



Field Hockey BC Annual General Meeting
Saturday 18 February 2017

12.30pm, The Howard Johnson Hotel and Suites,
Victoria (Elk Lake), BC

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Sue Demuynck, Brenda Rushton, Mark Saunders, Lorne Carnes, Jennifer Taylor (Phone), Melody Haddow, Joanna Mukai (Phone), Eric Broom, Sue Jameson, Katie Jameson, Margaret Johnson, Jeff Sauvé, Jena Croft, Ian Mackenzie (Phone), Alan Waterman

- 1 **Call to order:** Adoption of the Agenda – Johnson/Waterman **Carried** (100)
 Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes (February 20, 2016) –
 Rushton/Johnson **Carried** (100)

- 2 **Announcements:** Voting shall be by a show of voting card (100 votes registered by
 Individual or Proxy)

- 3 **New Business:**

- 3.1 Reports from the President and Executive Director

The President referred to her written report within the AGM Package and asked whether there were any questions.

Question raised (Carnes) concerning the strategic vision for the development and recruitment of players within Vancouver Island Clubs. FHBC Executive Director outlined the strategic intent to drive development through investment and delivery in Coaching and Officiating education, targeting from Vancouver Island's perspective, an educational drive in partnership with the Victoria Junior League.

Question raised (Carnes) concerning the need to increase adult participation in Vancouver Island Clubs. FHBC President and Executive Director reiterated FHBC's commitment to work with stakeholder clubs, associations, and leagues, reinforcing that FHBC is currently working with the Vancouver Island Junior League as this is currently the target audience island stakeholders have identified for support.

The Executive Director referred to and then expanded on his report within the AGM package and asked whether there were any questions.

Question raised (Carnes) regarding BC membership statistics since inception of the individual membership structure. The FHBC Executive Director referenced his report, as well as, statistics since 2007-08. There has been a 5% overall growth rate in BC Memberships since 2007-08, with an 18.5% increase over the same period in adult playing members. The FHBC Executive Director

expanded to explain that FHBC views membership growth more as a retention strategy than a growth strategy, targeting the value of participation in the hope that players will return to the sport in later life. This links to FHBC's strategic intent to provide greater value through the primary strategic drivers of Coaching and Officiating, especially at the Under 13 to Under 18 membership level.

Motion: To accept the President's and Executive Director Reports. Demuynck/Johnson **Carried** (100)

3.2 Board Executive Reports

The President referred to each Board Executive Report within the AGM Package and asked whether there were any questions in each case. No questions were forthcoming.

Motion: To accept the FHBC Board Executive Reports. Waterman/Johnson **Carried** (100)

3.3 Financial Report - Audited Financial Statement to August 31, 2016

The Finance Director referred to the copy of the Audited Financial Statement to August 31, 2016 included in the AGM Package and expanded to provide a verbal overview. The Finance Director thanked the Accounts Manager in particular for her due diligence in managing the Society accounts, and asked whether there were any questions or further need for clarification. No questions were forthcoming.

Non-Bylaw Motions (see Notice of Motions):

- Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statement to August 31, 2016 – **Carried** (99 For/1 Abstention)
- Appointment of Auditors for 2016-2017 – **Carried** (99 For/1 Abstention)
- BC Membership Fee Schedule for 2017-2018 – **Carried** (99 For/1 Abstention)

The FHBC Executive Director talked to the proposal as posted and to the cooperative work between FHBC and FHC in reaching agreement on what is seen as a modest proposal to increase membership fees. The Executive Director then expanded on the two target areas for investment (Coaching and Officiating), and reinforced that invested funds would be restricted for purpose and not be considered discretionary by the Society.

Question (Croft) regarding the potential for members to not renew due to the increases proposed, emphasizing that it is not just the \$3-6 increase for BC but also the potential for the same increase for FHC. The FHBC Executive Director reinforced that such consideration had been taken into account by both FHBC and FHC and it is hoped that members will see the value in this targeted investment strategy.

- Support for the FHC Membership Proposal for 2017-18 – **Carried** (99 For/1 Abstention)

The FHBC Executive Director explained that such a motion was being brought forward at the FHBC AGM in order for FHBC to carry an appropriate vote forward to the FHC AGM later in the year. The FHC CEO then spoke to the FHC statement of intent as posted, reinforcing the collaborative approach with FHBC and speaking to the restricted intent for funds (Domestic Programs, Coaching, and Officiating).

Question raised (Carnes) concerning the number of adult members across Canada. The FHC CEO relayed figures and agreed to address any follow-up questions that may materialize over time from this information.

Bylaw Motion (See Notice of Motions)

- Revision to the FHBC Constitution and Bylaws (adherence to the new BC Society Act) – **Carried (100)**

3.4 Election of Officers

The FHBC President announced that as there is only one nomination for each position on the Board of Directors, each nominee is elected by acclamation. Congratulations to all those duly elected from the nominations slate for a two-year term.

- Vice-President – Margaret Johnson
- Domestic Director – Brenda Rushton
- Marketing Director – Brian Groos
- Athlete Director – Jennifer Taylor

4 **Other Business:**

Statement (Sauvé) – Wished to both recognize and thank the FHBC Board of Directors and Staff for their continued efforts in supporting the sport of field hockey in BC.

5 Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn. Jameson S/Jameson K **Carried (100) 1.45pm**