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Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Determination of voting rights
3. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes
4. Reports from Directors
 - 4.1 President
 - 4.2 Director of Finance
 - 4.3 Director of Development
 - 4.4 Director of Coaching
 - 4.5 Director of Leagues
 - 4.6 Director of Tournaments
 - 4.7 Director of Women's Programs
 - 4.8 PSO Administrative Assistant
5. Election of Directors
 - 5.1 Men's Programs – Vacant
 - 5.2 Umpiring – Vacant
 - 5.3 Director of Marketing & Communications - Vacant
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**Field Hockey Nova Scotia
2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Sunday May 29, 2016**

1. Called to Order: The 2016 FHNS AGM was called to order by President, Sharon Rajaraman at 8:35pm. Minutes were taken by Patrick Thompson
2. Determination of Voting Rights: with a membership of 137 in 2015-2016 quorum was set at 14.

Voting members present (23) – Brittany Avery, Hillary Tobin, Stephanie Turner Chiasson, Chris Madinsky, Mal Rajaraman, Shane Rajaraman, Sharon Rajaraman, Drew Rajaraman, Kerry Costello, Bernie Tremblay, Colin McDonald, Danica, Kiersten Pianosi, Parker Baglole, Matt Haley, Marcia Peters, Shaun Biggs, Lori Ann Andrews, Mario DeMello, Corey Reid, Erica McLean, Sophie Kinley, and Terry O’Driscoll.

Proxy forms from membership signing voting rights to (18):

Bernie Tremblay – 12 proxy forms

Mal Rajaraman – 3 proxy forms

Sharon Rajaraman – 3 proxy forms

3. Approval of 2015 Annual General Meeting minutes: Motion to approve from Mario DeMello, seconded by Kerry Costello
4. Board Reports: Note that only specific highlights and/or corrections are noted in these minutes. For full board reports please refer to the 2016 AGM Package on the FHNS website.

President’s Report – submitted by Sharon Rajaraman

The President’s Report reviewed the 2015-2016 year in entirety and Sharon spoke of many highlights within FHNS and acknowledged some struggles that were encountered. Some highlights were Shane Rajaraman’s invitation to train with the National Men’s Indoor Team in Ontario, the consistency of the Indoor and Outdoor senior leagues, the group of NS players who continue to continue to travel around North America playing in tournaments and continued grant success through Sport Nova Scotia.

Director of Finance – submitted Stephanie Turner-Chiasson

Field Hockey Nova Scotia continued to see success with funding through Sport Nova Scotia. FHNS continued on the same allocations of participation development funding - \$5000, block funding - \$2000, as well as receiving a few smaller grants to help off-set some costs.

Net assets are approximately \$17,000 compared to approximately \$12,000 last year. Stephanie will continue to provide monthly reports to the Executive that summarizes financials for each board members portfolio. The FHNS Board welcomes suggestions and input from the membership on ideas for applying for grants and starting new programs.

Bernie Tremblay asked a question on outdoor league surplus – Stephanie to follow up.

Director of Development – Submitted by Sharon Rajaraman on behalf of Brianna Holmes

The Wednesday evening development program has begun at SMU. Twenty-four girls have registered and hopeful to have 30 junior high and senior aged girls out playing. The league is open to a range of ages and skill levels. The goal is to turn this into a league night, splitting the field into cross field games.

Director of Umpiring – Submitted by Sharon Rajaraman on behalf of Mario DeMello.

Thank you to Mario for time and dedication for the past year. Mario has decided to step down from the Executive but will continue with his umpire and umpire development duties.

Mario DeMello attended the Pan Am Games umpiring clinic in Toronto. And Mario helped organize a clinic in conjunction with the AUS playoffs that was put on by Wendy and Tony Steward.

Director of Marketing and Communications – Submitted by Sharon Rajaraman on behalf of Ishet Agrawal

FHNS released to two Scoop issues this year. Hired a photographer for Atlantic Cup and purchased new FHNS banners for advertising at tournaments.

Director of Leagues – Submitted by Marcia Peters

Marcia has taken of the Director of Leagues position from Shaun Biggs. This year we have four balanced teams registered for the Outdoor League.

There was a slight raise in team fees for this summer due to a rise in SMU turf prices.

Director of Coaching – Submitted by Sharon Rajaraman

The new NCCP levels were rolled out this year and Nova Scotia was fortunate to have some great coach education this past year in the new levels. Stephen Goosen attended Pan Am Games coaching clinic in Toronto, Janet Heppell was trained a competition development coach in Toronto as well as a community and competition introduction Learning Faciliator which will allow her to put on these courses in Nova Scotia.

Janet is putting on a community coaching course in June in Halifax. Contact Janet if you are interested in registering.

Director of Tournaments – Submitted by Lori Ann Andrews

Atlantic Cup is set July 30/31, 2016 at SMU turf. There will be an Atlantic Cup Golf Tournament in July with more details to follow.

Director of Women's Program – Submitted by Janet Heppell

FHNS was successful in receiving a grant for skills sessions. Provincial summer program is running again this year with the help of Kerry and Danica. This program is for girls interested in playing competitive.

Last year, they were able to get enough commitment to travel the Lime Light and 4Goals tournaments in North Eastern USA. This year the team is looking to go to Toronto for high performance camp and games.

5. Election of Officers

5.1 Director of Administration – Brittany Avery

Motioned by Kerry Costello, seconded by Hillary Tobin

5.2 Director of Leagues – Marcia Peters

Motioned by Janet Heppell, seconded by Mario DeMello

5.3 Director of Development – Hillary Tobin

Motioned by Brittany Avery, seconded by Marcia Peters

5.4 Director of Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews

Motioned by Hillary Tobin, seconded by Kierstin Pianosi

5.5 Men's Programs – Vacant

5.6 Umpiring – Vacant

6. Other Business

FHNS is hoping to send a women's team to attend CIC Indoor Tournament in February. We are looking for an individual to take the lead on organizing this team.

FHNS is looking for someone to do an independent review of finances – Matt Haley volunteered.

Bernie Tremblay remarked on the possibility to build a stronger community within FHNS. Brought the idea forward of a FHNS Social Committee that works to engage the leagues teams with more structure and organization. It was said that a stronger social media presence may help with this.

Mal Rajaraman thanked Sharon for her continued and consistent dedication and service to FHNS. She has been with the organization for a long time and continues to be a steady rock that the organization leans on.

7. Adjournment: Sharon motioned to adjourn the 2016 AGM at 9:12pm. Seconded by Janet Heppell. Thanks to all who came out to support FHNS.



**Report from the Directors
Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting**

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Year in Review
Report to Annual General Meeting 2017

Activities / Achievements in 2016-17

This year FHNS will complete its 4th year 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 continues to have 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 who we are fortunate to have in his 2nd year is Patrick Thompson who has done an excellent job.

Field Hockey Nova Scotia was able to attain facilities to run their leagues in 2016/17 which has been a problem over the last several years. The Outdoor programs were held at Saint Mary's University Turf. This year saw the addition of a Women's Outdoor League with also the continuation of our Mixed Outdoor League and the Atlantic Cup Tournament. The Indoor Leagues were held at the Needham Recreation Center with the growth of an additional Women's 4 Team Indoor League as well as the continuation of a 6 Team Mixed League. There is still a growing need to find a gym with a bigger floor surface for the Indoor Programs, 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 saw many accomplishments achieved and goals met, thanks to a very active Board. Having many of the Board positions filled was very helpful in having this success. It is the hope to fill all the Board positions for this coming year to achieve even greater success.

Our Employees

- 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 not filled last year and FHNS could greatly use someone on the Board to fill this role. Thank you to Brittany Avery, Hillary Tobin and Pat Thompson who put together the publication of the SCOOP summarizing the Year in review that was distributed at the Indoor Final Social. Also, thank you to Shane Rajaraman who put together the Olympic Field Hockey Flyer which was distributed at the Atlantic Cup Tournament just prior to the Olympics in Rio. A person in this position on the Board could be very helpful in promoting marketing & communication on our website as well as through Facebook.

Tournaments & Leagues

- Lori Ann Andrews Organized the Atlantic Cup – 5 Teams
- Sharon Rajaraman ran the Women's Indoor League – 4 Teams
- Mal Rajaraman and Bernie Tremblay ran the Mixed Indoor League – 6 Teams
- Marcia Peters ran the Outdoor League – 4 Teams

Umpiring

- Mario DeMello ran Indoor & Outdoor Umpiring Sessions this year
- Mario organized the Umpires for the Outdoor League & Atlantic Cup
- Mario also organized the umpires for the High School League and the Junior High School Tournament.
- A huge thank you to Mario for his work in Umpiring for FHNS.

Development

- Hillary Tobin & Brittany Avery developed a Women's Outdoor League which was very successful. This continued in aiding with the start of an Indoor Women's League as well.
- Brittany Avery organized a booth at the Sport Nova Scotia Milk Fair held in Halifax in the fall.
- Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell were successful in organizing Outreach Sessions throughout the Province this past year.
- The Nova Scotia Teachers Work to Rule Campaign greatly affected the Field Hockey Programs at both the High School and Junior High Levels. FHNS played an active role in ensuring the Girls High School League ran through a tournament setting with semi's and a final (Armbrae/ Citadel High School). The Junior High Program for both boys & girls was also able to be run with a Day Tournament being held at Armbrae Academy – Thank you to Susan Beazley for assisting with these School Programs in a very trying year.

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 is now fully certified at the Intro-Comp Level and is trained as an MLF Course Conductor. FHNS now has 3 MLF's, Sharon Rajaraman, Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell.

High Performance & Touring Teams

- Shane Rajaraman continues to train with the Canadian Indoor National Squad. The goal is to play for Canada in the Indoor Pan Am Cup 2017 and the Indoor World Cup 2018.
- JP Brien was active in organizing tours for players from Nova Scotia to attend several tournaments away. We are very proud of our Nova Scotia Men's Team that finished finish 2nd at the Canadian Indoor Classic in Waterloo this year. This is the largest Indoor Tournament in Canada.

Observations/ Plans/ Recommendations 2016-17

- Continue to promote the sport of field Hockey in Nova Scotia
- Prioritized funding for the development of Coaching & Umpiring through 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 2016-17

PSO - Administration Coordinator – Patrick Thompson
President – Sharon Rajaraman
Director Administration – Brittany Avery
Director Finance – Stephanie Turner Chiasson
Director of Leagues – Marcia Peters
Director Development – Hillary Tobin & Brittany Avery
Director Coaching – Sharon Rajaraman
Director of Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews
Director Women’s Program’s – Janet Heppell

Submitted by: Sharon Rajaraman (President)

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Finance
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

I am presenting to the membership unaudited and not reviewed Field Hockey Nova Scotia (FHNS) financial statements for the March 31, 2017 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, 2017 was \$18,503 compared to a cash balance in the financial statements of \$18,855. The difference is due to deposits made after year end and outstanding cheques that had not been cashed yet as of March 31, 2017.
- **Payables** – represents the amount due to Field Hockey Canada for membership fees collected during the indoor season.
- **Net assets** – The financial position of Field Hockey Nova Scotia at year end is strong again this year with net assets of \$17,475.
- **Statement of operations** - consistent with prior years, most of our revenue is derived from the following sources:
 - FHNS memberships: \$1,460 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 3 of 4)
 - \$2,000 in Block funding annually (year 3 of 4)

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. I ask the board members 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.

I would like to thank the other Board Members for all the support they have given me over the past year. I welcome any questions or suggestions that members may have about the finances or financial processes of FHNS, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Respectfully submitted,

Stéphanie Turner-Chiasson, CPA, CA

Field Hockey Nova Scotia				
Balance Sheet UNAUDITED				
			2016-2017	2015-2016
Assets				
Current				
	Cash		\$18,854.78	\$16,514.09
	Receivables		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Prepaid expenses		\$608.75	\$608.75
			<u>\$19,463.53</u>	<u>\$17,122.84</u>
Liabilities				
	Payables		\$1,989.00	\$0.00
Net assets				
	Operating		\$3,010.93	\$3,063.17
	Sr Outdoor		\$1,420.63	\$1,118.06
	Sr Indoor		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Junior Development		\$1,953.78	\$3,071.51
	Jr High Indoor		\$828.63	\$1,158.63
	Men's Olympic Trust		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	U-18 Provincial		\$26.15	\$359.00
	Women's Development		\$220.48	\$598.00
	Umpiring		\$0.00	(\$199.96)
	Tournaments		\$5.73	\$249.59
	Block funding		\$2,872.60	\$4,000.00
	Participation		\$5,635.60	\$2,204.84
	Total net assets		\$17,474.53	\$17,122.84
Total Liabilities & Net Assets			<u>\$19,463.53</u>	<u>\$17,122.84</u>

Field Hockey Nova Scotia													
Statement of Net Assets for each Division UNAUDITED													
	Operating	Sr Outdoor	Sr Indoor	Junior Development	Jr High Indoor	Men's Olympic Trust	U-18 Provincial Development	Women's Development	Umpiring	Tournaments	Block Funding	Participation	Total
Balance, Beginning of Period	3,063.17	1,118.06	-	3,071.51	1,158.63	1,500.00	359.00	598.00	(199.96)	249.59	4,000.00	2,204.84	17,122.84
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(52.24)	302.57	-	(1,117.73)	(330.00)	-	(332.85)	(377.52)	199.96	(243.86)	(1,127.40)	3,430.76	351.69
Balance, As At March 31, 2017	3,010.93	1,420.63	-	1,953.78	828.63	1,500.00	26.15	220.48	(0.00)	5.73	2,872.60	5,635.60	17,474.53

Field Hockey Nova Scotia			
Statement of Operations UNAUDITED			
		2016-2017	2015-2016
Revenue			
Operating		\$ 5,715.00	\$ 9,380.00
Sr Outdoor		\$ 7,940.62	\$ 7,500.00
Sr Indoor		\$ 5,850.00	\$ 4,200.00
Junior Development		\$ 3,895.00	\$ 6,975.00
Jr High Indoor		\$ 730.00	\$ 1,135.00
Men's Olympic Trust		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
U-18 Provincial		\$ 4,364.73	\$ 349.00
Women's Development		\$ 600.00	\$ 1,155.00
Umpiring		\$ 199.96	\$ 3,514.42
Tournaments		\$ 3,430.00	\$ 2,800.00
Block funding		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Participation		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
		\$ 39,725.31	\$ 45,008.42
Expenditures			
Operating		\$ 5,767.24	\$ 10,096.25
Sr Outdoor		\$ 7,638.05	\$ 7,553.33
Sr Indoor		\$ 5,850.00	\$ 4,200.00
Junior Development		\$ 5,012.73	\$ 5,962.67
Jr High Indoor		\$ 1,060.00	\$ 687.87
Men's Olympic Trust		\$ -	\$ -
U-18 Provincial		\$ 4,697.58	\$ 1,200.00
Women's Development		\$ 977.52	\$ 1,639.50
Umpiring		\$ -	\$ 4,955.63
Tournaments		\$ 3,673.86	\$ 2,978.80
Block funding		\$ 3,127.40	\$ -
Participation		\$ 1,569.24	\$ 5,930.66
		\$ 39,373.62	\$ 45,204.71
Excess Revenue Over Expenditures		\$ 351.69	\$ (196.29)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		\$ 17,122.84	\$ 17,319.13
Net Assets, End of Year		\$ 17,474.53	\$ 17,122.84

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Development
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

The majority of our role pertains to the summer women's development league, and also minor community outreach events to promote field hockey as a sport.

As Directors of Development it is our responsibility to organize and facilitate learning opportunities for youth and young adults. We need to ensure proper turf bookings, as well as appropriate time management within time allotted for each session. This planning involves scheduling and attending additional meetings to discuss league details.

May-August 2016

In the 2016 Women's Summer Outdoor League we had a moderate turn out. We registered 32 participants - of which 9 had belonged to the junior high program; 15 to the senior high program; and 8 had belonged to the FHNS Provincial team; and 6 coaches.

In comparison, after our first week of the 2017 women's league we will have registered 26 officially. Of which 18 belong to the senior program, 8 to the junior program. We are pending 3 registration forms and/or payment. However we have 11 coaches/captains registered and expecting a few more participants to register within the second and third week of the league.

We have noted an opportunity for our summer league would be to lengthen the turf time from 60 minutes to 90 minutes.

October 2016

Participated in the Milk Sport Fair at Soccer Nova scotia, a three day plus one evening event where exhibitors get young school kids to try their sport for a brief period. We were able to interact with thousands of kids and chaperones in order to spread the knowledge of our sport across the HRM.

May 2017

Jr. High Girls and Boys tournaments have been difficult to organize due to the teachers strike that happened this year in HRM. However, a one day tournament is planned for May 27, which will include participation from Oxford, as well as the private schools. (This report has been written prior to its completion)

Furthermore, we have had communication with the following outreach communities, with regards to bringing Field hockey to their area/schools:

- Bridgewater area
- Halifax Independent School
- Tantallon Jr High

Goals for the Future:

- Look to expand our summer league and potentially extend our allotted turf time
- Participate in more outreach programs to extend the reach of our sport in Nova Scotia
- Next year, get the Jr High schools back into our program and participating in the annual tournament.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Avery and Hillary Tobin

Directors of Development

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Coaching
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

Activities / Achievements in 2016-17

- We are fortunate to now have 3 Coaches certified NCCP LF's and MLF's in Nova Scotia, Sharon Rajaraman, Stephen Goosen and Janet Heppell. These certifications provide the ability to run coaching courses as well as to teach others to run coaching courses. Field Hockey Canada's coaching certification Program has finally been sanctioned by the NCCP and Nova Scotia has certified Course Conductors to run these courses.
- Janet Heppell completed her Comp Intro training and ran a Community Coaching Course at which Alex Tutty attended.
- 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 2017-18

- 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.
- Have Ann Doggett from FHC meet with our Course conductors to do an update on the NCCP Training.
- To offer a Community Coaching Course & Higher Level Coaching Courses in Nova Scotia in the coming year.
- FHC LTHD (Long Term Hockey Development) adopt a strategic plan to coincide with the development of Field Hockey in Nova Scotia in conjunction with Sport Nova Scotia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Rajaraman
Director, Coaching
FHNS

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Leagues
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

OUTDOOR LEAGUE

Activities / Achievements in 2016-17

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- The 2016 season consisted of 4 teams: Beavers, Dragons, Privateers, & Panthers. Games were held on the traditional Sunday evenings. The season operated as a triple-round-robin during regular season, and matches occurring at the SMU turf. Matches were 1h 15m in length. Weekday evening pickup occurred on Wednesday evenings.
- The Panthers won the regular season, as well as the playoff title. Ghassan Hamam received the top scorer honours.
- The league operated with a surplus of approximately \$160
- The 2017 season will consist of four teams: Beavers, Dragons, Panthers, & Privateers. It will be a triple-round-robin regular season, with all matches occurring at the SMU turf. Matches are to be 1h 15m. Weekday evening pickup is on Tuesday evenings.
- Team fees have increased to \$2,100 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 \$75 surplus for the current year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Peters
Director of Leagues
FHNS

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Tournaments
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

The 2016 Atlantic Cup was held on July 30-31 at Huskies Stadium, St. Mary's University in Halifax.

Five teams battled over two days for the Cup. The local teams were complemented by players from France, Holland, New Brunswick, PEI, ON, Alberta and BC. The round robin format produced some very competitive hockey. In the semi-finals the Andrews defeated the Privateers Saracens and Outaouais slipped past the Privateers Angus Family. The Andrews claimed the Cup in a hard fought final with the Outaouais Club from Ottawa. The Saturday night social at the Argyle Bar & Grill was once again an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and meet new friends.

Halifax teams travelled to several out of province tournaments this year with participation in New Brunswick, Ottawa, and Toronto to name a few.

Special congratulations go out to the Halifax FHC on winning the silver medal at the Canadian Indoor Classic. Congrats to Shane Rajaraman on being named tournament MVP!

Many thanks to all those that assisted with the organization of the Atlantic Cup and the touring teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ann Andrews,

Director - Tournaments

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
Director of Women's Programs
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

Programs run throughout the year.

April 2016 – 4 week skill session program to introduce outdoor skills to the u18 age group.

April – July 2016 – u18 provincial program. The squad practiced twice a week training and scrimmaging to further develop their skills. A group of athletes traveled to Toronto in July to train with the AC Academy, an elite training club and practice/scrimmage with one of the Ontario u18 teams. As a result, a NS athlete was given an opportunity to play with University of Toronto in the fall of 2016.

September – December 2016 – For the first time in five years, NS had a competitive indoor girls team, this time an u16 team. The team of 10 athletes began training in September spending 6 weeks training and developing their outdoor skills before moving indoor in November to further develop their indoor game. Girls traveled to Toronto in December to compete in the Scarborough Cup.

April 2017 – competitive program has started up for the summer, this year it will be a combined u15/u17 team, With former provincial players coming back to give back and coach the younger athletes.

Future programs and recommendations:

The goals of the program is to further develop young female athletes at a competitive level and to increase the number of girls interested in playing field hockey beyond a recreational level, competing outside of Nova Scotia and even the CIS level.

The summer program will compete in several tournaments and there will once again be a competitive team in the fall to try and build on last year's success.

Field Hockey Nova Scotia
PSO Administrative Coordinator
Report to the Annual General Meeting 2017

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 on time.
- Website updates and maintenance.
- Helped with program registration and membership database.
- Coordinate with Treasurer on invoices, cheques and receipts.
- Update Nova Scotia Joint Stocks Companies documents to stay in good standing and up to date.
- Send out occasional communications to FHNS members.

Field Hockey Nova Scotia had a promising year in 2016. FHNS was once again successful 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. FHNS has seen a stabilized membership at approximately 130 members, with a strong group of senior players who play in the Indoor and Outdoor leagues. In large part to some of the outreach done by FHNS and its members we have seen some interest in field hockey leagues outside of HRM, particularly in the valley. This should continue to be a priority for FHNS, to try and support the development of consistent and sustainable field hockey in other areas of the province. Although FHNS is a small close knit community, communication through email, website, social media and other avenues should be re-evaluated to determine how improvements can be made. 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.

This upcoming year will serve as an important year for FHNS as a number of important funding cycles will be renewing – such as the PSO Administrative Position, Block Funding and Participation funding. It will be important for FHNS to complete these applications and hopefully be in a position to increase funding for the next four year cycle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Thompson
PSO Administrative Coordinator
FHNS, Row NS, KNS

**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 2017-2018 year:

President – Sharon Rajaraman

Director of Finance – Stephanie Turner-Chiasson

Director of Coaching - Sharon Rajaraman

Director of Administration – Brittany Avery

Director of Leagues – Marcia Peters

Director of Development – Hillary Tobin & Brittany Avery

Director of Tournaments – Lori Ann Andrews

Director of Women’s Programs – Janet Heppell

Director of Men’s Programs – Vacant

Director of Umpiring – Vacant

Director of Marketing & Communications - Vacant