

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday May 29, 2016
8:30- 10:00 PM
Bubba Rays Spring Garden**



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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Determination of voting rights
3. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes
4. Reports from Directors
 - 4.1 Year in Review
 - 4.2 PSO Administrative Coordinator
 - 4.3 Director of Finance
 - 4.4 Director of Development
 - 4.5 Director of Umpiring
 - 4.6 Director of Marketing
 - 4.7 Director of Leagues
 - 4.8 Director of Coaching
 - 4.9 Director of Tournaments
 - 4.10 Director of Women's Programs
5. Election of Directors – To be approved
 - 5.1 Administration – Brittany Avery
 - 5.2 Leagues – Marcia Peters
 - 5.3 Development – Hillary Tobin
 - 5.4 Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews
 - 5.5 Men's Programs – Vacant
 - 5.6 Umpiring – Vacant
6. Other Business

2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Wednesday May 26, 2015
6:30- 8:30 PM
SMU Athletic Centre

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Sharon Rajaraman. The minutes were taken by Brianna Holmes.

2. Determination of Voting Rights

The following members and proxies were present at the start of the meeting:

Present (8): Sharon Rajaraman, Brianna Holmes, Shaun Bigg, Mario DeMello, Stephanie Turner-Chiasson, Patrick Thompson, Janet Heppell, and Stephen Goosen.

Proxies (20) received and submitted by Sharon Rajarman.

With current membership at 137, 14 votes are required for quorum. With 28 votes, quorum was deemed present.

3. Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes

The minutes were read by Sharon Rajaraman and approved. Shaun Bigg was the first to approve and was seconded by Stephanie Turner-Chiasson. There was no discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

4. Report from Directors

Note that, as all reports were submitted either electronically or in printed form as attached, only specific highlights and/or corrections are noted in these minutes.

President's Report [submitted and read by Sharon Rajaraman]

The president's report highlighted achievements throughout the year of our local athletes and new programs. The financials were stronger this year than in the past mainly due to successful grants and funding for programs.

The Indoor League, Atlantic Cup and Outdoor League found facilities to use. The Indoor league played at Needham Community Center with playoffs at Citadel High School, the Atlantic Cup and Outdoor League were able to return to SMU Turf.

Shane Rajaraman was selected to the Canadian Indoor National Training Squad. He received International Caps for Canada and participated in series against Argentina, Russia in Toronto and represented Canada at an International Tournament in Denmark during the last year.

Plans/ Recommendations 2015-2016

- Continue to promote the sport of field Hockey in Nova Scotia
- The need to have Coaching & Umpiring courses to support the growing programs

- To have detailed Program & Financial reports submitted for each Project and Program to aid with submission of the annual Block and Participation Grants.

PSO Administrative Coordinator [submitted and read by Patrick Thompson]

Patrick Thompson took over the role of PSO Administrative Coordinator six months ago when Candice Petten stepped down and will continue with her role on the board into 2015. Her report highlighted the website updates, help filling out application funding, and payment of the joint stocks.

4.1 Director of Finances [submitted and read by Stephanie Turner-Chiasson]

The assets for Field Hockey Nova Scotia are higher this year than last year. Although the statements are not audited, an independent review is completed by Terry O'Driscoll.

Consistent with prior years, most of our revenue is derived from FHNS memberships and Sport Nova Scotia grants. The financial position of Field Hockey Nova Scotia at year end is strong this year with net assets of \$12,394. Most of the increase since last year is due to Board members' success in applying for Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) grants for various projects, in particular:

- Umpiring clinic - \$700
- Women's indoor development sessions - \$1,000
- New indoor nets - \$1,500

Although the increase in funding this year is great news, we will need to continue to monitor spending over the next few years to ensure we are spending the funds towards the purpose for which they were granted, and with a common goal of developing the sport in Nova Scotia.

4.2 Director of Coaching [submitted and read by Sharon Rajaraman]

We have 3 Coaches certified NCCP LF's in Nova Scotia. Sharon Rajaraman, Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell. Both Sharon and Stephen are also certified MLF's by the National Certification Program of Canada. These certifications are for the ability to teach others to run coaching courses. Field Hockey Canada's Coaching Certification Program is in the completion phase and once sanctioned by the NCCP, Nova Scotia will have the ability to run these courses.

4.3 Director of Umpiring [submitted and read by Mario DeMello]

Rules clinics were held prior to the 2014 Outdoor league. The session was complemented with videos of actual match situations, However, we did not have a rules/umpiring clinic prior to the senior indoor league or the high school league. FHNS supplied umpires for the following non-FHNS leagues: Metro High School League and AUS Field Hockey

Mario noted the following observations and plans. It is difficult to find new people, men and women, who are interested in umpiring. However, this year, we had a few new umpires in the High School League. Also, there has been a general lack in consistency in how umpires interpret rules and interpretations in the outdoor and indoor leagues. We will try to alleviate these problems by finding new umpires for our leagues, and continue training our existing umpires.

Some ways are to enforce more rules sessions and clinics and to increase per game fees to umpires to see if that interests younger players in umpiring.

4.4 Director of Tournaments [submitted and read by JP Brien]

The Atlantic Cup was hosted on August 2nd and 3rd. We had teams from across the Maritimes and players from across the country. The touring team attended several tournaments and won the vast majority of their games playing among the top tier teams in central Canada. We sent a full Halifax team to the following tournaments: the Canadian Indoor Classic, the Ottawa Tigers tournament, and the Houston tournament. As well, players from Halifax attended many other tournaments across North America.

4.5 Direct of Development [submitted and read by Stephen Goosen]

The boys and girls tournament ran well this year, Brianna did a fabulous job coordinating the program again this year, I know there were difficulties with indoor court time but lots of new schools trying field hockey this year, and some schools entering girl's teams or boys teams for the first time.

Attended the Sport Nova Scotia Milk Fair in Bridgewater with great success this led to a series of day long coaching sessions at Bayview School in Lunenburg.

Despite being moved to DAL and Friday evenings we managed to keep the development program going with 20 participants. Of the 20 participants 15 were really keen and we took a group of 13 girls to Moncton to play the Riverview team.

JP O'Brien and Brianna Holmes have taken on the bulk of the development work by leading many projects and programs. Every year I have highlighted a pathway for the next year and season, however as there is no central FHNS strategy which originates from FHC not having a plan.

4.6 Director of Leagues [submitted and read by Shaun Biggs]

The 2014 season consisted of 6 teams: Beavers, Cougars, Dragons, Hotcats, Panthers, & Ramblers). Games were held on the traditional Sunday evenings, but shifted to the Dalhousie turf as SMU's was under renovations for the summer. Due to the increased turf fees and lack of availability, pickup time was significantly reduced this year.

The league operated with a surplus of approximately \$600, although half of this was due to a donation of John Rickett's umpiring earnings (\$300). It was suggested this money be put towards umpiring equipment (e.g. headsets).

The Indoor League ran as planned this year. The league is run on a minimal budget and is aimed to break even, which it was able to do. The small amount of money that was left at the end was used to put on a social after the finals. As was stated earlier, the Needham Centre was slightly smaller than ideal and the league is open to moving venues for next season should a better gym open

4.7 Director of Marketing & Communications [vacant]

Vacant

4.8 Director of Men's Programs [Submitted and read by JP Brien]

The high performance indoor sessions continued to develop young men in the Halifax area. We fortunate to acquire Paul Whatling, An excellent English outdoors player who has dedicated himself to the development of the sport. Shane Rajaraman toured with the national team and was able to bring his skills back to develop the local talent.

4.9 Women's Programs [Submitted and read by Janet Heppell]

The U18 Provincial Team ran from the end of April 2014 until the first of August 2014. The squad travelled to the eastern US for two playing opportunities. The girls went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to compete in the LimeLight tournament in June. At the end of July, the team competed in several exhibition games in Main and New Hampshire before competing in the 4Goals Cup in Providence, Rhode Island.

There have been 3 skill sessions throughout the off season. A five week indoor skill season program in October 2014 for high school girls. Another 4 week indoor skill session program was run in February 2015. A 3 week outdoor skill session program was run in April 2015 for girls 8 – 18.

5. Election of Officers

Current vacant positions are:

5.1 President – Sharon Rajaraman

First Steph, seconded Sharon

5.2 Marketing –.Ishet Agrawal

First Brianna, seconded Sharon

5.3 Umpiring – Mario DeMello

First Sharon, second Brianna

5.4 Development – Brianna Holmes

First Sharon, seconded

5.5 Administration – Vacant

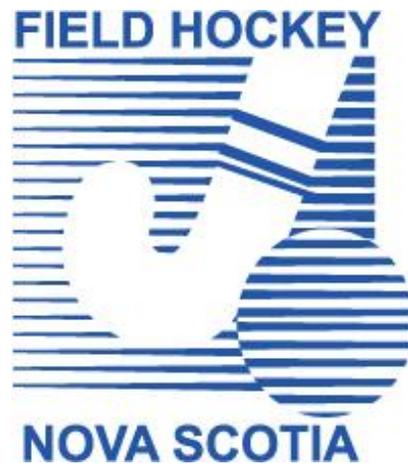
6. Other Business

The independent review will be done by Terry O'Driscoll.

It was proposed that the membership year should be redefined to match Field Hockey Canada which holds theirs from September until August.

Mario suggested that the board consult with Blaise Landry (Department of Health and Wellness) to create a planning session.

Adjourned at 7:45pm



Reports from the Directors

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
President
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

Year in Review 2015-2016

Activities / Achievements in 2015-16

This year FHNS is in year three of a four year cycle of funding from Sport Nova Scotia for Block Funding of \$2000 per year and The Participation Grant of \$5000 per year. These grants aid in many projects to develop the sport in Nova Scotia. The grant that has been of the most benefit has been the Provincial Sport Organization Administrative Support Program Grant. Through this FHNS has been able to have a person to manage the web site, distribute e-mails and also provide a connect with Sport Nova Scotia. The Administrative Assistant this past year has been Patrick Thompson who has done an excellent job.

Field Hockey Nova Scotia was able to attain facilities to run their leagues in 2015/16. The Outdoor League returned to Saint Mary's turf as well the Atlantic Cup Tournament was held at Saint Mary's. The Indoor League was held at the Needham Recreation Center with the play play-offs being held at Citadel High School to provide a higher profile venue for the finals. There is a need to find a gym with a bigger floor surface, a difficult feat with the restrictions placed on field hockey within the HRM facilities but this issue has been brought to the attention of Sport Nova Scotia for future needs analysis planning.

The FHNS Board of Directors

- This year was a very trying year for FHNS as many of the Board members did not finish their term which left a huge burden of tasks and also an urgency to replace those positions during the year. Fortunately moving forward several of these positions have been filled for the coming year and will leave the Board in a strong position.

Our Employee

- Patrick Thompson's position with FHNS is a funded position in partnership with SNS and is extremely important in the management of the Administrative duties, web site and the partnership with Sport Nova Scotia.

Finances

- FHNS is in a good financial position especially with the additional funding of the Block and Participation Grants. This allows FHNS to be able to offer support in the development of athletes & Coaches as well as Outreach Programs, new projects and equipment funding.

Marketing & Communications

- This position was filled by Ishet Agrawal an MBA Student at Saint Mary's. He was able to put together the Summer/Winter copies of the SCOOP FHNS Newsletter. Ishet also had FHNS Banners made. There was also some communication on Facebook started!

Tournaments & Leagues

- JP Brien & Organizing Committee ran the Atlantic Cup – 5 Teams
- Sharon Rajaraman ran the Indoor League – 7 Teams
- Shaun Bigg ran the Outdoor League – 5 Teams

Umpiring

- Mario DeMello ran Indoor & Outdoor Umpiring Sessions this year
- Mario also organized the Umpires for the Outdoor League & Atlantic Cup
- Mario attended a Pan Am Umpiring Course in August, 2016
- A huge accomplishment this year was being able to bring in Wendy Stewart & Tony Stewart. Wendy is a Canadian Olympic Umpire and Tony is a FIH Tournament Delegate. Mario organized the visit in October where a Regional/Provincial rated Umpiring Course was held around the Atlantic University Play-offs in Halifax. This opportunity raised the level of the event as well as the profile of field hockey in the Atlantic Region.

Development

- Stephen Goosen and Brianna Holmes organized the Outdoor Summer Development Program. The Indoor Junior High School Program was a success with Melanie Simourd & Megan Sutor organizing the 6 Team girl's tournament and Maggie Scarred organizing the 4 team boy's tournament, both of which were held at Armbraces Academy. The Junior High Program is self-sustaining financially which is consistent with all school run programs.

Coaching

- FHNS now has trained Course Conductors in the NCCP at the Train to Train & Intro-Comp. Levels. FHC Courses have just been NCCP sanctioned. Janet Heppell attended an Intro-Comp Coaching Course in Ontario in March. Janet also has taken an MLF Course Conductor Course this spring. This would now give us 3 MLF's in FHNS. Sharon Rajaraman, Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell.
- Stephen Goosen attended a Coaching Course during the Pan Am's in Toronto August, 2016.

High Performance & Touring Teams

- Shane Rajaraman was selected to the Canadian Indoor National Training Squad. Shane traveled throughout the winter from Halifax to Toronto to train with the team with the goal to play for Canada in the Indoor Pan Am Cup 2017 and the Indoor World Cup 2018. Shane received funding from Sport Nova Scotia.

- JP Brien was active in organizing tours for players from Nova Scotia to attend tournaments away. Of significance is being able to send a full team to the Indoor Canadian Classic in Waterloo this year. This is the biggest Indoor Tournament in Canada.

Observations/ Plans/ Recommendations 2015-16

- Continue to promote the sport of field Hockey in Nova Scotia
- Continue to have Coaching & Umpiring courses to support the growing programs
- Continue to have detailed Program & Financial reports to aid with submission of the annual Block and Participation Grants.

Thank you

- It took a great amount of time and effort on behalf of all the volunteers and executive members in Field Hockey Nova Scotia this year. Thank you goes out to all involved in Field Hockey in Nova Scotia.

Respectfully,

FHNS Executive 2015-16

PSO - Administration Coordinator – Patrick Thompson
President – Sharon Rajaraman
Director Administration – Brianna Holmes
Director Finance – Stephanie Turner Chiasson
Director of Leagues – Shaun Bigg
Director Development – Stephen Goosen/Brianna Holmes
Director Coaching – Sharon Rajaraman
Director Men's Program's/ Tournaments – JP Brien/Lori Ann Andrews
Director Women's Program's – Janet Heppell
Director of Marketing – Ishet Agrawal

Submitted by:

Sharon Rajaraman
President, Field Hockey Nova Scotia

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
PSO Administrative Coordinator
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

What has been accomplished this past year

- Assisted with Support4Sport funding applications
- Assisted with Block Funding and Participation and Development funding reports – Health & Wellness membership upload, Block Funding outcomes and outcomes reports. Participation and Development interview. Made sure all reports were submitted.
- Website updates on a regular bases – trying to use the website more for FHNS stories, results and news.
- Helped with program registration and membership database
- Coordinate with Treasurer on invoices, cheques and receipts
- Joint Stocks – Update Joint Stocks board of directors and make sure fee is paid
- Send out FHNS correspondence to FHNS members

In my first full year with Field Hockey Nova Scotia I am pleased with some of the steps forward FHNS has taken. One very promising aspect has been the ability of FHNS in securing grants through Support4Sport which has been very beneficial to the organization. The grants have allowed for the purchase of new equipment, running of successful programs and helped create some financial stability. We have also seen a stabilized membership with a strong group of senior players who play in the Indoor and Outdoor leagues. We have also seen a number of junior high and senior high schools show interest in playing field hockey. There has also been interest from schools in Antigonish and Wolfville in playing field hockey which has come out of persistent outreach by FHNS into these areas over the past few years. With the approval of the NCCP levels by Field Hockey Canada and Coaching Association of Canada, FHNS will now be able to move forward with coach education using our three learning facilitators, Stephen Goosen, Sharon Rajaraman and Janet Heppell.

I have also seen some problems that FHNS has faced in the past year which we can try and improve in the future. First, the board has had a lot of turnover within its director's positions. FHNS has had trouble keeping board members in position for full terms and this has caused issues with building a board identity and creating a long term plan. Second, FHNS can improve its means of communications to provide effective and timely communication of events to the members. Although the membership numbers of FHNS have stayed stable over the past two years, I think we are in a place to develop a strategy to effectively transition more junior players from the school tournaments and leagues into FHNS designed programs to increase the development of our junior players.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Thompson
PSO Administrative Coordinator

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Finance
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

I am presenting to the membership unaudited and not reviewed Field Hockey Nova Scotia (FHNS) financial statements for the March 31, 2016 year end. FHNS does not have its' statements audited due to the cost. However, we do have an independent individual to review our financial statements. The opinion of the material accuracy of these statements will be posted on the FHNS website once the financials have been reviewed.

Details for some of the more significant accounts in the financial statements are as follows:

- **Cash** - the balance in the bank account for FHNS as of March 31, 2016 was \$16,629, compared to a cash balance in the financial statements of \$16,514. The difference is due to two outstanding cheques that had not been cashed yet as of March 31, 2016.
- **Net assets** – The financial position of Field Hockey Nova Scotia at year end is strong again this year with net assets of \$17,122.84. We also made some transfers between funds this year to try to make it clearer for each Director to see how much funding they have available for their program, and to encourage spending of the additional funding we are receiving towards developing the sport. See the statement of net assets for details as to which amounts were transferred between funds.
- **Statement of operations** - consistent with prior years, most of our revenue is derived from the following sources:
 - FHNS memberships: \$1,956 net of the portion remitted to Field Hockey Canada
 - Sport Nova Scotia funding:
 - \$5,000 in Participation funding annually to help us increase participation in the sport (year 2 of 4)
 - \$2,000 in Block funding annually (year 2 of 4)
 - \$4,800 for three PSO projects we were awarded based on applications submitted by FHNS Directors

We will need to continue to monitor spending over the next few years to ensure we are spending the funds towards the purpose for which they were granted, and with a common goal of continuing to develop the sport in Nova Scotia.

To achieve this, we try to keep the internal controls as tight as possible given it is a small organization. We continue to require two people to sign all cheques, and most cheques are approved at the Board meetings before being written. In the case where a cheque is required before the next meeting, significant cheques are approved via email. Each member of the Board receives a copy of the updated Financial Journal every Board meeting. As well, I ask them to review the updated journal every month to ensure everything was posted, posted in the correct accounts and that nothing seems unusual. We have also continued to encourage everyone to make payments to FHNS via cheque so we don't have to handle cash, since cash is easily lost or stolen and doesn't leave a paper trail.

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Development
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

Development Sessions Outdoor – May-August

Stephen and Brianna over saw the Wednesday night outdoor Development sessions and league. There were 30 participants. Sharon followed up with the program report and financials with Brianna. Moving forward for 2016 this program will be divided in two sections. Junior High age and the other group High School & above age group. The goal is to provide field hockey for all ages. The program in the past tended to attract player from the Junior High age group only. Brittany Avery and Hillary Tobin will be overseeing this program for the 2016 season.

Junior High Indoor League – February - April

The boys and girls tournaments ran well this year. Brianna scheduled the tournaments and Sharon took on overseeing the Programs reports and financials. The Girls Tournament had 6 teams participate and Melanie Simourd and Megan Sutor ran the tournament day operations. The boy's tournaments had 4 teams and Maggie Scarrow ran the tournament day operations.

Outreach – May

Stephen Goosen will be running 6 Outreach sessions in New Glasgow, Windsor and Kentville throughout the month of May. These sessions are key to the development of the sport outside of the Halifax area.

Goals

- 1/ Have a Director in place for the full year for this position. It was difficult to replace three times in one year.
- 2/ Participate in the Milk Sport Fair in 2016

Sharon Rajaraman,

Development

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Umpiring Report
Report to the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

Activities / Achievements in 2015-16

Rules clinics were held for both the Indoor and Outdoor leagues. The Sessions were complemented with videos of actual match situations.

Umpire ear pieces were purchased by FHNS so that game umpires could communicate with each other during matches.

Mario DeMello Attended a Pan Am Umpiring Course held in Toronto, August 2016

Wendy Stewart a Canadian Olympic Umpire and Tony Stewart an FIH Technical Delegate were brought in to Nova Scotia to run a Regional and Provincial Umpiring Course during the Atlantic University Play-offs hosted in Halifax, October 2015. Thank you especially to Mario and a few other people for facilitating so that this visit was made possible.

Plans / Recommendations for 2016

1. Encourage new umpires to get involved and gain experience at the appropriate levels.
2. Provide a positive environment in the development of Umpiring in Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rajaraman

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Marketing
Report to the 2016 Annual General Meeting**

Activities / Achievements in 2015-16

1. FHNS was able to fill the position of Marketing with a Saint Mary's MBA Student, Ishet Agrawal.
2. Produced a summer and winter copy of the Field Hockey Nova Scotia News Letter "The SCOOP"
3. Purchased 2 FHNS Banners to display at all Field Hockey Nova Scotia events.
4. Began communication on Facebook

Submitted,

Sharon Rajaraman

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Leagues
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

Outdoor League
Activities / Achievements in 2015-16

- The 2015 season consisted of 5 teams: Beavers, Dragons, Privateers (formally Hotcats), Panthers, & Ramblers). Games were held on the traditional Sunday evenings. The season operated as a double-round-robin during regular season, with one team having a bye each week, and matches occurring at the SMU turf. Matches were extended to 1h 15m. Weekday evening pickup returned to Wednesday evenings.
- The Panthers won the regular season, and the Beavers won the playoff title. Shane Rajaraman received the top scorer honours.
- The league operated with a surplus of approximately \$350
- The 2016 season will consist of four teams: Beavers, Dragons, Panthers, & Privateers. It will be a double-round-robin regular season, and matches occurring at the SMU turf. Matches are to be 1h 15m. Weekday evening pickup returns on Wednesday evenings.
- Team fees have increased to \$2,000 this season due to large increases in turf fees. The league opted to not make a contribution to development, and reuse previous years' resources, and as such will operate at a \$57 deficit for the current year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Peters

Indoor League

- The Indoor League consisted of 7 teams (Beavers, Privateers, Sharks, Jaguars, Shenanigans, SMU and Dal.
- The league ran out of Needham Recreation Center in Halifax on Sundays from Dec 1st, 2015 – April 17th, 2016, with play-offs being held at Citadel High School.
- The league format was a double round robin format, followed by 2 semis and a final as well as a consolation winner for 5th place.
- The Beavers won the regular season and the playoff title.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rajaraman

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Coaching
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016

Activities / Achievements in 2015-16

- We are fortunate to have 3 Coaches certified NCCP LF's in Nova Scotia. Sharon Rajaraman, Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell. Both Sharon and Stephen are also certified MLF's by the National Certification Program of Canada and Janet is completing her MLF Training this year as well. These certifications are for the ability to teach others to run coaching courses. Field Hockey Canada's coaching certification Program has just been sanctioned by the NCCP and Nova Scotia has certified Course Conductors to run these courses.
- Stephen Goosen attended a Coaching Course at the Pan Am's held in Toronto, August 2015. Sharon Rajaraman also attended the Pan Am event. This allowed an opportunity to stay up to date with Hockey at the International Level.
- Janet Heppell attended a Comp Intro Course in Ontario in March.
- Assisted in recruiting coaches for the Schools Programs

General Observations / Recommendations

- With the growth of field hockey in Nova Scotia, there is a constant need to attain and develop new volunteer coaches.

Plans / Recommendations for 2015-16

- It has worked well to develop coaches through the schools program at the Community Coaching Level. A growing need is to encourage coaches to become and stay involved so as to maintain the School Programs and growth.
- To offer a Community Coaching Course & Higher Level Coaching Courses in Nova Scotia in the coming year.
- FHC LTHD (Long Term Hockey Development) strategic implementation plan needs to be made a part of the Field Hockey Nova Scotia plan in conjunction with Sport Nova Scotia. A project for 2016. This process has started.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Rajaraman
Director of Coaching
FHNS

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Tournaments
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016**

The 2015 Atlantic Cup was held on August 1st & 2nd at Huskies Stadium at St. Mary's University in Halifax. Five teams from Halifax, New Brunswick and Ottawa battled over two days for the Cup with a few additions from PEI and Alberta. The round robin format produced some very competitive hockey. In the semi-finals the Andrews defeated the Privateers and Ottawa slipped past the Panthers. The Andrews claimed the Cup in a hard fought final with Ottawa.

The Saturday night social at the Argyle Bar & Grill was once again an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and meet new friends.

With more Halifax teams travelling to out of province tournaments over the past few years, contacts have been made and hopefully we will see more visiting teams competing in our annual festival.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ann Andrews

Acting Director of Tournaments

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Women's Programs
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2016**

The U18 team ran from the end of April 2015 until the first of August 2015. The squad practiced once or twice a week and travelled to the eastern US for two playing opportunities. The girls went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to compete in the LimeLight tournament in June. At the end of July, the team competed in several exhibition games in Maine and New Hampshire before competing in the 4Goals Cup in Providence, Rhode Island.

There were two sets of skill sessions run early in 2016. A five week program for U16 girls, focusing on indoor skills. Several of these athletes are participating in the present provincial program. And a four week program offered in April 2016, for u19 girls, focusing on the outdoor game.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Heppell

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting
Election of Directors**

The following individuals are the proposed slate of directors to be voted in for the 2016-2017 year:

Director of Administration – Brittany Avery

Director of Leagues – Marcia Peters

Director of Development – Hillary Tobin

Director of Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews

Director of Men’s Programs – Vacant

Director of Umpiring – Vacant