



2024 NNFHC AGM

I. Call to order

Halley Chopra called the meeting to order at 6:46pm. Maureen Motioned the Agenda. Alec seconded the motion.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Sandeep motioned. Lauren seconded.

III. General Business: Review of 2023 Season

a) Finances

The 2023 fiscal year Includes indoor (Sept 2022 – March 2023) and outdoor (April – August) 2023. Year-end statements:

September 1, 2022: \$ 15,939.82

September 1, 2023: \$ 4,383.23

Counting to September 1 as it better reflects the year-end balance. Historically our year end has been \$5-10K, this buffer is needed to support programs prior season starting. Large purchases for the season are made between May and September, which is as expected.

Last year we had a \$10k surplus, due to underspending on coaches, trainers, and CSJ employees. This year, we spent our money exactly where it was meant to be spent, into coaches, trainers, and programming, creating a comfortable year-end at \$4,383.23.

b) Funding

Since 2020, we have secured \$127K and injected it back into our community through our Stick Together programming and Canada Summer Jobs positions.

c) Team of Teams

Our team of teams structure is where instead of needing a hierarchy with someone at the top, our organization works as an organism. This gives decision making power and allows everyone contributing to have the same vision and have the power to make decisions within our organization.

d) Membership

i) 136 unique athletes



(i) Indoor: 60 (25 unique)

(ii) Outdoor: 111

48% returning athletes, up 1% from 2022

36% new athletes, up 7% from 2022

17% alumni returned, down 9% from 2022

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- ii) Breakdown by age groups:
 - Compared average of the last 7 years.
 - 18+ most populous and highest amount of members (41%)
 - U16 girls is typically our most populous, we don't retain all the U16 athletes to U18 and beyond because it is known that 16 is when girls start to drop out of sport. Since our sport is 70% girls, we feel those losses.
 - e) We have reached Capacity at Minto during this year (2023). Faced above capacity twice, prior to change of turf. Declined in membership when turf was removed, 2013 and 2017 and an alternate space was used. After each period of decline, NN rebounded back. Decreased at onset of covid, 2020. Steady throughout covid with a huge increase in 2021 and 2022 and projected incline over the next few years. Expected to have 150+ members in 2024. Even though capacity is high, distribution is not consistent.
 - f) Winter Programs
 - i) Sandeep Chopra discusses the success of the Indoor 2023 season, where we ran two junior sessions. One for beginner's and one for intermediate players. This was the start of our Stick Together Program. We hosted the Frosty Cup which was a great success.
 - ii) The women's team participated in the Carleton University's Indoor Women's League.
 - g) Summer Programs
 - i) **Juniors**
Sandeep Chopra shared successes of U10 and U12.
Lauren Herweyer shared successes of U14/ U16 girls.
 - ii) **Adults**
Ian Venables shared successes of 18+ pick up games and tailgate events post pickup. Ian also discusses the various adult tournaments we attended in the indoor and outdoor seasons.
 - iii) **Highschool**
Sandeep Chopra discusses the success and growth of the high school leagues as our members have supported schools in the community. Halley Chopra discussed the high school tournament we host in September.
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IV. New business

Rohan Chopra was the scrutineer for the election process. The nominees were submitted by email in advance of the meeting to nominations@nepeanfieldhockey.ca

Rohan asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor, none arose.


Position	2023 Directors	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded
President	Halley Chopra			
Secretary	NONE			
Treasurer	Manu Singh			
Director – 18+ Community Outreach	Ian Venables			
Director – People and Culture	Maureen Chopra			
Director at Large	Vanessa Gale	Dean O'Brien	Matthew MacKay	Sandeep Chopra
Director at Large	NONE			

This concludes Vanessa Gale's role on the board.

a) Registration

- i) Membership Fee – There is now a Field Hockey Canada membership included in the Nighthawks registration fee for the junior players.
- ii) Running all regular age groups participating – u14, u16, u18 girls, TG1, junior boys and 18+ pick-up
- iii) Women's team – We are officially launching a women's team registration.
- iv) Stick Together Program – received funding from local business, Decisive, with matching amounts from Field Hockey Canada. Able to continue the program that was started in the winter into the summer season.
- v) Registration for 18+ will need to be capped at 45 people.

b) Tournaments

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- i) The more tournaments we attend, the more people will attend our tournaments. Our tournaments can be a source of revenue and fundraising for our program. We have decided to make the summer sizzler weekend an adult tournament, and all junior teams will participate during the junior fest weekend.
 - c) Indigenous Coaching Module
 - i) April 20th we are attending an indigenous coaching module all day with a capacity of 24 participants. Mandatory for coaches but athletes and parents can attend.
 - d) Field Hockey Centre Project
 - i) The project is still moving forward. We are looking to cut the budget by recycling turf used by the City of Ottawa. The turf is in perfect shape and now we are in negotiations with the City to use it for our Centre project.

V. Adjournment

Closing remarks. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

