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Stoirm AGM
November 28, 2023

1. Welcome
 2. Introduction of board members and regrets
Present: Jen Farrell, Trudy Delorey, Charles MacDonald, Jody Cook, Michelle White, Kendra Bowie, Denika Blake, Amy MacDonald, Dina Bell
Regrets: Gina Delorey, Tracey Wilcox
 3. Approval of the Agenda:
Approved: Jody Cook
Seconded: Charles MacDonald
 4. Minutes from last AGM (2022)
Approved: Jody Cook
Seconded: Kendra Bowie
 5. Matters arising from last AGM minutes -
None
 6. Treasurer's report – Read by Jody Cook
See Attached
Approved: Michelle White
Seconded: Charles MacDonald
 7. President's report – Read by Trudy Delorey
See Attached
Approved: Kendra Bowie
Seconded: Michelle White
 8. Election/appointment of Directors
President – Trudy Delorey
Vice President – Charles MacDonald
Treasurer – Jody Cook
Secretary – Jen Farrell
- Other roles:
Coaching Coordinator – Jody Cook
Parent Manager Lead/Team Coordinator – Tracey Wilcox
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Liaison – Gina Delorey
Fundraising Lead – Kathleen MacAdam
Standing Board Members – Michelle White, Kendra Bowie, Denika Blake
Team Equipment/Jersey Coordinator – Amy MacDonald

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9. Questions
None

10. Adjourn @ 7:55pm
Approved: Amy MacDonald-Dee
Seconded: Kendra Bowie

2023 President Report

Submitted by Trudy Delorey, November 28, 2023

1. SportHub (below in red is 2023 update):
 - a. In 2023 the platform worked well again – more users = easier and more familiar use of the platform which is great.
 - b. Accessibility committee. Conversation had been started November/21 with CSO's in how to provide an accessible opportunity for all athletes. **No updates with this committee specifically in 2023 – the Community Sport Navigator position with Sport NS took longer than anticipated to fill and has since focused on other projects due to staffing changes.**

2. Sportlomo: New platform for VNS via Volleyball Canada. Will work with VNS to ensure that our systems can merge/talk/coordinate with theirs in terms of how we submit registration lists/money. **Onboarding was still a challenge for some members in 2023, however we worked with VNS and with the team at Sportlomo to ensure everyone did get registered on this platform. Again in 2024, only new club members will have to be added, which should be more manageable. The platform is not intuitive however and is difficult to navigate each year when we need to.**

3. 2023 Club season review
 - a. 1 Developmental program (12U) 6 competitive girls teams, 13U-18U and 2 boys teams, 14U & 16U
 - b. Total: 123 athletes, (97 girls, 26 boys)
We were up 30 girls from 2022. The boys count remained the same. The bulk of the increase came from the 20 athletes in the 12U development group.
 - c. We increased our coaching roster from 18 to 25 coaches*. All completed their VSC, CRC and Safe Sport modules.
**this is not including the 18U Black and additional 8 athletes who became certified to help coach the 12U dev. Squad by completing the SafeSport module*
 - d. Serve-a-thon
 - i. New initiative this year where athletes collected sponsors to serve 100 balls. The fundraiser exceeded \$14000.
 - e. Stoirm Bursary
 - i. From the new fundraiser, the Board created two new Stoirm Bursaries valued at \$500 each, which were successfully awarded this year to Kailey Doiron and Makenzie Webster.
 - f. New jerseys, volleyballs: with the growth of the club and the Volleyball Canada/VNS requirement of specific Mikasa volleyballs we were able to purchase new jerseys and equipment. BL Environmental was a generous sponsor of a set of jerseys.

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- g. Hosting VNS tourneys
 - i. VNS 14U Seeding
 - ii. 15U & 18U Super Series
 - iii. External: host venue for 16U tournament

Stoirm submitted a number of bids to host VNS events and we were successful in hosting 3 for our own teams and one for the 16U age level. VNS ran into a significant amount of logistical issues in executing the super series and seeding tournaments. Stoirm was a host club for a 16U tourney to help with these issues.

- h. VNS Championship Accomplishments
 - i. 18UBlack: T2 Champions
 - ii. 17UBlue: T2 Silver medals
 - iii. 13U: T2 Champions
- i. Issues: Custodians
 - i. This season provided a significant issue regarding custodian availability. We missed a number of Sunday gym times because of this. The issue was elevated to Chris Grover, Director of Operations at the SRCE. Union meetings were held and custodians were given a raise of time ½ on Saturdays and double time on Sundays moving forward. The previous agreement paid \$18/hour. This change seemed to resolve the issue, although by that time in April, our club season was wrapping up.
- j. TrueSport
 - i. 2023 18UBlack athlete Shea Carr was selected in the Fall to be a 2024 True Sport Ambassador. Shea and Trudy attended the training sessions November 3/4th. Shea and the other 11 ambassadors will be announced publicly January 2, 2024, as well as the month she will serve as ambassador. The TrueSport initiative is a nation-wide program that promotes positive youth sport experiences, emphasizing values-based and ethical sports behavior. It encourages athletes, coaches, and parents to focus on aspects beyond just winning, such as respect, integrity, responsibility, and leadership.

4. Beach.

- a. New nets. The Town of Antigonish purchased a new adjustable net system which was installed in June. The height can now be adjusted, offering new opportunities for programming.
- b. A Sportfund application was submitted and approved for the club to purchase a new adjustable net system for the second court. That purchase will be made in early 2024 and the net will be installed by the town in May.
- c. Leagues (see submission from Jen Farrell)

5. Stoirm Summer Volleyball Camp

- a. See recap from Joe (attached)
6. Funding/Grants
- a. Stoirm received a grant totaling \$4134.00 for a new beach net system (see attached for Sportfund letter)

New/Upcoming 2024:

1. Travel Teams

In discussions with other clubs and given the way Volleyball Nova Scotia ranks teams via their Seeding and Super Series tournaments that we participate in, we have decided to move away from our own designation of teams as T1 or T2 teams. Moving forward, all Stoirm teams from the 13U-18U age levels are considered Travel Teams, where we will all be competing and representing the club at tournaments across the province and at Provincials in Halifax in April.

To support this, and to support the competition level of all our female athletes as best we can, given the number of coaches and facility times, this year we are introducing two evaluation camps; one for the 17-18U age level, and another for the 14U-16U age level. All athletes are required to attend at least one of these evaluation camps. Unfortunately, due to our increasing size and carrying capacity, we cannot guarantee a space for athletes who miss these camps.

Athletes in the 14U-16U age group who wish to attend the 17U-18U evaluation camp may do so, however they are not guaranteed a spot on an older team. If they are not selected, they can still attend the 14U-16U evaluation camp. 13U athletes are permitted to attend an evaluation camp **only** if they have previously played one full year of club volleyball at the 13U level (see below for information for our 13U program and our 12U development program).

The aim is to provide an opportunity for all our athletes to compete at their respective development levels within the sport, while providing an appropriately challenging environment for them to grow as athletes both on and off the court.

2. Leadership Stream (Stoirm Buddies/Refereeing)

Leadership and Service are values that Stoirm leans into with all their participants. Without these, we simply wouldn't have the club. Last year we created a Leadership Stream with our senior athletes called Stoirm Buddies. Part of the responsibilities as a Stoirm athlete was to participate each Sunday morning with our 12U development group. This was incredibly successful, and we are looking forward to continuing this program.

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Beginning this year, our Stoirm Buddies program will be reserved for our 17U-18U athletes, where they will be required to complete the SafeSport training module (45min), which will provide them an NCCP coaching number. Scheduling will be sorted in the new year. We are also encouraging our senior athletes to pursue their refereeing certifications if this is an avenue of interest. We have had a surge in the last couple of years with new referees, which is absolutely fantastic, and incredibly helpful for us, our neighboring clubs, and VNS with regards to game and tournament organizing.

At the end of the season we will provide a certificate for these athletes acknowledging their leadership and service back to the club.

3. Boys Volleyball: This group continues to grow. We hope to have an 18U team and either a 16U or 14U boys team depending on registration numbers and ages.

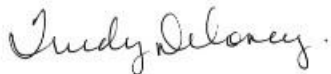
4. Board Changes

- Charles MacDonald was VP.
- Jody took on the Coaching Coordinator role
- Amy took on the jersey/equipment coordinator role, and liaised with Ross Screenprint or our Stoirm store.
- Dina was our Equity, Diversity & Inclusion liaison

5. Coaching & Officiating

- a. Liam Brophy and Leanne Grant have acquired their refereeing certifications. This adds to the list of local referees who include Luke Rennie, Olivia Cook and Sadie Beaver.
- b. Majority of our coaches have the minimum requirements to be on the court with their athletes (background check/SafeSport). Jody will continue work to ensure outstanding coaches have their requirements, including head coach requirements.

Signed:



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STOIRM VolleyBall Antigonish
October 2022 - Oct 2023

	Actual (2023 Season)	Actual (2023 Season)
Revenue	8287.18	4,400.14
Balance forward		
Registration Revenue	15,103.22	34,148.51
Donations/ Sponsorship	500.00	670.46
Tournament hosting	4,202.00	4,898.25
Grants	3,305.39	6,657.90
Fundraiser(s)	763.00	14,423.51
Summer Registration		2,249.00
Jersey deposits balance		<u>398.25</u>
Total Revenue	23,873.61	63,445.88
Expenses		
Tournament Fees	5,534.44	4,998.29
Coach Travel	1,772.33	7,024.54
Coach Certifications	669.50	367.00
Equipment/Clothing	7,646.76	13,725.15
Officials Fees	222.00	1,799.50
Admin & bank fees	702.47	1,612.14
Event Prizes/Team Building		3,169.40
Gym Rentals	2,250.75	978.75
Refunds		1,676.53
Storage Unit	480.00	729.50
VB Canada & NS Fees	8,482.40	10,978.25
Summer Program fees		350.47
Coordinator		
Total Operating Expenses	27,760.65	47,409.52
Net Profit (Deficit)	<u>(3,887.04)</u>	<u>16,036.36</u>
Balance	4,400.14	20,436.50

Prepared by Jcook Nov, 2023

Stoirm Volleyball Development Camp 2023 Recap

From August 29th to August 31st, Stoirm Volleyball hosted its highly anticipated second development camp. The four-day event, running from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm daily, provided a comprehensive training program aimed at enhancing fundamental skills, position-specific expertise, and fostering team play. The camp was not just about honing volleyball skills but also emphasized the importance of overall player well-being.

Key Focus Areas:

1. **Basic Skill Development:** Participants engaged in intensive drills targeting essential volleyball skills, including passing, setting, serving, attacking, defense, and blocking. The use of structured drills and real-game situations offered a valuable opportunity for student-athletes to refine their abilities and enhance their conditioning and movement skills in preparation for the upcoming school season.
2. **Position Specific Training:** The camp placed a special emphasis on position-specific training for setters, right and left-side players, middles, liberos, and serving specialists. This approach ensured that each athlete received specialized coaching tailored to their specific role on the court.
3. **Team Play:** The camp instilled the principles of effective team play, with a particular focus on developing players to operate seamlessly within the 5-1 system. This not only improved individual skills but also fostered a sense of teamwork and cooperation among participants.
4. **Beach Volleyball:** In addition to indoor training, participants were introduced to the fundamentals of beach volleyball. This included specific movement techniques unique to beach volleyball, providing a well-rounded experience for the athletes.
5. **Specialty Training Sessions:** The camp went beyond on-court skills, offering daily sessions on nutrition, conditioning, mental training, and injury prevention. These additional components aimed to educate participants on the holistic aspects of being a successful and resilient athlete.

Camp Features:

- **Coaching Staff:** Former players, all deeply committed to the camp's success, served as coaches. Their experience and passion for the sport contributed to the overall positive and enriching atmosphere of the camp.
- **Athlete Demographics:** The camp welcomed 29 athletes, including three male participants. The diverse group of athletes added to the dynamic and inclusive nature of the event.
- **Subway Dinner Plan:** For added convenience, a Subway dinner plan was made available at an extra cost of \$6 per day, proving to be a popular choice among participants.
- **Online Registration:** The registration process was streamlined through an online platform, ensuring a hassle-free enrollment process for interested athletes.

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The 2023 Stoirm Volleyball Development Camp was an exciting and successful week filled with skill development, teamwork, and a holistic approach to athlete well-being. As the camp looks forward to its 2024 edition, the organizers remain dedicated to providing a top-notch experience for aspiring volleyball players.

Stoirm 2023 AGM Beach Volleyball Report

In the summer of 2023, Stoirm ran two beach volleyball leagues: junior high (grades 7 & 8) and high school (grades 9 – 12) athletes. Twenty-five athletes (14 teams) competed in the high school league. Eleven athletes competed in the junior high league.

The high school league followed a weekly scheduled set of games (Tuesdays & Thursdays). At the end of the season, teams were awarded first, second, and third place prizes based on win percentages.

The junior high league followed Bjerring style each evening. At the end of the season, athletes were awarded first, second, and third place prizes based on total points.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Farrell

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