



2018 Report of the Chair

Field Hockey Canada Board of Directors

The Board has held 10 meetings during the past year, 2 of which were face-to-face meetings held in Vancouver. Of greatest concern were searches to find the most able Head Coaches for both Men's and Women's National Team programs. Board members and CEO went to considerable length to ensure an experienced and unbiased hiring committee was put in place to review all CV's and conduct interviews with the short-listed applicants.

On the Men's side, Paul Bundy became a clear winner during an extensive international search and is now in preparation for the 2018 World Cup in India in December.

On the WNP front, Giles Bonnet's extensive experience has already generated significant success with events in Chile and USA. The WNT were successful in Mexico for the start of World League challenge series for qualification to the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. The Women's Program is now centered at the University of Victoria, which provides significantly enhanced training and support facilities to those found in Vancouver.

The 2017 General Meeting saw an increase in fees in order to support the position of a "Director of Hockey Development", with a priority for Coach and Officials education and development, in addition to Athlete pathway and National Championships. Susan Ahrens commenced her role as Director, Hockey Development in December.

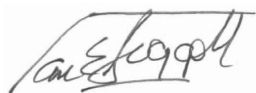
Following in the footsteps of the two Canadian Masters' teams that attended the 2016 World Cup in Australia, we have four teams entered into the 2018 Masters World Cup in Spain. This includes a Men's Grand Masters (over-60) team who will be in Barcelona, Spain this June, and three Masters teams who will travel to Terrassa, Spain for their competition July 27-Aug.5. The three Masters teams from Canada include one Men's (over-50) and two Women's (over-50 and over-55). It is hoped that this foray into the Hockey Masters arena will encourage more participation at both local and international events.



The Board has said a sincere “thank you, farewell and good luck” to Thea Culley, after 8 years as Women’s Athlete board representative and now pursuing her Masters’ degree. We will also bid a grateful farewell to Kim Ewasechko and Tyla Flexman at our Annual Meeting. Nancy Mollenhauer has been nominated to the Board to provide support for the WNP during transition from Vancouver to Victoria.

I must express a sincere “thank you” to all Board members for the enormous support and expertise each one of them brings to the table: the year would have been much more difficult without that.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Baggott", enclosed within a rectangular box.

Ian Baggott (Chair).