

**Field Hockey Federation**  
Annual General Meeting September 26, 2015

**Location:** Moorpark College HSS building, #140

**Meeting Called to Order:** 10:05

**Attendance:** Phil Schofield, President; Mike Whitehead, Vice President; Patti Niccum, Secretary; Joan Cicchi, Treasurer; Coralie VanMarken, Youth Divisions; Tom Harris, Director of Volunteers; Beverly Kornder, Moorpark Commissioner; Alan Scally, Bulldogs Commissioner; Dana, Hawley, Ventura Commissioner; Chris Janezuski, Umpires; Ralf Hauser, Rino Bouwman, Aaron Botti, Kim Whitehead

**Approval of Minutes:** September 27, 2014: Joan Cicchi approved, Tom Harris second; vote unanimous

**Amendments to By-Laws.:**

**Proposal #1:** Term limits for the Executive board; 4 years

Considering all feedback, the turnover could benefit all people concerned and if it is in the bylaws it would be easier to use that for recruiting purposes. Joan moves to approve the proposed bylaw change for term limits; Tom second.

Vote taken, Vote in by majority  
\*\*\*By laws change Passed.

**Proposal#2:** Not posted, tabled

**Proposal #3:** Not Posted, tabled

**Proposal #4:** Not posted, tabled

**Proposal #5:** Not posted, tabled

**Proposal #6:** Term Limits for the Club Commissioners  
Joan moves, Tom seconds  
Vote taken, Voted in by majority

## REPORTS:

### **President, Phil Schofield:** Good News/Bad News

*Good news:* Local players are doing very well. California is doing really well for selections in USA Futures, a lot of new referees, Olympics in LA 2024 is hopeful. The adult teams in our league are improving. Drought is becoming an intense issue, new field wet/dry, meeting with college. Intent of the meeting is to get an extended lease so that we can purchase a new field for 10 year wear and tear. Older Youth teams are drowning and the other sports are taking over when a certain age is reached. Cal Cup didn't produce as much money as in the past years. Phil is happy to work with all of the new members

### **Vice President, Mike Whitehead:** attached

**Treasurer, Joan Cicchi:** Thank you it's been a pleasure serving the board. When Joan started, we were running in the negative. She began her job as Treasurer and started a budget including turf replacement fund. We have met all of our financial commitments. Annual income Summary is attached.

Cal Cup meeting on Monday: Less Income this year for a couple of reasons.

Non-control: Water; took the football turf away and went to Westlake High School (no parking passes purchased, no vendor/food trucks purchased, no commission from the vendor booths) the competitive women did not have to set foot at the college. Hotel cost increased for umpires, and increase stipend to umpires.

Control: increased the Prize Money;

Corporate donations have decreased greatly, Karen retired from Amgen.

Our 5 year CD interest is healthy and come due in May 2016 and will drop. We have enough money right now to replace the turf.

### **Systems Director, Rob Stevens:** absent

**Director of Volunteers, Tom Harris:** He made up a form for people to sign up for Volunteer positions to be given to each of the Team managers. Another form was given to the Board Members to fill out for volunteers that they need for the completion their duties. Cal Cup volunteers are always needed as well. Need Commissioners for Simi Valley and Camarillo, recruiting for youth players (Acorn and maybe Ventura County Star), Look for placing youth players in the schools to teach in the school. Joan Cicchi, Patti Niccum and Rob Stephens for Volunteers of the Year.

## **Commissioners:**

**Alan Scally, Conejo Bulldogs:** Started the year very rough. Recruiting directly from the schools is very difficult. The marketing approval took too much time from the School Board. They decided to go around the school district and go directly to YMCA, youth programs, google placement was upgraded and promoted Summer Camp with Parks and Rec. 13 new players in the Fall of this year. Planning on 3-4 Summer Camps next year and focus points are U8, U10 and U12. Under 12 division will be a problem, not enough players for replacement but will pull up from Under 10. Under 10 division is strong, Under 17 division is strong, Older youth players (second year Under 14) are invited to come to their Division 1 practice. Great success with those kids that want to play at the higher level. Determined that the Under 17 boys need to have a target as a D1 team in order to keep playing.

**Beverly Kornder, Moorpark Coyotes:** Must recruit and keep recruiting. We have 6 youth teams and only 2 adult teams. We lose kids to soccer in the fall and also the high school field hockey players. We are an affiliated club with USAFH and they entered a team in the National Hockey Festival. We are taking another team this year in the Under 16. Middle School tournament and elementary school tournaments. Received a scholarship program in Fundamentals for Field Hockey. Moorpark School District has their own restrictions but it is attainable.

**Matt/Dana Hawley, Ventura Roadrunners:** We have had a lot of great things happen this year. Are very disappointed about the lack of youth players. Have been reaching out to the different schools but are finding the same roadblocks as the other clubs. They will be struggling with the Under 10 and Under 12 teams this coming year. The Middle school tournament is successful but don't retain the players because of the distance. They try different things to solve that issue. Car pooling, phone lines, and several coaches that have stepped up.

**Coralie Van Marken; Under 8 division:** 16 players are signed up and this is a free division for all. Discussion ensued regarding Recruitment. The schools might not be the best solution. Grow the sport.

## **BALLOTS WERE PASSED OUT**

The three running candidates will present themselves or a statement to do so.

**Mike Lipka:** Chris Janezuski presented Mike's qualifications directly from the statement (attached) that Mike presented. Mike truly cares about the sport and has been a party of every level.

**Rino Bauwman:** He has a daughter in Under 15. Played for 24 years, Coached in the Netherlands, and played in Holland, Spain, and England.

**Mike Whitehead:** He has opted to continue on the board in another position instead of VP. He has been involved in FH for several years. Has been a coach and manager for the youth for a number of years. Level 2 field hockey coach, level 2 umpire, He has been to two Pan Am games with the USA team. Coaches Chaminade high school right now.

**Final Vote Count:**

Phil Schofield; President

Matt Hawley; Vice President:

Alan Scally; President Elect

Direct of Competitions: Mike Whitehead

Treasurer: Open

Direct of Facilities: Kim Whitehead

**New Business:**

1. As Moorpark commissioner, there is a great concern about a player in Division 3 injuring players during the games. The club had a discussion with the player and reprimanded him. We will alert the umpires to keep a close watch and card player with an incident report. Incident reports must be filed with any significant injury. The cards should be given to both players, one putting themselves in danger and one creating the danger. Please place on the agenda
2. A committee to be formed to review the By Law changes.
  - a. Commissioners (4), Joan, Matt Hawley
  - b. Review of member club contracts/

**Old Business:** nothing to report

**Adjourned:** Phil Schofield adjourned and Mike Whitehead second,12:06