.

President – Sharon Rajaraman

Director of Finance – Matt Haley

Director of Administration Marketing & Communication – Allison Snow

Director of Leagues – Ghassan Hamam

Director of Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews

Director of Umpiring – Ali Mahmood

Director of Development –Kelsey Stewart, McKenna Purcell, Alan Wintermeyer

Director of Coaching – Maxxim Vigneau

Director of Women’s Programs – Maxxim Vigneau

Director of Men’s Programs – Ghassan Hamam

New directors approved by unanimous vote.

1. **Other Business**:

Alan Wintermeyer suggested expansion of social media presence

Sharon suggested we participate in the Fall Milk Fair to assist with elementary/junior high school recruitment efforts – difficult since teacher strike/COVID – requirement to have teacher advisor for all programs

Suggestion of 5/7 aside fall league dependent on facilities

1. **Adjournment**

Ali Mahmood moved to adjourn the meeting. Maxxim Vigneau seconded.