



Chair's Report 2024 AGM

From: Deb Whitten, Chair, Field Hockey Canada Board of Directors
Attn: Field Hockey Canada Member PSOs
Date: August, 2024

The last season has been an incredibly busy one, with national teams active from youth to masters and a continued organizational focus on delivering strong financial and governance stability for the sports system build and international performance. As we enter the final year of our current strategy, it has been challenging work to put in place this critical foundation which will serve FHC well as we move for the future. Part of this of course is the delivery of the Hosting Strategy, with this season including Canada hosting 2 continental championships. To that end, on behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank the Field Hockey Canada staff for their tireless efforts in preparing, organizing and hosting the 2 continental championships and also to the Field Hockey BC and the Field Hockey Community who came together and volunteered time, energy and resources to ensure the championships were successful.

2023 / 2024 Highlights

Strategic Objective: A Stronger Organization

- Stewardship of Field Hockey Canada into the Office of the Independent Sports Commissioner and continued focus on safe, inclusive and accessible sport
- Updated risk management assessment and registry – achieved through engagement with board, staff, committees, athletes, and community to raise awareness
- Continued focus on financial stability and resources

Strategic Objective: A Stronger System

- Member support - Continued monthly member meetings to provide forum for engagement and discussion as we continue work towards an aligned, safe, well governed and thriving sport system. Member support extends to targeted assistance to progress where required.
- Delivery of Competition Strategy – and a new model for university sports national championships
- International Youth Tours for the next generation of Canadian MNT and WNT
- Growth of NextGen into the Atlantic provinces with FHC led camp approach

Strategic Objective: Stronger International Performances

- National Teams narrowly missing Olympic qualification – but with very young teams bouncing back at Nations Cup. Thanks for High Performance Director and National Team Coaches for their leadership in this area.
- JMNT qualifying for 2023 Junior World Cup
- International Hosting: Delivery of strategy home hosting in BC and Alberta. Canada successfully hosting the Indoor Pan American Cups in March, followed by the Junior Pan American Championships in July.

Thanks to all directors and our small and hardworking staff group for the tremendous amount of work, dedication and progress made during this past year.

A thank you to all the chairs and the members of our ad hoc committees. The chairs work with the Board and the CEO to help achieve our strategic goals and are a crucial part of FHC's governance structure.

- Hall of Fame: Dr. Sue Neill
- Coach Education Committee: Ann Doggett and Nancy McCutcheon
- Officials: Laurie Hogan
- U sports: Deb Whitten and Nancy Mollenhauer
- Masters: Ronald Prins and Gord Plottel
- Sponsorship: Kerry Moynihan
- COF Women's Fund: Sharon Rajaraman
- COF Men's Fund: Hari Kant

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to all the volunteers who make sport happen at all levels. A special thank you to board directors who exited in this past season: Derm Coombs and Peadar O'Riain for their years of service and dedication to Field Hockey Canada. Welcome to new Directors Terry Lockhart, Kerry Moynihan and Ronald Prins.

Sincerely,

Deb Whitten

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