



## West Vancouver Field Hockey Club AGM

Thursday, Dec 12, 2024, 7 pm  
Hugo Ray Pavilion, West Vancouver

### Minutes

Present: George Haughn, Sue Goddard, Gregor Copland, Mark Vaughan, Amy Brooks, Margi Spooner, Chris Baggott, Matthew Sarmiento, Nicky Graham, Charlotte Burns, Annabel Pringle, Nora Goddard-Despot, David Frazee, Matthew Nosworthy, Pat McCleod, Heiko Hoffman, Kent McKinon, Hannah Haughn, Clovis Vandermeirsch

Call to Order and Welcome: George Haughn motioned to call the meeting to order at 7.10pm  
Chris Baggott accepted, Mark Vaughan 2nd. All in favour.

Approval of minutes from last AGM Dec 4, 2023: Sue Goddard motioned to accept the minutes,  
2nd Mark Vaughan. All in favour. Minutes Approved.

Adoption of the Approved Club Bylaws The Adopted Bylaws were circulated at the EGM on  
November 7, 2024. Comment from Mark Vaughan: The presidency is for a one-year term, and  
the president can only serve for four terms.

Presentation of the Club Financial position: Gregor Copland presented the WVFHC financials for  
2024.

Comments: Gregor Copland will step down as treasurer at the next AGM. When Gregor passes  
over his treasury role, the club may want to have the financials audited. Field Hockey Canada has  
full financial submissions. Pat Macleod thanks Gregor for his service and believes we do not  
need to be audited. Mark Vaughan also thanks Gregor.

Gregor motioned to accept the budget as presented. Sue Goddard 2nd All in favour.

Appointment of the Auditor: Gregor Copland presented that an auditor's salary will range from  
\$10-25K. Given that we have processes and controls for financial expenditures over \$500, the  
club believes we do not need an auditor. Mark Vaughan motioned to wave the appointment of  
an auditor Chris Baggott 2nd. All in favour.

President's Report to Members: George Haughn presented his report.

Presidents report

2024 has been quite an eventful year for the WVFHC. Our focus has been to expand

programming, build community, and improve facilities within the club and progress has been made on all fronts.

#### Programming

1. A change initiated by the Junior Committee was the process whereby U12 teams were reassembled into new U13 teams to better align with the competitive goals of individual players. Thanks go to all members of the junior committee who invested many hours conceiving and initiating the plan.
2. Our school program continues to expand in an attempt to grow the sport.
3. New programs were initiated including coed scrimmages for high school junior players and the Women's Legacy League.

#### Staffing

A hiring committee was struck for the search for a new TD after Geoff Matthew's resignation, and by the end of August, we hired Matt Sarmiento for the role. We look forward to working with Matt to continue improving our programming and coaching. Special thanks to Charlotte who put in many extra hours running the job search and initiating the fall programming as Matt transitioned into his new position.

#### Facilities

Plans and cost estimates for a BBQ plaza were prepared by Mark Vaughan and approved by the board. These have now been submitted to WV Parks and Planning Development Team) for comments and guidance. Hopefully construction can begin in 2025.

#### Governance

1. A committee of board members successfully updated our bylaws.
2. A new coaching committee was initiated which will work with Matt Sarmiento to improve and streamline conditions for our large club coaching staff.
3. We are looking for a new treasurer as Gregor Copland plans to step down after this year.

#### Community Building

WVFHC has a large diverse membership. We recognize the importance and challenges of building and maintaining a community so members feel included and connected. We have been arranging events that will bring factions of our club together in a social setting.

#### Outreach

Community outreach has included the Toy and Food drive held yearly in November. The introduction of the Ross Rutledge Memorial Scholarship (20-year anniversary of his passing April 2004) was awarded to a top junior male player. We have fostered relations with the Whistler Field Hockey Club. Finally, through a sizable donation, the WVFHC became a Founding Sponsor for the Place for Sport artificial turf/Harry Jerome Track (West Vancouver Secondary School).

George Haughn thanked our staff, Charlotte, Annabel, Matt, Isabelle, and Bettina who work so hard to implement the programming for our club and to all the members on and off the board who volunteer their efforts. It takes a community to run a club.

Our annual program numbers are as follows:

2024 WVFHC Programs

Program Registrations

Winter Wolves 12

Winter Tech Dev 43

Winter Adult Rec 6

Winter Indoor 74

FHBC Athlete Nomination 19

Spring Break Camp 65

Spring League 992

Spring HP 91

Spring Hockey Fit 21

Spring Youth League 45

Orca Tournament Spring 79

Sportways Summer Camp 74

Summer Camp 73

Karli Johansen Dragflick Clinic 20

Orca Tournament Fall 53

Women's League 193

Men's League 76

Fall Adult Rec 7

Fall Hockey Fit 17

Fall HP 69

Fall Hockey 5's 201

Fall Wolves 23

Women's Legacy League 23

Fall Premier League (HP) 22

Events

Ladies Night - February

Men and Women's League Awards Night - May

Coach get-together scrimmage and pizza - May

Hosting Club Championships - U14 + 16 Boys – June

Ultimate BBQ – June

U7/8 Jamboree - June

Grad Party - June

Orca Tournament SL edition – June

JPAC jersey handout/celebration - June

Club Day - September

Orca Tournament – October

EGM – November

AGM/Winter Social - December

In the community

Bridge Festival - June  
November Giving Month - Toy and Food Drive  
School visits - late Oct-Mar - 6,000 + kids to be introduced to field hockey across the North Shore

69 Spring League teams  
2 Youth League teams  
8 Women's League and 4 Men's League teams  
28 Fall 5's teams + 1 Fall Premier League team  
Women's Legacy League

Key Roles/Volunteers  
80 Umpires  
80 Junior coaches  
22 Club Coaches coaching adult leagues; 15 Club coaches for junior programs  
164 Volunteer coaches and managers; 23 coaches/managers of multiple teams  
16 AGC's  
2 Umpire coordinators  
2 Junior coach coordinators  
1 Spring League Coordinator

Election of Directors: maximum of 12 directors including Junior Representatives (3), Senior Representatives (3)

George Haughan asked if anyone present wanted to join the board. Matt Nosworthy

Directors nominated by George Haughn:

George Haughn President  
Sue Goddard Vice President  
Gregor Copland Treasurer  
Margi Spooner - Director  
Cher Lacoste (Junior rep)  
Brigid Flipse (Senior Rep)  
Chris Baggott (Senior Rep)  
Mike Baumgartner (Junior Rep)  
Amy Brooks (Junior Rep)  
Mark Vaughan Past President  
Matt Noseworthy (Senior Rep)  
Nicky Graham Director

No additional nominations were made. Board elected by acclamation

Other Business- none.

Adjournment: George Haughn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm, Mark Vaughan 2nd. All in favour.