

VALLEY GARDENS
COMMUNITY CENTRE



*Annual General
Meeting*

May 16, 2023

7:00 pm

Via Zoom



2022 AGM Agenda

May 16th, 2023

7:00 PM Via Zoom

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of AGM 2022 Meeting Minutes
5. Report of the President
6. Report of the Treasurer of 2022 Financials
7. Approval of the 2022 Year End Financial Statements
8. Director's Reports – See AGM Package
9. By-Law/Constitution Changes
10. Election of Officers:
 - a) Vice President of Operations
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Hockey Convener
 - d) Basketball Convener
 - e) Secretary*
 - f) Softball Convenor *
 - g) Ringette Convenor *
 - h) Fundraising/Development Director**

*Denotes positions vacant. All other positions wish to have their names stand for re-election.

10. Adjournment

Valley Gardens Community Centre Inc.
Virtual 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes via Zoom:
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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 2021.</i>
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- 1. Call to order at 7:04 p.m.**
- 2. Introductions 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.

- 3. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: *to approve the Agenda by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by Natalie Desautels. All in favour. Carried.*

- 4. Approval of AGM 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion: *to approve the Minutes as presented from the 2021 AGM Wednesday, April 21, 2021 by Karen Kummen-Diak, 2nd by James Franz. All in favour. Carried.*

- 5. Report of the President:**

Karen welcomed all the community members and thanked them for their time in participating in the virtual AGM. She acknowledged and thanked the current VGCC Board of Directors and all the volunteers past and present, for their hard work and dedication this past year. Special acknowledgement was made to past VGCC Board Members who made an important impact on the club and VG community. Karen highlighted just some of the major projects and celebrations that have been completed at VGCC along with the loss of Shane Fox. The optimism of continuing to improve VGCC in the year ahead was recognized, as well. Please see her full introductions and report below:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Karen Kummen-Diak, President

Thank you once again for joining us tonight. 2021 started off with many restrictions in place and ended the year much the same way. However in between and even with the ever-changing restrictions and protocols the club was able to host several sports teams and programs and one very special outdoor event our first-ever Skate with Santa!

A BIG Thank you goes out to all of you who are attending this evening. I would also like to express our gratitude to our City Councilors and MLAs for their ongoing support. Thank you goes out to Matt Wiebe, Andrew Micklefield, Jeff Browaty, Shawn Nason and Jason Schreyer.

I'd like to take a moment to say a special thank you to our Club General Manager, Cher Hebert. Cher has navigated the ins and outs of the pandemic rather remarkably. Cher will be retiring from her position later this year which leaves us with some pretty big shoes to fill. I want to express my sincerest thanks to Cher and all she has done for the club and community!

Under Cher's management, the club saw many beneficial upgrades, aside from the everyday maintenance and repairs that come along with running a center. We have refurbished lockers that look as good as new, complete with installed USB Chargers. The dressing rooms have all been painted with shelving installed. New exterior doors are soon to follow. We have also upgraded our aging security system. Some of you may know Shawn our Building and Grounds Keeper. Shawn's friendly and can-do attitude is enjoyed by all who visit the club. With Shawn's experience and the new welder we recently purchased; we can keep more of the repairs and upkeep in-house.

The VGCC Board of Directors is looking forward to the coming year. We continue to look for ways to provide programs that are relevant, enriching and enjoyed by our community. We are also always looking for ways to

improve community spaces. The Ball Diamonds continue to be our focus as we apply for funding in hopes to give a much-needed upgrade to our beloved ball diamonds.

Before I conclude, I'd like to take a quick moment to thank the VGCC Board of Directors, both past and present. Our board devotes countless volunteer hours to the club and often goes without thanks or recognition. A huge part of VGCC's success and presence in the community is because of these people and for that as a community member and volunteer, I thank you.

6. Report of the Treasurer

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by: James Franz, Treasurer

For the year ending December 31, 2021, 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.

Income & Expense	2021	2020
Income	\$258,275	\$227,571
CEWS	\$39,220	\$28,856
Total Expenses	\$296,318	\$218,508
Net Income	\$1,177	\$31,667

Year-end cash available after 2022 loan repayments.	\$136,327	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$80,706	\$20,241

2021 summary:

Another highly unusual year in the books. I am pleased to report we ran a nearly perfectly balanced budget over the course of 2021 and that all things considered 2022 should be somewhat of a return to normalcy and we are in a good financial position to ensure that we can deliver the services expected in 2022. Payroll costs returned to roughly pre-Covid levels and we are grateful that CEWS meant that we were able to keep the center operating without rental income from socials, sports and such which is why it is highlighted above. In 2022 we invested in tractor repairs, door replacements, paint, dressing room upgrades, shelving and more. These investments are bringing renewed and extended life to both facility and equipment. At the end of it all we were left with approximately \$135,000 available funds which is about 6 months' worth of expenses in a normal year and a strong position to operate a stable and effective community center in 2022.

7. Motion to accept Financials:

Motion: to approve the financials by James Franz, 2nd by Subhdeep Sidhu. All in favour. Carried

8. Directors Reports

2021 YEAR END PROGRAMMING REPORT

Submitted by: Subhdeep Sidhu, VP Programming

Year in review:

2021 presented challenges with sports registrations and sports programs. Covid protocols made for seasons that did and some that did not materialize. Again, as with last year, many refunds were issued.

Beginning with the fall season of 2021, Phoenix Soccer Club took over managing soccer for U7 and up at our club and most of the other clubs in the North east. This means that the only sport still being managed in house is the U4-U6 Mini soccer program. Registrations and scheduling for other sports are handled by:

Basketball Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association WMHA
Hardball Red River Valley Baseball RRVSL
Hockey River East Minor Hockey Association REMHA
Soccer U7+ Phoenix Soccer Club
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
Bulla Arts International	Friday evenings, Saturday mornings
Aquatica Synchro	Thursday evenings
Kildonan Christian Fellowship	Sunday mornings
East Kildonan Garden Club	Every second Tuesday of the month, evenings

We are excited to be able to once again offer our hall, The Lodge, and other areas for rental by our community members including hosting Off-leash dogs in our hockey pens over the summer.

2021 YEAR END OPERATIONS REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn for VP Operations

In 2021 the community center updated 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 however due to supply chain issues caused by Covid, this project remains incomplete but we are working on it.

The club remained closed into February of 2021. Once office staff returned, so did some of our regular renters however the club was not opened to the general public citing our inability to monitor proof of vaccination.

In the common area lockers were installed for community members to leave their valuables locked while using the facility/grounds. Each locker includes a USB charging cord.

Equipment purchased for the community club included a paint sprayer for lining of the soccer fields. Items on the list to be purchased would be a paint sprayer to paint the building and a welding system to make repairs to the tractor, trailer, and Zamboni equipment.

We look forward to sharing the improvements to the dressing rooms, the new lockers, and a fresh coat of paint everywhere else with our community in 2022.

2021 YEAR END PUBLICITY REPORT

Submitted by: Nina Thach, Publicity Director

In 2021, Valley Gardens Community Centre (VGCC) expanded our online presence by creating an Instagram and Google My Business account, on top of our already established MailChimp and Facebook accounts. Over the past year, our MailChimp subscribers list decreased by 2.66% and our Facebook members increased by 26.24%. Furthermore, we currently have 81 followers on Instagram and a 4.2/5 star rating on Google My Business (see Table 1).

In 2022, publicity is hoping to continue to grow these social media accounts, as well as building and launching a brand new website for VGCC. The new website will aim to improve our online registration platform, provide an online hall rental request form, and include an updated photo gallery of our facilities (ex. ice rinks, halls, etc.).

With 2021 being my first year on the Valley Gardens Board of Directors, I would also like to extend my thanks to our General Manager, Cher Hebert, and our President, Karen Kummen-Diak, for being so helpful throughout my entire onboarding process.

Table 1: Online Presence (2020 vs. 2021)

ONLINE PRESENCE	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
<i>MailChimp</i>	865 Subscribers	842 Subscribers
<i>Facebook</i>	850 Members	1073 Members
<i>Instagram</i>	—	81 Followers
<i>Google My Business</i>	—	4.2/5 Star Rating

YEAR END SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT 2021

Submitted by: Cher Hebert in the absence of Director, Special Events

Another area where Covid impeded our fun and entertainment side. Although we were unable to hold any bingos or quiz nights, we were able to save our Christmas time event but just in a different way. Our traditional Santa Breakfast was logistically impossible so we improvised and brought Santa outside and onto the ice. Santa walked around handing out candy canes and posing for pictures, our board members and some club staff offered up hot chocolate and TimBits while a music man played Christmas songs and Carols. The turnout was great and included past and present board members, councilor Jason Schreyer and his wife who brought along a few Christmas wreaths (hand made by his mother) for us to auction off. MLA Matt Wiebe and his kids were on hand to visit and hand out oranges to the community members attending.

We received financial support from all three of our city council members; Jeff Browaty, Jason Schreyer and Shawn Nason as well as advertising support from our MLA Matt Wiebe. Their generous support gave us the ability to bring a fun afternoon to our community members. It was a great day.

2021 YEAR END FUNDRAISING REPORT

Submitted by Cher Hebert in lieu of Fundraising Director

As mentioned above, we were provided funds that helped us to put on the Skate with Santa event. We also were awarded a Reno Grant through GCWCC in the amount of \$68,703.78 for work around the club as elsewhere described.

GCWCC provided a \$1000 grant to help pay for Covid expenses such as masks, gloves, and sanitizing supplies. We used part of the funds to purchase a Disinfecting/Sanitizing mister gun that continues to be used daily in our main building after daycare and other events.

A further grant was approved for VG to employ someone to check vaccination status but came just as the Province lifted Covid restrictions so it was not used.

2021 YEAR END BASKETBALL REPORT

Submitted by: Nancy Krahn, former Basketball Convener

2021 Year End Basketball Report- Nancy Krahn Basketball Convener

Spring 2021 season: 28 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

10 year-old boy team
12 year old boy team

Winter 2021 Season: 29 participants, 2 coaches
2 teams representing Valley Gardens

11 year old boy team
15 year old boy team

I would personally like to thank all the coaches, parents, and athletes that helped out along the way. As always we cannot operate without you!

2021 YEAR END HARDBALL REPORT

Submitted by Cher Hebert with thanks to Allan Mozel, RRVB

Valley Gardens hosted 3 teams (9U, 11U, 18U).

Registrations initially VGCC had 47 registrations but 18 refunds were requested with the delay to the start of the season. That left 29 registrations that actually played the season.

With the late start (pushed back a month due to COVID lockdowns, we saw a significant amount of refunds from registration.

2021 YEAR END HOCKEY REPORT

Submitted by: Terra Fehr, Hockey Convener

The 2021-2022 hockey year was a successful year, although many tournaments were cancelled due to COVID. All in all, it was a great season and everything ran fairly smoothly.

Valley Gardens had one U9 team and two U7 teams. These teams each received two allocated outdoor ice times for practices at the Valley Gardens rinks. Valley Gardens also hosted outdoor ice practices for five Royals U11 teams.

I received a lot of positive feedback from parents on the Valley Gardens teams and everybody seemed to have a fun season! The U7 teams both had new head coaches who did an awesome job. The u9 coach was a returning coach and lots of praise went his way as well. Thank you very much coaches!

The hockey volunteers put in countless amounts 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 volunteer's 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 2022, please contact Terra Fehr at vgcchockey@shaw.ca.

2021 YEAR END MINI SOCCER REPORT

Submitted by: Cher Hebert in lieu of convener

In anticipation of a spring season, Mini Soccer registrations were taken in February/March of 2021 however due to Covid-19 the season did not precede and full refunds were issued to parents.

We are looking ahead to a successful spring 2022 season.

2021 YEAR END RINGETTE

No Ringette teams for VGCC in 2021.

2021 YEAR END SOCCER REPORT

Submitted by: Jason Moniz, Soccer Convener

2021 proved to be another challenging year for soccer at Valley Gardens. Early registration numbers had 30 boys and 19 girls registered out of Valley Gardens for the Spring/Summer Outdoor Season.

Due to low registration numbers across the district, teams were formed by amalgamating with other community club registrants within our district, allowing us to form 5 teams hosted out of Valley Gardens.

Unfortunately, due to provincial health regulations, there were delays to the start of the outdoor season, restrictions regarding tournament play and the amount of spectators attending games. This ultimately led to the withdrawal of 2 of our teams due to players dropping out late once a start to the season was approved and not being able to fulfill a “minimum roster”.

For the fall indoor season, Phoenix soccer club piloted a trial of centralized registration where any child aged U9 and up had to register with Phoenix and they would form the community club teams. This gave us the opportunity to host a girls’ team out of Valley Gardens for the winter session.

2022 already looks to be a promising year with 20 teams playing out of Valley Gardens across all age groups.

I would like to thank Cher Hebert, the volunteer coaches who we cannot host a team without, and the parents who have been understanding and accommodating throughout these unprecedented times.

Respectfully submitted,

2021 YEAR END SOFTBALL REPORT

Submitted by: Mike Buenaventura, Softball Convener

Below are the numbers for registration and comparison to the year prior. A nice uptick in both VG and overall NESAs Numbers. All teams aside from LTP will be run under the NESAs umbrella. We will host a few teams out of the club. I am excited to see the growth of the overall softball numbers after a couple of down years. There are always camps available through NESAs so keep your eye open!

I would like to thank all the volunteers, board members, coaches and of course parents!

Here’s to a safe and successful 2022 Softball Season

2022

	VG	TOTAL
LTP	10	66
U9	0	25
U11	2	39
U13	8	38
U15	4	24
U17	3	28
U19	1	11
Total	28	231

2021

	VG	TOTAL
LTP	5	72

U10	2	29
U12	7	35
U14	6	28
U16	2	27
U19	2	22
Total	24	213

9. By-Law Constitution Changes

BY-LAW/CONSTITUTION CHANGES

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VGCC CONSTITUTION
2022**

**CHANGES BELOW TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VALLEY GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE,
APRIL 20, 2022**

Article 20 – Board Composition:

Existing wording:

The Board shall be composed of the following positions:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President – Operations
- 3) Vice President – Sports Programs
- 4) Fundraising
- 5) Special Events
- 6) Hockey Convener
- 7) Ringette Convener
- 8) Soccer convener – Micro-Mini
- 9) Senior Soccer Convener – 9 to 18
- 10) Softball Convener
- 11) Baseball Convener
- 12) Basketball Convener
- 13) Secretary
- 14) Treasurer
- 15) Publicity Director
- 16) Bingo Director

Proposed Amendment:

The Board shall be composed of the following positions:

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- 10) Baseball Convener

- 11) Basketball Convener
- 12) Secretary
- 13) Treasurer
- 14) Publicity Director

Rationale: *To merge positions of Micro-Mini and Senior Soccer Convener, and merge Bingo Director with Special Events Director.*

ARTICLE 7 – GOVERNMENT:

Clause 7.1:

Existing Wording:

- 7.1 The business and affairs of the Centre shall be managed by a Board consisting of sixteen **(16)** voting members, which have been elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Directors may reside outside of the Centre boundaries, as defined in Article 4 if no one from the Center boundaries steps up to fill the vacant position.

Proposed Amendment:

- 7.1 The business and affairs of the Centre shall be managed by a Board consisting of fourteen **(14)** voting members, which have been elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Directors may reside outside of the Centre boundaries, as defined in Article 4 if no one from the Center boundaries steps up to fill the vacant position.

Rationale: *Change number from 16 to 14, to reflect the changes made in Article 20.*

Motion to accept changes to constitution:

Motion: *to approve the minutes by Natalie Desautels, 2nd by Subhdeep Sidhu. All in favour. Carried*

10. Election of Officers:

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

- a) *President – Karen Kummen Diak let her name stand but noted full term would not be completed. No other nominations – Carried.*
- b) *Vice President of Programming –Subhdeep Sidhu let his name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- c) *Secretary – Natalie Desautels let her name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- d) *Publicity Director – Nina Thatch let her name stand. No other nominations noted. –Carried.*
- e) *Soccer Convenor – Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill positon.*
- f) *Hardball Convenor – Dave Fraser let his name stand. No other nominations – Carried.*
- g) *Special Event Director - Position is vacant. 3 calls to the floor made. No nominations. Club will look for volunteer to fill positon.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

To be presented during meeting.

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 HARDBALL REPORT

Submitted by David Fraser, Hardball 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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VGCC CONSTITUTION

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

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.

**VALLEY GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE
2022/23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Position	2022/2023	2023/2024
President	Karen Kummen-Diak	Karen Kummen-Diak
VP Operations	Nancy Krahn	Nancy Krahn
VP Programming	Subhdeep Sidhu	Subhdeep Sidhu
Secretary	Natalie Desaultels	
Treasurer	James Franz	James Franz
Publicity	David Murai	David Murai
Special Events	vacant	
Fundraising	vacant	
Bingo	vacant	
Basketball	vacant	
Hardball	David Foster	David Foster
Hockey	Terra Fehr	Terra Fehr
Ringette	vacant	
Soccer	Victor Menendez	Victor Menendez
Softball	Mike Buenaventura	