



2023 Annual General Meeting

April 16, 2024

7pm

Zoom Meeting

Agenda

Registration Link:

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1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of AGM 2023 Meeting Minutes (pg 3-8)
5. Report of the President (pg 9)
6. Approval of the 2022 Year-End Financial Statements (attached)
7. Review of 2023 Financials (Pending final report; To be approved in 2024. YE documents attached)
8. Director's Reports – (Pg 10-14)
9. By-Law/Constitution Changes (Pg 15)
10. Resignations and Nominations
11. Election of Officers:
 - a. President
 - b. VP Programming
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Hardball/Baseball Convenor
 - e. Soccer Convenor
 - f. Basketball Convenor
 - g. Publicity
 - h. Special Events
11. Adjournment

2022 AGM Minutes for Valley Gardens Community Centre

218 Antrim Road, Winnipeg Manitoba R2K 3L2

May 16th, 2023

7:00 PM Via Zoom

12. Call to order at 7:10pm

13. Introduction of Board Members

VGCC President Karen Kummen-Diak welcomed and thanked Wendy Hein, Community Center Liaison with the City of Winnipeg and Lora Meseman, Executive Director for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centers for joining us and on-going support.

Attendance:	<i>Attendance of VGCC Board Members and Community Members was done via a registration process. Registrants received an AGM package and Zoom meeting link via email. Registration attendance is attached. Please note that there were 36 participants in attendance for the AGM 2022.</i>
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14. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the Agenda by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by Subhdeep Sidhu. All in favour. Carried.

15. Approval of AGM 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: to approve the Minutes as presented from the 2021 AGM Wednesday, April 20, 2022 by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by James Franz. All in favour. Carried.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Karen Kummen Diak

Good day, my name is Karen Kummen Diak, and I am Valley Gardens Community Center President. I have served on the board since 2015 and as president since 2020.

Thank you to everyone who is joining us tonight. For those of you that follow the VG page on Facebook, you will know how much we appreciate all of the volunteers. It's because of our volunteers that we can offer valuable programs and events. In addition to the volunteer board of directors, we have coaches, assistant coaches, event volunteers & individuals working behind the scenes who don't carry an official VG Title. These volunteers do enormous amounts of work supporting the sports programs and it's because of that volunteer base that the children in our community have a club, sports and other special events to attend. Each and every one of our volunteers has a heart of gold and truly only wants the best for our community and our club. We are very blessed to have the volunteer family that we do.

In addition to the volunteer team, we have an amazing staff at the club. Mandy and Henry are a dynamic duo who keep the club up and running. The day-to-day tasks of Office and Grounds can be daunting. As newer members of the team, they had quite a bit of a learning curve and a bit of an operational mess to overcome. They both did that with ease and grace and are a valued and integral part of our team at VGCC.

Since we last gathered our board said goodbye to a few special members who had gone above and beyond in their roles and for the club. On behalf of the community, I'd like to give special mention and thanks to; **Natalie Desautels – Club Secretary, Nina Thatch – Publicity Director, Jason Moniz – Soccer Convener, and Mike Buenaventura – Soft Ball Convener.**

We would also like to thank our City Councilors and MLAs. Matt Wiebe, Andrew Micklefield, Jeff Browaty, Russ Wyatt and Jason Schryer are all representing our catchment. We all thank you all for your ongoing support.

Last but definitely not least, thank you to Wendy Hein with the City of Winnipeg for joining us tonight. Wendy is our City of Winnipeg liaison and is such an important and valuable resource for our community centers. – Thanks, Wendy!

The VGCC Board of Directors is looking forward to the coming year! We continue to look for ways to provide relevant programs, enriching and enjoyed by our community. And we invite the community to participate. We host monthly meetings that are open to the public and we are always looking for volunteer board members.

In 2022, we hosted our 2nd Skate with Santa, which was well-supported and attended. We are also looking forward to bringing back a Family Fun Day to be held on June 24th, 2022.

The club continues to see new upgrades and repairs. Our baseball diamond upgrade project and pathway expansion are well underway. The fields were cleaned up and landscaped, new fencing is set to be installed and we have just started looking at how we can best utilize our funds to ensure our walking path and greenspaces continue to offer a safe, clean environment for active living and enjoyment for all. Other upgrades and repairs include Freshly painted change rooms complete with new cubbies and hooks. Our new door installation had several delays – but they are finally installed and both look and function well. Our knockdown rink has seen better days and requires repair. While our team looks for ways to fund this project we will continue to make great use of the space as a pleasure/leisure rink – it was well used this past season. Other improvements are back of the house, things you don't see as a visitor to the club, but are equally important such as heating, equipment repair and building upkeep and maintenance.

It's always hard to tell what the coming year will look like for our club but one thing I know for sure is that we have a dynamic group of individuals all pulling in the same direction and to me that spells success. Our focus is on finishing the landscaping of the diamonds and pathways and renaming diamond 3 to the Shane Fox Memorial Diamond. Our lodge has been closed now for several months. It has structural damage that cannot be repaired and the structure will be demolished. Club Management and board are continuing to work with the city to see what options we have in the coming years to replace the lost structure.

With, that I conclude the President's report.

6. YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by: James Franz, Treasurer

For the year ending December 31, 2022, the below is a brief summary of income, expense and improvement projects for Valley Gardens CC. The comprehensive reviewed financial statements will be added to the AGM files when completed by accounting group.

Income & Expense	2022	2021	2020
Income	\$309,350	\$258,275	\$227,571
CEWS	\$14,386	\$39,220	\$28,856
Total Expenses	\$289,730	\$296,318	\$218,508
Net Income	\$19,620	\$1,177	\$31,667

Year end cash available	\$185,016	\$176,327	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$42,574	\$80,706	\$20,241

2022 summary:

An upgrade to our computer system resulted in difficulties with access to our bookkeeping software, but we were able to restore access and close off the use of desktop software, and beginning in 2023 have moved to cloud based. The use of desktop software was a longstanding challenge and I am pleased to report that 2022 is the last year using older software.

A large increase in rental income in 2022 (\$68,260) vs 2021 (\$28,000) as things returned to similar to pre-covid ranges which offset the reduction in covid subsidies.

Other notable items since last AGM include: change in payment processors, better access to online accounts (payroll, bank accounts, payment processing), introduction of modest benefits program for full time staff, new rental agreement with Noon & After School Program, obtaining credit card for community center, among others.

7. Directors' Reports

YEAR END PROGRAMMING REPORT

Submitted by: Subhdeep Sidhu, VP Programming

Year in review:

- Taekwondo uses the hall on Mondays and Wednesdays
- African cultural dance group practicing/meeting here some Sunday evenings until end of July, 2023.
- On Sundays, the International Worship Centre holds their services in the hall.
- The EK Garden Club also meets as the club monthly.
- Skate with Santa took place on December 18th, 2022 we had a great crowd even with the cold temperature.
- We are looking forward to the return of our Family Fun Day on June 24th, 2023 this will be the first return of this annual event after the pandemic.
- Sher-E Punjab Sports EK Club tournament will be returning again this summer
- Looking at possibly bringing back Quiz Night for Fall 2023. We held our last community Quiz Night February 28, 2020 just before the beginning of the pandemic. We had a great response from the community and there have been folks inquiring to see if we will begin to organize them again.

YEAR END OPERATIONS REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn for VP Operations

In 2022 the community center completed updating the dressing rooms with fresh paint, shelving, and hooks. This was part of a Reno Grant through the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC). The grant also included the installation of new exterior/interior double doors into the community center. Both projects were worked on in the 2022 year with completion of the door installation for 2023. All the locker rooms have room to store equipment with the cubby shelves painted.

Equipment purchased for the community club included a paint sprayer to paint the building and a utility trailer to help with maintenance around the facility. Major repairs were completed to the Zamboni which allowed for the ice to be maintained for the hockey teams and local catchment people to enjoy during the winter months.

The board at Valley Gardens looks forward to sharing the improvements drafted and approved in 2022 for the baseball fields and pathways surrounding the community center that will be completed in 2023.

YEAR END PUBLICITY REPORT

Submitted by David Murai

In addition to Facebook and Instagram, VGCC has gain 4 new social media applications which are Twitter, LinkedIn, Yahoo, and YouTube. As pr I hope to reach more people and expand the community.

YEAR END SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

Events as described above by the VP of Programming.

YEAR END FUNDRAISING REPORT

Submitted by Mandy Furney, General Manager, in lieu of Fundraising Coordinator

No fundraising events.

We received financial support from an MLA for our Skate with Santa and an Urban Green Team grant to support youth staff over the summer of 2022.

We also received a grant from the Government of Manitoba through the Building Sustainable Communities Program to support upgrades to our baseball diamonds.

YEAR END BASKETBALL REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn, Basketball Convener

Spring 2022 season: 30 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

12 year old boy team
16-18 year old boy team

Winter 2022 Season: 28 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

12 year old boy team
14 year old boy team

Highlight: Both teams won their division final! Congratulations to all the players and coaches for the fantastic season of hard work.

I would personally like to thank all the coaches, parents, and athletes that helped along the way. As always, the basketball teams would not be able to participate without the support of the community center and volunteers!

Coaches are always needed for the community center teams to be successful. Please reach out to the community center if this is something you are interested in volunteering your time for.

YEAR END HARBALL REPORT

Submitted by David Fraser, Harball convener

The Valley Gardens Stars baseball program is currently in the middle of an exciting update of all of our diamonds with new fencing, larger dugouts and new player benches. We expect to continue with further upgrades to our team equipment in the future.

We play out of the Red River Valley Baseball league, joining with Bonivital for our younger teams and expanding to city wide play for the older age groups. There are opportunities for area players to try out for higher level AA beginning at 11U and older and AAA at 13U and older.

This year we are hosting 5 teams from Rally Cap (7U) all the way to 18U. We hope to be able to host even more teams in the years ahead. Registrations are starting to recover from the past few seasons and it would be great to keep growing the game in our community! The season is just getting started and we're hoping for nice weather to avoid all of the rainouts and rescheduling that we had to work around last year. It's great to see the excitement in the players, coaches and parents at this time of year!

If you missed registration this year, be sure to check us out in February-March 2024 to get in the game!

YEAR END HOCKEY REPORT

Submitted by: Terra Fehr, Hockey Convener

The 2022-2023 hockey year was a successful year! It was a great season and everything ran extremely well.

Valley Gardens had two u9 teams and two u7 teams. All teams participated in outdoor practices at the Valley Gardens rinks. Valley Gardens also hosted outdoor ice practices for ten Royals u11 teams.

I received a lot of positive feedback from parents on the Valley Gardens teams about their hockey season. Everybody seemed to have a fun season and enjoy their time both on and off the rink. Many times while at the Moose Games I noticed Valley Gardens teams on the ice during the intermission playing games. Was a joy to see! All the teams were very engaged and all participated in many fun activities. Thank you very much to all the coaches and team managers for all their effort and enthusiasm making this happen for our young players.

A lot of praise came in this year regarding the quality of our outdoor rinks. A huge shout-out goes our Valley Gardens board member James Franz for volunteering his time at the start of the season for all the hours he spent starting the flooding of the rinks and to Henry, the clubs new maintenance man for the awesome upkeep all season. In my involvement with hockey at Valley Gardens in the last 10 years, this is the best outdoor ice we've ever had!

The hockey volunteers put in countless volunteer hours throughout the five month season. Without these volunteers our hockey season cannot run and it is a major commitment to the volunteer and the volunteers family, so a huge thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches and managerial staff for stepping up and making the season possible for our community.

If anyone is interested in coaching for our u7 Timbits or our u9 House League teams come September 2023, please contact Terra Fehr at vgcchockey@shaw.ca.

YEAR END RINGETTE REPORT

There was no convener in 2022.

YEAR END SOFTBALL REPORT

In 2022 there were a total of 28 softball registrants from the VG catchment. Most softball teams, except for the LTP players, run under the NESAs umbrella.

YEAR END SOCCER REPORT

Submitted by Mandy Furney, General Manager in lieu of previous convener for 2022.

For the 2022 outdoor season, there were 9 micro soccer teams (U4-6), 5 mini-soccer teams (U7 and U8) with only one girls team, and 6 rec teams (U9G, U9B, U10G, U10B, U12G, U12B).

For the 2022 indoor season, there were 4 rec teams (U9B, U11G, U12G, U16G).

With the exception of micro-soccer (U4-6), all registration is now centralized through our district club of Phoenix Football Club. That is, all the local community centres in this region have players register through Phoenix.

Our gratitude to the many coaches who support our players in the beautiful game. We are pleased to see from an early assessment of 2023 registration show that our teams continue to grow.

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VGCC CONSTITUTION

Proposed Change: Article 20 – Board Composition

Change the Fundraising Director board position to Development Director. Thus eliminating the board position for Fundraising Director.

Rational: This amendment will better describe the duties of the board seat

Proposed Change: Article 12.3 - Quorums

To change the number members of the community from 25 to 10 for the transaction of business at an Annual General Meeting.

Rational: The community center has struggled to meet quorum for several years. 10 community members is achievable and allows the center to continue transaction of business that is in best interest to the community and the center.

Motion to Approve Amendments made by Karen Kummen-Diak. Seconded by Nancy Krahn. All in favour. Carried.

9. Election of Officers:

The slate of officers was scrutinized by Wendy Hein, City of Winnipeg.

- a) Vice President of Operations – Nancy Krahn let her name stand. No other nominations – Carried.
- b) Treasurer – James Franz let his name stand. No other nominations – Carried.
- c) Hockey Convener – Terra Fehr let her name stand. No other nominations – Carried.
- d) Basketball Convener - Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill position.
- e) Secretary – Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill position.
- f) Softball Convener – Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill position.
- g) Ringette Convener - Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill position.
- h) Fundraising/Development Director - Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill position.

10. Adjournment: 7:32 PM

**VALLEY GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE
2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Position	2023/2024
President	Karen Kummen-Diak
VP Operations	Nancy Krahn
VP Programming	Subhdeep Sidhu
Secretary	
Treasurer	James Franz
Publicity	David Murai
Special Events	
Fundraising	
Basketball	
Hardball	David Foster
Hockey	Terra Fehr
Ringette	
Soccer	Victor Menendez
Softball	
General Manager	Mandy Furney

2023 Reports

April 16th, 2024, AGM - President's Report

Hello, everyone. I'm Karen Kummen Diak, the President of Valley Gardens Community Center. I've had the privilege of serving on the board since 2015 and as president since 2020. Thank you to every one of you for joining us tonight.

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our community center, and their dedication is truly commendable. Their hard work allows us to offer a wide array of valuable programs and events that benefit our community.

Beyond our volunteer board of directors, we have a strong team of coaches, assistant coaches, event volunteers, and others who work tirelessly behind the scenes without formal titles. These individuals contribute significant effort to support our sports programs, ensuring that the children in our community have access to clubs, sports, and special events. Every volunteer among us has a heart of gold, always striving to improve our community and club. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed volunteer family.

In addition to our volunteer team, we are fortunate to have an outstanding staff at the club. Mandy and Henry are the backbone of our operations at VGCC, tirelessly working behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. Mandy, with her keen eye for detail and organizational skills, manages the day-to-day tasks of the office with precision. From coordinating bookings for our various programs and events to handling inquiries from community members, Mandy's role is crucial in maintaining efficient communication and operations. Henry takes charge of the grounds and ice, ensuring that all of our facilities are well-maintained and ready for action. Whether it's preparing the fields for games, maintaining the landscaping around the center, or overseeing repairs and improvements, Henry's dedication to keeping our grounds in top condition is evident in every corner of VGCC. Together, Mandy and Henry form a dynamic team that keeps VGCC running like a well-oiled machine.

A special thank you goes to our City Councillors and MLAs, Matt Wiebe, Tracey Schmidt, and Andrew Mickelfield. Our City Councillors Jeff Browaty, Russ Wyatt, and Jason Schryer, all representing our catchment area. Your ongoing support means a great deal to us.

Lastly, I want to express gratitude to Wendy Hein, our City of Winnipeg liaison, and Lora Mesman, Executive Director for the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centers, for being with us tonight. Both of these ladies are always ready to offer guidance and support whenever needed.

The VGCC Board of Directors is looking forward to the year ahead with great enthusiasm! We are continuously exploring ways to provide relevant programs that enrich and engage our community. We encourage everyone to join us for our monthly open meetings, and we are always seeking dedicated individuals to join our volunteer board.

In 2023, we had a successful 3rd Skate with Santa event, which was warmly supported and attended by many. Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming Family Fun Day, scheduled

alongside the renaming of Diamond 3 to the Shane Fox Memorial Diamond on Saturday, June 8th, 2024.

Our club has been busy with various upgrades and repairs. The baseball diamond upgrade project and pathway expansion have been completed, and we are planning to enhance these areas further by adding trees and benches. Our facilities have seen upgrades such as fresh paint in the main hall and newly installed doors.

As we move forward, we have a dedicated group of individuals working together towards common goals, which we believe will lead to continued success for our club. We are excited about the positive happenings at VGCC and are grateful for the support and dedication of our city officials, community members, and volunteers. Together, we are creating a vibrant and welcoming environment for all to enjoy.

Thank you.

Karen Kummen Diak
President, Valley Gardens Community Center

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

Submitted by: James Franz, Treasurer

For the year ending December 31, 2023, the below is a brief summary of income, expense and improvement projects for Valley Gardens CC. The comprehensive reviewed financial statements are included in the AGM package.

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Income	\$273,657	\$314,354	\$309,350	\$258,275	\$227,571
CEWS	N/A	N/A	\$14,386	\$39,220	\$28,856
Total Expenses	\$252,661	\$436,687	\$289,730	\$296,318	\$218,508
Net Income	\$20,995	-\$120,081	\$19,620	\$1,177	\$31,667

Year end cash available	\$79,665	\$58,670	\$185,016	\$176,327	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$41,352	\$244,053	\$42,574	\$80,706	\$20,241

2023 Summary: The transition to more modern bookkeeping software has proven to be very successful as all aspects of the accounting cycle have improved dramatically through 2023. Reporting, invoicing, payments and budgeting are markedly improved in legibility and consistency. Put simply, there is accountability for all transactions on a level which was not seen in prior years. With Mandy & Henry's continuous focus on cost control, their diligent & timely record keeping as well as a number of various other initiatives have resulted in simple and predictable monthly financial reports.

While the year end cash position of the community center is not as strong as in previous years, the major ball diamond renovation project is nearly complete which accounts for the substantial increase in repairs and maintenance costs over the past year. This investment should provide value to the community for many years to come and at this time we are not forecasting any other major projects which will impact working capital. We anticipate relatively close adherence to the 2024 budget, which is similar to previous years in scope and is briefly outlined above.

In 2023, there were numerous updates to our facility pricing in order to ensure that that we provide services and rentals in a sustainable manner. While the overall impact is minor, I think it is a positive reflection on Mandy's broader approach & intimate knowledge of the various cost components. This type of attention to detail should provide a meaningful degree of comfort to the wider community that the fiscal responsibilities of their community center are in good hands.

Valley Gardens 2023 review VP of Operations

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn

In 2023 the community center completed the installation of the new exterior/interior double doors into the community centre and hall area. This was part of a Reno Grant through the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC). Other upgrades to the community centre which were initiated in 2023 include the following: the overhead shop door (completed December 2023), gas heater in shop, electric heaters at the north and office entrances, and a rink light timer.

The Community centre along with the Daycare partnered together to upgrade the Hall with new paint for the walls. This will continue into the 2024 year.

Major repairs were completed to the 3720 Tractor that powers our large snowblower which is needed for clearing parking, pathways, the rink, etc.

The board at Valley Gardens looks forward to showcasing the improvements completed in 2023 for the baseball fields and pathways surrounding the community center this upcoming spring season.

YEAR END PROGRAMMING REPORT:

Submitted by Subhdeep Sidhu, VP Programming

Year in review:

Registrations and scheduling for other sports are handled by:

Basketball Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association WMBA
Hardball Red River Valley Baseball RRVSL
Hockey River East Minor Hockey Association REMHA
Soccer U7+ Phoenix Soccer Club

Managed in house is the U4-U6 Micro soccer program.
Softball North East Softball Association NESA
Ringette River East Ringette Association RERA

We continue to supply space to the following regular renters:

Premier Taekwondo Monday/Wednesday evenings.

Thursday afternoons at 2pm in the Skate Room provides a venue for casual gathering of Stitches. Bring your own projects and meet up with fellow fibre arts enthusiasts. Embroidery, knitting, cross-stitch, crochet, spinning, weaving, nalbinding, mending by hand - all forms of Stitches and fibre arts are welcome. Thank you to our General Manager, Mandy for helping coordinate this programming.

Stretch and strengthen with yoga instructor Mani Maini on Mondays at 10:15am or Wednesdays at 2:15pm in the Skate Room.

International Worship Centre gathers for Sunday services at 10:30am from September to June.

We are excited offer our hall, other areas for rental by our community members including hosting Off-leash dogs in our hockey pen over the summer. We are optimistic about the future of the Lodge as it relates to programming revenue with this year's city of Winnipeg budget setting aside funding for its future restoration. Thank you to the board, John de Graff Scouts, and Councillor Jason Schreyer for their efforts behind the scenes.

Baseball Convener report – Submitted by David Fraser

The Valley Gardens Stars baseball program is just starting up for the 2024 season. Teams have been formed and we're just waiting for the schedule to come out for games.

We play out of the Red River Valley Baseball league, joining with Bonivital for our younger teams and expanding to city wide play for the older age groups. There are opportunities for area players to try out for higher level AA beginning at 11U and older and AAA at 13U and older.

Last year (2023 season) we hosted 5 teams from Rally Cap (7U) all the way to 18U. This upcoming season we have 7 teams playing out of VG. It's great to see the excitement in the players, coaches and parents at this time of year!

If you missed registration this year, be sure to check us out in February-March 2025 to get in the game!

YEAR END BASKETBALL REPORT 2023

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn, Basketball Convener

Spring 2023 season: 51 participants, 4 coaches

4 teams representing Valley Gardens

7-8 Co-Ed team

9 year old boy team
14 year old boy team
16-18 year old boy team

1 team could not go forward in the season due to no coach (13 year old boy team)

Winter 2023 Season: 40 participants, 5 coaches
4 teams representing Valley Gardens
7-8 Co-Ed team
11-12 year old girl team
12 year old boy team
16-18 year old boy team

I would personally like to thank all the coaches, parents, and athletes that helped along the way. As always, the basketball teams would not be able to participate without the support of the community center and volunteers!

Coaches are always needed for the community center teams to be successful. Please reach out to the community center if this is something you are interested in volunteering your time for.

YEAR END HOCKEY REPORT 2023-2024

Submitted by: Terra Fehr, Hockey Convener

The 2023-2024 hockey season was awesome. Hank our amazing maintenance guy and James are awesome board member both worked hard to ensure that Valley Garden has impeccable ice. It was the first time that I know of where Valley Gardens had their ice ready well before the other community centers, and man was it great ice!

Valley Gardens had one u9 team and one u7 team. These teams were each offered an allocated weekly outdoor ice time for practice at the Valley Gardens rink. Valley Gardens also hosted outdoor ice practices for eight other Royals teams. Both Valley Gardens teams received a bi-weekly permit to use a school gym for indoor dryland practices. This was well received from both teams and coaches felt the time inside was great for team bonding and developing hockey skills in a fun environment.

The u7 team had an outdoor game during our Skate with Santa event. This went very well and we plan to continue to arrange these outdoor fun games in the future.

I received a lot of positive feedback from parents on the Valley Gardens teams and everybody seemed to have a fun season! Both teams had returning coaches and everything ran very smoothly. Thank you very much coaches!

The hockey volunteers put in countless amount of volunteer hours throughout the 5 month season. Without these volunteers our hockey season cannot run and it is a major commitment to the

volunteer and the volunteers family, so a huge thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches and managerial staff for stepping up and making the season possible for our community.

If anyone is interested in coaching for our Timbits or our 7/8's House League come September 2024, please contact Terra Fehr at vgcchockey@shaw.ca.

AGM Report Micro-Soccer U4, U5, U6 2024 - Valley Gardens Community Centre

Prepared by Victor Menendez Micro-soccer convener

Our 2023 season of micro soccer was very successful with approximately 100 players and 10 teams. Each of our two age divisions had 5 teams. We created 3 fields at the bottom of Kimberly Hill and rotated teams between games and skills building opportunities twice a week.

The beginning of the summer season for 2024 has been slow in terms of registration. The original cutoff for open registration was set for April 4 but due to low registrations (about 56 players registered by April 9) compared to previous years as well as the projected goal we decided to extend the registration window until April 15.

Note: Perhaps the "fever" or need to go outside and participate in the community has decreased since the pandemic or families have other long term plans like trips outside the province/country. Unlike last season, this upcoming season seems to likely have more direct support from parents available to coach teams (13 potential coaches).

This has been a successful pre-season as far as sponsorship opportunities are concerned with continued support from Tim Hortons and Access Credit Union.

U7-U18 soccer summary 2023

Prepared by Mandy Furney, general manager

We started the Spring 2023 season with some concerns over available equipment and uniforms, however our new General Manager was able to identify that several teams worth of equipment and uniforms had not been returned yet and she was able to contact the coaches and collect materials. We apologize for any confusion as we had to provide some temporary items while we collected our equipment. We also received funding from Access Credit Union to purchase new uniforms for the U7 and U8 teams.

Registration for Mini (U7-8) and Rec (U9-18) soccer is handled by Phoenix Soccer club. They also arrange for coaches and training of coaches as well as referees for the U7 and U8 games and coordinating with WYSA for the rec team schedule.

In the spring we fielded 7 teams of U7 and U8 players and 7 Rec teams from U9 to U13.

In the winter season we hosted 5 teams from U10-U13.

** There was a high turnover of directors in some positions resulting in open positions prior to the AGM preparations; in these cases no reports have been provided.**

The following Amendments to the current Constitution are proposed and will be voted on at the 2024 AGM:

Proposed Change: Article 9 - Elections

Outline an Election Schedule

Existing wording:

None

Proposed Amendment:

Add Article 9.8 Election Schedule for board members. The board shall be divided into two groups; Group A and Group B. The terms of office shall be for 2 years. Group A shall be elected in even years and Group B shall be elected in odd-number years.

Group A:

- President
- VP Programing
- Basketball Convenor
- Soccer Convenor
- Hardball Convenor
- Secretary
- Publicity
- Special Events

Group B:

- Vice President of Operations
- Treasurer
- Softball Convenor
- Hockey Convenor
- Ringette Convenor
- Development Director

Rational:

This structure ensures that the board is consistently composed of experienced members while allowing for regular opportunities for new members to join.

Previous Year Board of Directors

	2023-2024
President	Karen Kummen-Diak
VP Operations	Nancy Krahn
VP Programming	Subhdeep Sidhu
Secretary	
Treasurer	James Franz
Publicity	
Special Events	
Development	
Basketball	Nancy Krahn
Hardball	David Fraser
Hockey	Terra Fehr
Ringette	
Soccer	Victor Menendez

Upcoming Year Board of Directors with Positions to be Elected per suggested constitution amendment blank as well as existing open positions

	2024-2025
President	
VP Operations	Nancy Krahn
VP Programming	
Secretary	
Treasurer	James Franz
Publicity	
Special Events	
Development	
Basketball	Nancy Krahn
Hardball	
Hockey	Terra Fehr
Ringette	
Soccer	

Overview of New Activity

2022

Installed new doors at the North entrance and the East entrance

Painted the storage spaces in change rooms

2023

All 3 baseball Diamonds received new fencing, player areas, and new benches.

Pathways throughout Civic Park were repaired with some new pathways created

Replaced the overhead door in the shop

Repairs to the HVAC system

Repairs to Rink 2

New drop-in daytime programming 3 times a week for Yoga and Community Stitches

Evening workshops session teaching embroidery and mending by hand as part of Community Stitches

2024 +

Grove of trees to be planted east of the splash pad; dead trees removed

Hall and front entrance repainted; hall ceiling repaired

Painting of new doors in the spring

Park benches along pathways

New entry mats

Electrical heaters replaced; gas heater in shop to be replaced

New outdoor basketball court