



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

25 NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES – 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LACROSSE SA INC.

Glenelg Lacrosse Club, Monday 25 November 2024, 7:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Traci Mathwin – Director of LSA and Chair for tonight's meeting, welcomed all to the Glenelg Lacrosse Club for the 2024 Lacrosse SA Annual General Meeting and acknowledged the traditional lands of the Kurna People.

Confirmation of quorum was reached as of 7:01pm and the meeting was declared open.

Traci stated that tonight's agenda is fixed as published.

Observers do not have the right of speech, unless recognised by the Chair, nor to vote unless being previously nominated as a voting member by the respective club secretaries.

Traci made it known to the group that she revokes her delegation to vote for Brighton Lacrosse Club to Sam Voysey.

For any motion during the AGM to be passed it would require a simple majority.

Tonight's meeting will be recorded and conducted in accordance with the LSA Constitution.

Traci asked everyone to please make sure they have signed the attendance sheet, to ensure an accurate record of attendance.

1.1. Present

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE OFFICIALS: Rick Smissen, Mark Polden, Martin Baker

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY: Nil

BRIGHTON: Zac Parish, Sam Voysey, Jai Raymond, Andrew (Jock) Dallisson, Will Dallisson, Jackson Stock, Jade Mangan, Tayla Mangan

BURNSIDE: Malcom Muxlow, Brett Williams

CROWS: Nil

EAGLES: Merry Brown

EAST TORRENS PAYNEHAM: Nil

GLENELG: Angus Ross, Tracey Borovnik, Kahli Evans

NORTH ADELAIDE: Travis Renshaw, Kelle Renshaw, Mitch Uzzel

STURT: Peter Greenhalgh, Kristen Greenhalgh, Danielle Fitzpatrick

WILDERNESS: Rebecca Keller, Brad Jackson

WOODVILLE: Rachel Guyatt, Shane Abbott, Luke Oswald

LSA: Giulia Marion, Jarrod Brimble, Rachael Boys, Sue Hogan, Traci Mathwin



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LIFE MEMBERS: Alan Carr, Judy Thurgood, Peter Noble, Dennis Mulroney, Bob Hewitson, Trish Adams

OTHER: Mandy Arscott

1.2. Apologies:

Burnside Lacrosse Club: Valery Oak

Woodville Lacrosse Club: Olivia Parker

Wilderness Lacrosse Club: Craig Andrae

2. Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held at Glenelg Lacrosse Club- Monday 27th November 2023.

2.1. Confirmation

The minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting as presented at the meeting tonight were accepted as true and correct record of proceedings at that meeting.

Moved: Peter Noble

Second: Sam Voysey

Carried.

2.2. Business Arising

There was a request from the floor related to general business and presentation of special awards. It was noted the minutes have a summary of criteria that each award was presented for and has been the case since 2017. The area of concern was that these trophies have been presented without the information from their nominations and stated the award winners should be recognised for what they have done rather than what criteria they fit. It was recommended the Board look at changing what is included in the minutes to outline and recognise what the individuals have done. Following that, he believes we are not publishing the award winners on social media or website to showcase the individuals winning these awards and any extra curricula activities. Traci asked if last year's award winners should be updated as suggested just moving forward.

3. Presentation of Reports from Directors and Office Bearers

3.1. Executive Officer – Giulia Marion

Giulia requested that her report be taken and read.

Peter Greenhalgh (Sturt) mentioned it was good to see the acknowledgement of the Presidents (Under 18 team) in the report but questioned why we haven't committed to two under 18 teams for 2025. Giulia explained we have committed but are awaiting confirmation from Lacrosse Australia if there will be two divisions.

Travis Renshaw (North Adelaide) asked about on/off field behaviour and if that will be taken to clubs directly. Giulia explained we are bound by the Lacrosse Australia Policies but with current by-laws there are a few that are required to be amended for certain behaviours outside of play which will be looked into further with the board in coming months. Travis asked for specifics when looking into these behaviours so clubs can target certain behaviours. Giulia mentioned that most of the people present would've seen some, uncalled for behaviours at games this season whether it be from players, spectators, coaches or other personnel. Someone questioned where to find the grievance policy, and Giulia directed them to the Lacrosse Australia National Integrity Framework.

Peter Greenhalgh (Sturt) wanted clarification on his question, asking again, if there will be two teams for the Under 18 National Tournament. Giulia explained, if Lacrosse Australia put in two divisions, then yes. Giulia said we may not be able to have two boys' teams due to the lack of numbers and positions but have put forward to Lacrosse Australia that we would like two teams. Giulia acknowledged the growth we have had in the last few years especially since having the Hurricanes U15 team join.

Mark Polden questioned the demerit system in the report and if it will be brought into effect. Giulia said LSA will be implementing the demerit system next season, it does however, require some work with SALO and how it will best be implemented. Clubs will be involved in this process further down the track as there will be some confusion for players that play in different grades/on loan etc in the same round.

Finance Report – Giulia Marion

Angus Ross (Glenelg) questioned the plans for the funds in the bank account. Giulia explained that there is never actually that amount of money in there at any one time as there are still bills that require paying and often there are funds on hold that will be required to be paid, for example state team pre-payments. It has not yet been discussed with the board as to what these plans are yet.

Merry Brown (Burnside) questioned why there was no advertising funds used this year and whether there are funds there to spend more on advertising and how to best utilise that. Giulia explained that the advertising from last years' money was spent on newspaper or magazine etc, and any bigger type of marketing/advertising came out of sponsorship funds.

Andrew 'Jock' Dallisson (Brighton) asked for clarification on the income from the Under 15 to Under 18 state teams, and why there is such an increase, especially with the cost-of-living pressures. Giulia explained there are payouts required to Lacrosse Australia for Under 15 teams, which is roughly \$10,000 and there are a lot more teams than any other age group so that is where the extra income accumulates. She also explained, state teams require a lot more admin time (especially Under 15) so in a previous year AGM, it was

noted that we were looking at recouping money from state teams to cover wages. Jock suggested looking forward, for the board to investigate reducing the cost, especially for juniors. It was also explained, for some years, some teams will be in negative spending while others can be over. This can be from clubs charging for field hire and line marking and some clubs not charging. Jock finished with, if we have such a hefty bank account balance, why not look at subsidising for the juniors but will leave that for the board to discuss.

Peter Greenhalgh (Sturt) followed on from Jocks point and questioned the profit and loss income statement and why the accrued money isn't shown. Giulia explained we hadn't yet received the bills from Lacrosse Australia and that would be roughly \$10,000 for officials cost share, team nominations etc and the exact amount is not known. Peter explained he didn't think it was fair to make such a large profit on junior state teams. Giulia explained while it is a profit, majority of it will go to wages to reduce each club's debt over the year. Kellie Renshaw suggested opening communication up with clubs regarding finances so everyone can get a better understanding. A lot of chat was had about wages and how state teams can take up a lot more admin time than regular season duties. Giulia mentioned that LSA had accrued 5 months' worth of wages for a position that was open after interview an individual but that fell through.

Kirsten Greenhalgh (Sturt) suggested looking at the costs for juniors as they know quite a few players that won't try out for state teams due to the cost. She brought up the cost of the Presidents team versus the SA Under 18 teams that recently went away and how there was a vast difference (especially accommodation). Giulia has said accommodation is always a tricky one and something we look at every year with feedback from coaches, managers and players. Angus Ross mentioned with caravan parks there is less control over the kids as you can't fully monitor where they are and that is why hotels are best for state teams.

Moved: Traci Mathwin

Second: Shane Abbott

Carried.

3.2. Director –Sue Hogan

Sue requested that her report be taken and read. No questions. It was announced that Sue will be stepping down from the board this year, and Traci thanked Sue for all she has done for Lacrosse SA. Applause given from attendees.

3.3. Director–Traci Mathwin

Traci requested that her report be taken and read and put to the floor if there were any questions.

Dennis started by acknowledging the difficulty of Traci's position and praised her for her efforts. Dennis noted that the Bylaws are significantly out of date and as the policies relies on the bylaws, these need to be updated. He also noted that there is no information about portfolios or positions vacant to apply to be on the board. These should all be publicly available. Suggested he is willing and able to assist with amending/renewing bylaws. A major concern was the inability to update the bylaws to reflect the U17 Boys awards (BNF and MVP) being named after Bruce Rosewarne and Rod Greaves.

Travis Renshaw questioned the interclub transfers and asked if we could have a group conversation when transfers are happening. The board were worried about the growth of the sport and that is why some went through as loans rather than a full transfer. Traci is happy to facilitate meetings more regularly if she is getting a response to say people are interested.

3.4. Director–Nathan Twisk

No Report – Traci thanked Nathan for stepping onto the board.

3.5. Sport Development and Event Coordinator –Jarrod Brimble

Jarrod requested that his report be taken and read.

Peter Greenhalgh asked if SAPSASA can be added as a development program and suggested this would be a good opportunity for young kids to get involved. Traci mentioned how Lacrosse Australia is looking at incorporating a junior high-performance program that is in the pipeline.

Kellie Renshaw asked how many players we recruit from school events. Jarrod mentioned it is quite difficult to work that out as they would go to their local clubs from the carnivals. While clubs have volunteers that assist at the lacrosse carnivals, we are aiming to promote lacrosse rather than just one club. Kellie asked if there is a future recruitment plan rather than just the school sport carnivals. Travis followed up to ask if there is a flyer or smiliar to give to schools to promote lacrosse and local clubs. There is currently a general flyer that has all clubs that is given to schools on the carnival days.

Martin Baker questioned what the development plan for LSA is to increase players numbers as they have dropped over the years. Traci mentioned she wants to work with Lacrosse Australia on this and at present with minimal board members this is providing difficult but acknowledged there is work to do and the official plan is still in works.

Mark Polden asked if we still have contact with LA Quick Stix. Jarrod mentioned he touches base with them quite regularly but as it is a separate program they will usually run things themselves. Jarrod at times will assist if they are struggling to find coaches etc.

It was asked if there was a specific budget for running development events and if we lose money on lightning carnivals. It was explained things like line markings, field hire, and first aid are paid out of the development budget. Schools involved in a Lightning Carnival get charged, where Catholic schools do not as that is part of the Catholic Primary School Sport Association.

3.6. Sport Administration and Finance Assistant – Rachael Boys

Rachael requested that her report be taken and read.

Kelle Renshaw asked how we can make scoresheets a more streamlined process as it has been an issue for a while. While a photo sounds like a great idea this is still a large process. The easiest process we have found is to have all club scoresheets returned to the club by Sunday and they are then sent to LSA early in the week. Traci mentioned we are going to investigate digital/live scoring to avoid the paperwork and the extra work. The only downfall of digital is the costs of iPad, the ability to keep them charged for the whole day and internet to iPads. We know and are aware it is a tricky task to get all scoresheets back, but we are usually flexible with the timing.

Angus Ross asked about social media and what the plan is for promotional content for LSA as there is so much content going in. It was noted we needed to work on a plan as there is not one in place at current.

Peter Greenhalgh questioned why there are social media posts about box lacrosse results, but nothing about sixes if clubs are being told to take it more seriously. Giulia mentioned this was aimed at a few teams playing inappropriately with different age groups/genders. We acknowledged LSA staff were playing catch up from the 2024 finals season and it is now too late to start.

Marty Baker questioned the plan for the future of sixes in SA for the high performing athletes to experience something like the Major League Sixes Tournament. Traci explained that LA are in the process of beginning a high-performance program. It was then questioned when a sixes competition will be done domestically. It is dependent on the Lacrosse Australia calendar and will be looking at roughly March. Angus Ross asked if it would work as a pre-season tournament, so teams are still getting training in, and fields could be more readily available. There are a lot of factors to consider, and especially the load of players.

Kirsten Greenhalgh raised she thought Lacrosse SA didn't take the local sixes competition very seriously from the start with lack of advertising and lack of nominations. Giulia explained, it was sent out via club secretaries and presidents. Andrew "Jock" Dallisson explained his team took the competition seriously and in no way was a sub-standard competition so the email that was sent was a minority and could've been taken out of context.

Marty Baker suggested simplifying the calendar – Term 1 -Sixes, Term 2 and 3 - Field and Term 4 - Box/Social. Jock suggested lining up nationally, so we are all able to align competition dates. Giulia is happy to investigate this format and open for ideas. Mark Polden suggested clubs also facilitating involvement for their members.

Moved: Malcom Muxlow

Second: Angus Ross

Carried.

4. Election of Directors



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Traci Mathwin

Traci Mathwin explained how she stepped in for the last two years, but she has put herself up for election this year and posed to the group if they have any questions. Angus Ross questioned how Traci separates herself from any information attained from the Lacrosse SA Board and Brighton Lacrosse Club. Traci explains she removes herself from any votes required, while still giving her opinion. If anyone at Brighton Lacrosse Club were to ask her about anything Lacrosse SA related, she should explain it is not her place to answer. She also explained everyone on the board has a conflict of interest being associated with a club.

No objections to Traci Mathwin being a Director of the Board.

Mark Polden

Mark Polden has nominated to come on the board.

No objections to Mark Polden being a Director of the Board.

Moved: Sam Voysey

Second: Malcolm Muxlow

Carried.

Angus Ross questioned the opportunities to join the board as it is past the deadline. Giulia explained they would need to contact herself or Traci Mathwin for details. The board can now elect and appoint candidates for a 12-month period. There is one casual vacancy remaining.

5. Non-Board Positions

5.1. Auditor

John Swan has agreed to continue the role of auditor in 2025.

Moved: Sam Voysey

Second: Rick Smissen

Carried.

5.2. Historian

Luke Oswald has agreed to continue the role of historian in 2025.

Moved: Peter Greenhalgh

Second: Malcolm Muxlow

Carried.

6. Setting of Affiliation Fees for 2024-2025

The Affiliation Fees will increase from \$66 to \$77 for clubs and \$33 to \$77 for any other affiliated bodies.

Moved: Sam Voysey

Second: Alan Carr

Carried.

7. General Business

7.1. Presentation of Lacrosse SA Awards

SERVICE AWARDS - FOR PLAYERS WITH 300, 400 OR 500 GAMES

A member shall have competed in 300, 400 or 500 documented games in the Senior Competition conducted by Lacrosse SA or selection in 10 National and/or International senior competition teams.

Brett Williams of the Burnside Lacrosse Club (300 games)

Nathan Twisk of the Sturt Lacrosse Club (300 games)

SERVICE AWARDS – OFFICIALS/ADMINISTRATION

A member shall have rendered meritorious service for a minimum of 7 years at National, State or Club level for coaching and officiating at an accredited level or as a Board member,

Luke Keesing – Officiating

“Luke Keesing is a worthy recipient of this service award. He can add world box lacrosse referee to his established lacrosse resume in addition to all he does for the local essay and national competition. He is heavily involved in SALO, always helping our junior players develop in both their field knowledge and referee understanding and a tireless worker at the club ensuring fields are marked and coordination of the men’s side of lacrosse. Luke is a worthy recipient for all he does for this sport as both the current state league player has volunteering and officiating appointments.”

2024 CARR TROPHY

This Trophy shall be documented under the following headings and in order of: Administrative Leadership, Achievement of Goal, Administrative Ability, Devotion of Time and Importance of Office held. The trophy is only available to those who serve in an honorary capacity.

Tracey Borovnik of the Glenelg Lacrosse Club

“Tracey has been highly regarded as an integral member of Glenelg lacrosse club for 12 years. She’s been a pivotal as a leader of the kitchen operations for the better part of a decade. After having first volunteered since she joined lacrosse club through her daughter becoming a player Tracey ensures that members have access to meals every Thursday and Saturday night while also running various other operations including barbecues and canteen when required. She spends countless hours as a volunteer posting on social media and organising menus and orders before collating information and purchasing items required for service. She also utilises excellent leadership and initiative to make sure that volunteers are contacted for assistance and provided with clear direction when required for assistance. Further to this Tracey took on the role of treasurer this year and provide access and guidance when it comes to fundraising and social events and ensures members will have access to food and catering whenever they require. Tracey devote a great deal of time to her role which is instrumental in club operations insurance quality kitchen service to members which ultimately create an excellent club atmosphere and a

further Avenue for club revenue the success of the under 15 national tournament Glenelg lacrosse club can be attributed to Tracey's desire to make an impression and ensure everything runs smoothly from facilities to catering and volunteering. She received a spirit of lacrosse award from lacrosse Australia for achievements during the under 15 tournament and has been consulted to run the national sixes catering in November. Tracey never says no when someone needs help is always the go to person whenever Aussie camp is held in essay. We can Tracey on her excellent work not just this year but every year and think everyone would agree she is more than deserving of this award."

2024 SANDERY TROPHY: UNDER 17 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Sandery Trophy – Under 17 Sportsman of the Year was created to recognise the achievements of those players recognised to be the best. In several instances, nominees within these categories are already competing on the open arena despite their young age. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performance and achievements throughout the year and is not older than 17 years of age on the 1st of January, are eligible to be nominated in this category.

Zachary Parish of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

"Zach had an outstanding season in lacrosse solidifying his reputation as a rising talent in the sport he kept in the under 18 S. Australian Boys team to a national championship victory demonstrating his leadership and competitive drive on the field that represented Brighton cross club in under 18 competition where he helped his team reached the grand final in a thrilling match that went to golden goal Brighton narrowly missed out on that title finishing as runners up. Under Zach season continued to so as he took on a key role in the state league men's competition he played a crucial part in the team's winning grand final victory further showcasing his ability to compete at a higher level his performances throughout the season did not go unnoticed earning him a spot in the under 20 Australian squad where he continues to develop his skills and contribute to the team success. Zach season was marked by resilience leader leadership and a series of impressive achievements setting a solid foundation for his future in the sport at both national and international levels."

2024 GOMER TROPHY: UNDER 17 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Kahli Evans to present - The Gomer Trophy – Under 17 Sportswoman of the Year was created to recognise the achievements of those players recognised to be the best. In several instances, nominees within these categories are already competing on the open arena despite their young age. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performance and achievements throughout the year and is not older than 17 years of age on the 1st of January, are eligible to be nominated in this category.

Isabel Jackson of the Woodville Lacrosse Club

"Isabel's tireless work at both local, national and international levels to help grow the program has been outstanding."

2024 HOBBS TROPHY: UNDER 21 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Under 21 Sportsman of the Year was created to recognise the achievements of those players recognised to be the best. In several instances, nominees within these categories are already competing on the open arena despite their young age. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performance and achievements throughout the year and is not older than 21 years of age on the 1st of January, are eligible to be nominated in this category.

William Dallisson of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

"In 2024 we had an exceptional season marked by numerous achievements across different levels of competition. He played a pivotal role in the state league men's team which secured the grand final victory showcasing remarkable growth compared to his 2023 performance his scoring and play making progress or a significant improvement with Dallas netting 30 goals and providing 10 assists a substantial increase from his eight goals and for assist the previous year. His efforts earned him the Brighton state league men's most improved award reflecting his dedication and impact on the field. In addition to his club success, he was instrumental in the South Australian under 18 team which claimed the national championship title. His standout performance in the championship winning game earned him the MVP award underlining his talent on a big stage. Despite falling just short in the local under 18 grand final he was recognised as Brighton under 18 MVP highlighting his consistent contributions throughout the season. On a club level, his outstanding performances and leadership qualifiers were just further acknowledged as he received the best and fairest junior boy and junior club man of the year awards cementing his reputation as a well-rounded and influential player."

2024 HEWITSON TROPHY: SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Under 21 Sportswoman of the Year was created to recognise the achievements of those players recognised to be the best. In several instances, nominees within these categories are already competing on the open arena despite their young age. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performance and achievements throughout the year and is not older than 21 years of age on the 1st of January, are eligible to be nominated in this category.

Jade Mangan of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

"What a stellar year Jade Mangan has had at all levels of lacrosse. Jade represented Australia in the under 20 team which travelled to Hong Kong in August the team coming away with fourth position. She also travelled with the team to the senior nationals back in June where they had a great tournament. Back club level, Jade was part of the Brighton women's state league team who made it seven grand final wins in a row winning against Woodville. Jade also gave back to the club with coaching the under 13 girls Brighton team where they won the thrilling grand final against Glenelg. Jade has been a standout at all levels on and off the field this year and deserves this nomination."

2024 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Sportsman of the year was created to recognise the achievements of those players whose achievements over the past calendar year are considered to be outstanding. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performances and achievements

throughout the 2024 year are eligible to be no one in these categories. A brief citation regarding the nominees' performances for the appropriate calendar is required for successful nominate. The nominee must be over 21 years on 1 January in the relevant year.

Jackson Stock of the Brighton Lacrosse Club

"Jackson had another remarkable season in 2024 with Brighton lacrosse club playing a pivotal role in securing the grand final victory. His dominance and face of continued with an outstanding 95% plus win rate giving his team a crucial advantage in possession and help to dictate the pace of games. Jackson's consistent excellence was recognised recently as he was awarded the Brighton best and fairest in 2024, further solidifying his status as a standout performer. His influence extended beyond the club level with stellar 2023 season that saw him represent Australia at the world games in San Diego where he showcases his talent on the international stage. In addition to his international experience stocks achievements in 2023 include winning the prestigious lacrosse South Australia Australia's Isaacson trophy a testament to his skills and contribution to the sport in the state. He's back-to-back seasons of exceptional form his ability to deliver under pressure making him a key player for both his club and country. Jackson's ability to dominate face-off has consistently provided Brighton with a competitive edge and his leadership and performance continues to inspire his teammates setting a high standard for the lacrosse community."

2024 SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Sportswoman of the year was created to recognise the achievements of those players whose achievements over the past calendar year are considered to be outstanding. Any player deemed to have achieved a record of outstanding performances and achievements throughout the 2024 year are eligible to be no one in these categories. A brief citation regarding the nominees' performances for the appropriate calendar is required for successful nominate. The nominee must be over 21 years on 1 January in the relevant year.

Olivia Parker of the Woodville Lacrosse Club

"Olivia played in the South Australian Senior women's box team with consistent improvement. She captained the SA senior women's team to a third-place finish at nationals and earned South Australia's MVP. At the local level, Olivia Captained the Woodville State league team to the grand final and won Woodville's state league best and fairest. She showed great leadership and helped to grow the game by coaching the under 18s to back-to-back premierships. Following all this Olivia never missed a training session. At the national level Olivia was appointed the South Australian women's representative for the lacrosse Australia's athlete advisory committee."

2024 AWARD OF MERIT

A member shall have rendered a minimum of seven years meritorious service and involvement for the benefit of lacrosse and Lacrosse SA through National, State, Club, Officiating, Coaching or Administrative service. A maximum of three awards can be presented annually.

Shane Abbott of the Woodville Lacrosse Club



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Wendy Walsh of the Glenelg Lacrosse Club

2024 DEBBIE SWINTON AWARD

A perpetual trophy provided by the friends of the late Debbie Swinton shall be presented at the Lacrosse SA Presentation Night to the Women's Club deemed by the Umpires to epitomise the criteria of the Award. At the conclusion of each Senior and Under 17 minor round game Umpires will award a point where warranted dependent upon players, coach/s and spectators' attitude during the game. A point may be divided between teams or withheld as determined by the officiating umpires. Counting will be conducted at completion of the Minor Round and an aggregate defined by the number of Club teams will determine the overall winning Club.

This award was awarded to Brighton Lacrosse Club at the Presentation night but after an administration error was found, it was re-awarded to Burnside Lacrosse Club

8. Close

Traci Mathwin thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting was officially closed at 8:48pm.