



## President's Report

Hello PigDogs

Yet again you have worked hard to make this another one of those memorable years for the PigDog Family. Everyone from the old and experienced, to the new and young talent. You put your heart and soul into what continues to be another stepping stone in our clubs growth.

We started the year off with a handful of uncertainties. Which put a few new challenges ahead of us. And your newly appointed executive took on these challenges with promise and pride, to make sure we were all set to take on the upcoming season.

I cannot express the amount of gratitude I have for our executive and all their hard work. They worked tirelessly behind the scenes putting in extra hours coming up with plans and executing them, to make sure we were all able to play the sport we all love.

Thank you Davin, Cassie, Alex, and Tracey. You four have done something most don't get to see. And did it without hesitation. Because of all you have done everyone is able to step on to that field week after week.

Our year started with an unhealthy bank account. This was the first of many challenges for us was to work on. Starting with creating accounting books, and tracking down where and how our money was spent. This was done with hours of work. I don't think we could have had a better person tasked to this. She has now gotten our books back in order, and has been able to keep the executive inline when it comes to our financials. Putting the club back in the Black.

To help with this, we came up with a new annual fundraiser. Our Club Comedy night. In its first year it raised over \$1000 for the club. With its small attendance, everyone who was there had some great laughs and fun. We look forward to building on this and seeing this fundraiser becoming one of the clubs kick off events to every season.

Next was our clubs 7's tournament. We all know if a club host a tournament there should be some money made. This is an event that has been going on for a few years now, and yet we still seem to be ending the season with no money in our bank account from the event. We sat down and look at what was needed and took this info, and went to our sponsors. With the huge support from Dave Doolittle's and Molson. We were able to capitalize on this tournament without changing our PigDog ways. Having all the support from our sponsors and members of the PigDog family who gave up not only money but time to help volunteer, Shows that we have



something here to be proud to be part of. Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2016 tournament a huge success.

Then on to making sure all the paper work, schedules and members are all ready, registered and accounted for. This is by far is one of the daunting and frustrating tasks put forth to the executive. But we couldn't have asked for a better duo, Davin and Cassie took this on head first. And have come out on top with two dominating seasons. With their continued work and efforts to bring in youth and new players to the club. These two have their minds set on continues growth, and development. I look forward to what those two can do with the coming season.

There is a reason this member won PigDog of the Year. With her ever growing efforts to make both sides of the club feel more like a family. She has brought new events and life to the old thinking club. She has been there to support each executive in all the task and duties they have been doing. And with her new thinking, she has a list of new events and activities getting ready to roll out over the next few seasons. I don't believe there is anything that will stop her efforts to make this club feel like family. Alex we look forward to what you have in line for us next.

Our women came together for what was set to be the biggest challenge in their history of the club. Stepping up to division one in the woman's league. Have Rick and his coaching staff behind the ladies. Gave them the push they needed to keep fighting. The ladies may not have gotten the wins wanted but the growth of talent and skill gained by all the ladies is a huge win on its own. We look forward to watching as the ladies continue to take the knowledge gained and new talent that joined, into the coming season. And continue to grow. I look forward to watching you Ladies lift up some hardware.

Our Men side did something different this year. They spent more time at practices playing games, while working on cardio and hands. Doing this brought the guys closer together and saved their bodies for the Rugby day matches. They had taken an ever continues changing lineup. Filled with old experienced, and young athletic talented, we changed Division two rugby. Having clear heads and putting aside all the Drama that was created in the Men's division, created a winning path for us. Having so many young talent come out and take key starting positions in the teams line up. Has put our club on top once again. All of this has put the men in a Strong Position for the Future. We looking forward to the new challenge set forward by the province next year.



Both Sides of our club have sent a message to all clubs in the Province. That message has been whispered from the side lines and now has been yelled out loud on the field. Our men bringing home a provincial title and our woman standing tall against everything that was thrown at them..... Everyone looks better in PigDog Blue.

As we get older. Our family starts to find partners and have kids. A few years ago we started a mini program, looking towards the future and having a place for the youth of our club and of Dartmouth to come and have fun while learning what rugby is. And why their parents enjoy it so much. Again having such devoted executive, and club members. We were able to see this program continue to grow. With the continues, support from the Forrest Brothers Construction. We were able to fund this program and keep the cost down for all who participate. Thank you to all who volunteered time in having fun with the youth of the club.

Thank you for all stepping up and making this club a family for all, young and old. Whether you are a player a fan on the sideline, or one of our many Sponsors, Linda Smardon, Dave Doolittle's, Molson, Forrest Brothers, And Q104. You all continue to impress and show each other that we are more than a sport team, that we are a brothers and sisters.

That we are **Family. .... Teaglach**

Dartmouth PigDogs  
Club President  
Chris Kingwell



## Vice President Report – Men's

Hello all

In 2016 many saw an upward swing continue in the mens side. Early on in the year saw us host two mens senior teams and two mens junior teams at our own tournament. Our juniors even managed to make the final after a hard fought day.

We entered a number of tournaments this summer but were unable to get numbers for seahorse. I would like to see this change in 2017.

The senior mens team had a successful year making the playoffs and ultimately failing in the maritime cup. A new younger crop of players contributed in a huge way and were a big factor to the success of the club.

This youth renaissance over the last couple of years has helped cover retiring players and even added to our overall numbers from the year before.

2016 ending see's us in a good position going into 2017 and I hope we can continue to make rugby fun and grow the club together.

Cheers

Davin



## Vice President Report – Ladies

### [2016 LPD Post Season Wrap-Up](#)

For the LPD the 2016 season started off on a not so positive note. Being forced up to play in first division really knocked down the confidence we had in ourselves especially after being first in second division. We also lost a handful of our players, which wasn't easy on our team either.

Although this wasn't the ideal situation for the LPD as a team we made the best of it. We went into every game fighting hard, playing the best we can and most important, playing with PigDog pride! First division was not easy for our team but it was a learning experience. It taught us to push ourselves as hard as we can regardless of what the scoreboard says. Luckily for the LPD the 2017 will bring us back to second division where we can play competitive rugby and even win a few games.

The 2016 season was a very big season for our younger generation. This year we have seen a lot of younger girls come out to commit to our club and become a part of our family. There is so much talent in these girls and we are all very happy to continue to watch them develop as rugby players. These girls really stepped up to the plate playing in first division. Most importantly they jumped at every opportunity to lace up their boots and represent our club, especially in 7's tournaments which all of our old girls really appreciate.

Although statistically we did not come in first, we are all winners. We grew as a team, we improved our game and of course we had fun with our family which is what we are all really here for. I look forward to seeing what the 2017 season has in store for the LPD & the rest of the PigDog family. Teaglach!

Cassie Beaver



## Treasurer Report

One of my projects in recent years has been to ensure we have appropriate documentation of club procedures, policies, meetings, etc, so our operations are consistent as the club executive changes over. This proved beneficial this year as we started the year with a revamped executive team, and I shifted to a new role within the club.

First – I'd also like to thank & recognize the prior treasurers in the club (Ricky, Liz, Shavonne, to name a few). This role has proven to be challenging and a lot of work – much more than I expected.

When we started the year, we looked at our priorities – needing to save towards new kit, updating some equipment (game balls especially), keeping rugby affordable for our junior members & families in the mini program, and giving our members a benefit to their dues.

Major thanks to our volunteers who helped pull off PigDog Sevens tournament & the Comedy Night/Auction, both of those were bank balance–boosting! I'd also like to thank Chris & the other executives for their assistance with controlling costs & spending strategically.

We turned a large portion of our Doolittle's sponsorship back into the pub – from tournament after party, banquet meals, gift certificates for prize draws/player recognition. For 2017 – we will continue to focus on improving our sponsor relationships & being able to draw more resources from them, & having them see a return on their investments.

We were charitable – we donated 50/50 proceeds & BBQ proceeds back into Feed Nova Scotia & the Q104 Hunger Strike; continuing to maintain our reputation as a social club with a social conscience.

We recognized our hardworking members – PigDog Points was a new program this year, and it was successful! Peter Masimo earned free dues for 2017, and we plan to continue this program.

I'm pleased to say that we kept costs under control, while still having fun, and that we have a healthy bank balance going into 2017. We started the year with \$600 in the bank, and now have approximately \$4,500 (after we pay a few Rugby Nova Scotia invoices that are coming due soon). This exceeded our goals, and we can't wait to continue to build on this.

Yours in rugby,  
Tracey McDonald



## **Social Director's Report**

2016 was an eventful year for the PigDogs!

I would like to thank all of the club members who took part in and supported the many social events, fundraisers and community projects, including our highway cleanup, the first annual PigDog Olympics and the many food drives we held in support of Feed NS.

Looking forward into 2017 you can expect more fun times with an increase in non-alcohol oriented events. Seeing as our club is growing and the younger generation is our future, it will be nice to encourage their involvement along with that of the 'older yet wiser' members!

If you do not already follow us on our social media accounts please do!

**Instagram: pigdogsrfc**  
**Twitter: PigDogs Rugby**

And hopefully to be used more in 2017, snapchat: pigdogsrfc

Tag us in your posts or #teagalch for PigDog points!

Finally, don't forget to continue supporting our sponsors and collecting your Doolittle's and Molson receipts for PigDog points!

Alex Currie