
MINUTES – 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LACROSSE SA INC.
Eagles Lacrosse Club, Monday 21 November 2016, 7:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1. Present:

Adele Poland, Adelle Craig, Alan Carr, Alan Pallant, Andrew Glazbrook, Andrew Harris, Anita Lewis, Annie Baker, Ben Pink, Bob Carter, Bob Hewitson, Brayden Simpson, Brett Williams, Bridget Harris, Chris Zuvich, Christopher Larwood, Clint Barker, Daniel Robertson, Darren Potts, David Fox, David Robertson, Dennis Mulrone, Donna Wood, Eben Lok, Gavin Wood, Giulia Marion, Glen Revell, Harley Morphett, Helen Douvartzidis, Jake Rosenthal, Jason Webb, Jayne Bartholomew, Jem McGee, Jim Goodale, John Correll, Kathy Bengner, Kay Bendall, Kelsey Piltz, Khiem Pham, Leona King, Lincoln Potter, Luke Keesing, Marilyn Fuss, Mark Buhagiar, Marty Baker, Matt Larwood, Mechele Potter, Michael Bendall, Michael Goudie, Michael Hood, Nicolle Pattichis, Paul Scuteri, Peter Noble, Peter Vickery, Robin Stevens, Scott Gill, Scott Willsmore, Shane Hill, Tiffany Smith, Todd Rosenthal, Tracy Robb, Wendy Piltz

1.2. Apologies: Ken Forrest, Paul Crimes, Mark Polden, Judy Thurgood, Jonathon Kiploks, Luke Oswald, Judy Evans, Stacey Appleton, Matt Madsen, Michael Bakker

Acting President welcomed all that were present. Meeting opened at 7.40pm once quorum was reached.

2. Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held at Brighton Lacrosse Club - Monday, 23 November 2015

2.1. Confirmation

The minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting as presented at the meeting were accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Glen Revell
Second: Peter Noble
Carried

2.2. Business Arising

There was no other business arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.

3. Presentation of Reports from Directors and Office Bearers

3.1. President– Scott Willsmore (Acting)

Scott addressed part of his report about Park 25. Park 25 usage is now an urgent discussion point. Competition committees have been informed and as a community we need to find outcome as to whether a Park 25 provides the best opportunities in a wide range of areas to Lacrosse in SA and look at other strategies.

There are specific ramifications of moving away from Park 25, such as the freedom of players to move up and down between teams and how a home and away scenario will work for clubs. As an upshot it does provide an opportunity for club growth.

3.2. Executive Officer – Giulia Marion

Giulia requested her report to be taken as read, unless there were any questions arising. No questions received.

3.3. Deputy President (Apology) – not present to read his report

Scott mentioned a Constitution working party had been assembling which included Bob Hewitson who had worked on the previous 2012 version. The working group included former Presidents of the Association, Bob Hewitson, Dennis Mulroney, John Fuss, Alan Carr, Mark Polden and Scott Willsmore.

The Constitution is being put together with the guiding principles from the Australian Sports Commission and the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Scott thanked Dennis for his work to date in preparing the documentation so far and mentioned he is instrumental in driving the work going forward.

3.4. Director, Administration – Michael Bendall (Acting)

Michael Bendall stated he had only been in the role for 7-8 weeks and did not have a lot to report on. Michael reaffirmed that he will be enforcing the bylaws.

3.5. Director, Finance – Alan Carr

Alan addressed an error in the report being page 10. This page should be the balance sheet, however was a duplicate of the income and expenditure statement. This error will be fixed and the amended annual report will be distributed to clubs.

Based on the information provided in his report, Alan made a motion to move the financial report.

Second: Dennis Mulroney – subject to sighting the balance sheet.
Carried

3.6. Director, Women's Competition – Bob Carter (Acting)

Bob requested his report to be taken as read, unless there were any questions arising. No questions received.

3.7. Director, Men's Competition – Bob Carter

Bob requested his report to be taken as read, unless there were any questions arising. No questions received.

3.8. Director, Junior Competition – Wendy Piltz

Wendy noted a special thanks to Judy Thurgood for her work over the years and in particular as the backbone for Wilderness Lacrosse Club.

Great to see Growth in the younger age groups with the inclusion of school groups coming in, would be great to see more schools get involved.

Orientation at the beginning of the season is important to make sure everyone's on the same page.

Having no development Director on the board made it difficult and shows that we do need this position filled in terms of coordinating and growth.

Very good communication and discussion from the committee regarding the Under 15 Tournament. ALA will also be doing a review of the information put forward.

Concern over only having 4 x Under 17 and Under 15 boys teams in both grades. Thoughts on how to get people involved, ways of bringing new people in. Under 11 and 13s is quite good and now looking to target Under 13 next year.

Scott thanked Wendy for all the work she has done in the junior position.

- 3.9. Director, Development – Position Vacant – Report provided by Marilyn Fuss, Development Coordinator.

Report was not read as it was not a report from the Director, Development and was information purposes only.

- 3.10. Director, Coaching – Martin Baker

Marty highlighted that for the 2017 season the ALA Club Coach Course will be mandatory for all coaches, junior and senior whether this be through RPL or attendance. There is a 2 hour online component that is completed prior to the one day (6 hour) practical course.

Jason Webb asked the question if this included U8 coaches and up. It was noted that it does in fact include all age groups from U8 and up. General discussion was held about the difficulty of finding club coaches and how a mandatory course could impact people putting their hand up to coach. It was highlighted that coaches do not need to complete the course prior to season commencement and can be done throughout the course of the year.

- 3.11. Director, Officiating – Jonathon Kiploks (Apology) – not present to read his report.

- 3.12. Director, Promotions

Martin provided an overview in the annual report of some of the promotional activities undertaken throughout the year. It was also highlighted LSA TV is in desperate need of some resources and support, in 2016 a lot of the equipment was borrowed and filming/editing fell onto few people. More people are required moving forward for it to be sustainable and provide good quality coverage. If any Clubs have anyone available to do so, please let Marty know. Marty thanked Michael Hood for his assistance throughout the year.

All reports, (except for the Financial Report, which has already been accepted) be received and accepted as a group.

Moved: Dennis Mulroney
Second: Michael Goudie
Carried

4. Election of Directors

- 4.1. Positions for Election

President – one nomination received: Scott Willsmore

Michael Bendall addressed those present stating: There being only one nomination for this position, and with our Constitution not allowing for nominations from the floor if a nomination in advance has been received. To formalise the election, would someone like to move that Scott Willsmore be appointed to the Board of LSA in the position of President, for a period of two years.

Moved: Kay Bendall

Second: David Robinson
Carried

- 4.1.1. Director, Finance – no nominations received prior to the AGM
Alan Carr was thanked for the tireless hours he has put in stemming 32 years on the Board of Lacrosse SA.

At the end of the AGM, prior to closing, Jem McGee requested a brief discussion with Alan Carr – exiting Director, Finance in relation to nominating for the position. Following this discussion Jem McGee nominated for the position of Director, Finance.

Moved: Scott Willsmore
Second: Alan Carr
Carried

- 4.1.2. Director, Administration – one nomination received: Michael Bendall

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Moved: Jem McGee
Second: Robin Stevens
Carried

- 4.1.3. Director, Junior Competition

There were no nominations were received from the floor. Position remains vacant, and can be filled by the Board for the balance of the term at the time of appointment.

- 4.1.4. Director, Women's Competition

There were no nominations were received from the floor. Position remains vacant, and can be filled by the Board for the balance of the term at the time of appointment.

- 4.1.5. Director, Development

There were no nominations were received from the floor. Position remains vacant, and can be filled by the Board for the balance of the term at the time of appointment.

Casual Vacancies

- 4.1.6. State Teams Representative

There were no nominations were received from the floor. Position remains vacant, and can be filled by the Board for the balance of the term at the time of appointment.

- 4.1.7. Director, Promotions

There were no nominations received prior to the AGM. A nomination from the floor were received from Bridget Harris.

Moved: Adelle Craig

Second: Kelsey Piltz
Carried

Bridget Harris was appointed as Director, Promotions. Jason Webb requested Bridget be congratulated for filling this position.

5. Non-Board Positions

5.1. Patron

Kathy Benger had agreed prior to the AGM to continue. A request was made for any other nominations. No other nominations were received. Kathy Benger was appointed to continue in this role.

Moved: Kay Bendall
Second: Michael Goudie
Carried

5.2. Deputy Patron

Peter Noble had agreed prior to the AGM to continue. A request was made for any other nominations. No other nominations were received. Peter Noble was appointed to continue in this role.

Moved: Dennis Mulrone
Second: Alan Pallant
Carried

5.3. Auditor

John Swann has agreed to take on the role of auditor in 2017

Alan moved that he be appointed.
Second: Kelsey Piltz
Carried

5.4. Historian

Luke Oswald had agreed prior to the AGM to continue. A request was made for any other nominations. No other nominations were received. Luke Oswald was appointed to continue in this role.

Moved: Michael Bendall
Second: Robin Stevens
Carried

6. Setting of Affiliation Fees for 2016

Affiliation Fees for 2016 season will remain as '\$60 for clubs and \$30 for other affiliated bodies'.

Moved: Alan Carr
Second: Michael Hood
Carried

7. General Business

7.1. Presentation of Lacrosse SA Awards

The following awards were presented:

2016 Service Awards - For players with 300, 400 or 500 games

Leigh Perham of the Brighton Lacrosse Club (300 games)

2016 Sandery Trophy: Under 17 Sportsman of the Year

Hamish Mathwin of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

2016 Gomer Trophy: Under 17 Sportswoman of the Year

Eloise Willsmore of the Burnside Lacrosse Club AND
Zephyr Williams of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

2016 Hobbs Trophy: Under 21 Sportsman of the Year

Lincoln Potter of the Woodville Lacrosse Club AND
Jake Rosenthal of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

2016 Sportsman of the Year

Clint Barker of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

2016 Sportswoman of the Year

Beth Varga of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

7.2. Australian Lacrosse Association – Andrew Harris

Andrew spoke about the ALA National Conference coming up next year 25th-26th February in Melbourne and encouraged people to attend. Encouraged everyone to visit ALA's website and facebook page for more information.

ALA considering a new national clothing supplier for national teams with a flow on effect to State Associations and Clubs. Looking at lacrosse range, quality and pricing. ALA currently have 11 expressions of interest so far.

Quikstix is a new development program to introduce lacrosse into primary schools, with the aim of it being included into sports in schools program.

7.3. Lacrosse Australia Foundation – Peter Noble

Peter spoke about the Lacrosse Australia Foundation. Ray Duthy and Peter are Directors of the foundation, which also includes 2 members from other states.

The foundation has taken over the left over monies from when the Men's and Women's Associations combined at the National level some years ago, the money was put into a trust. There is now a board to control and grow that. In the next few years are working on growing it to put back into Associations and clubs Australia wide.

8. Close

Scott thanked those in attendance and Eagles Lacrosse Club and for hosting the AGM and providing the supper.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm.