

MINUTES OF THE 8TH ALA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD BY TELECONFERENCE ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2015



1.	Welcome
	Mike Slattery, ALA President, welcomed the Member Association representatives from 5 member states.
2.	Present and Apologies
	<p>Present</p> <p><i>Member Associations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacrosse Victoria – Adam Holmes • Lacrosse South Australia – Adelle Craig • Queensland Lacrosse Association – Brendan Lewer • New South Wales Lacrosse – Jacqueline Le • Lacrosse Western Australia – Andrew McTaggart <p><i>ALA Directors</i></p> <p>Mike Slattery, Vivienne Parker-White, Janet Jackson, Paul Mollison, Graham Sharpe, Glenn Morley, Andrew Harris.</p> <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacrosse Tasmania - Callum Gorringe • Australian Sports Commission - Adam Baxter • Auditor - Megan Lyon <p>It was noted that there was a quorum in attendance.</p>
3.	Confirmation of Voting Members and explanation of meeting format
	<p>Mike Slattery explained that the agenda is fixed as published.</p> <p>In order for any motion during the AGM to be passed it would require a simple majority.</p> <p>ALA Directors do not have a vote at an Annual General Meeting, but do have the right to debate.</p> <p>Observers do not have the right of speech, unless recognised by the Chair, nor to vote.</p> <p>The meeting was recorded and was conducted according to the ALA Constitution.</p>
4.	Confirmation of 7th Annual General Meeting Minutes
	<p>This meeting was held on 24 November 2014 and no corrections were recorded.</p> <p>MOTION: Confirmation and acceptance of 7th AGM Minutes as provided in Attachment 1.</p> <p>MOVED: Adam Holmes (LV) SECONDED: Brendan Lewer (QLA) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
5.	Presentation of Reports
5.a	<p>Annual Report</p> <p>The interim 2015 Annual Report has been circulated and updates have been received.</p> <p>There are some things that need to be addressed in the draft annual report before it is finalised so more information can still be received prior to finalisation.</p> <p>Still outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacrosse Australia Merit Awards - complete list • Participation information from Lacrosse WA • Some photos still to be added <p>Finalising report for publication accepted and to be distributed week commencing 30th November 2015.</p>

5.b	<p>ALA Financial Report and Audit Report</p> <p>Accounts produced through a Chartered firm, Rick Hartnett & Associates. Material has been provided to all in attendance. The ALA Financial Report and Audit, as prepared by Rankin and Young was put to attendees.</p> <p>Mike advised that some queries came through regarding the accounts from Lacrosse Victoria. ALA will respond to those however they were only received in the previous 24 hours so there had not been time to approach the Auditor or CPA for comment. The queries will be addressed and responses given to all MA's (attendees and other State Presidents) by week commencing 30th November 2015.</p> <p>MOTION: That the ALA Financial Statement and Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 be accepted subject to addressing of queries been finalised.</p> <p>MOVED: Andrew McTaggart (LWA) SECONDED: Jacqueline Le (NSWL). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
6.	<p>Election of Directors</p>
	<p>Confirmation of Nominee with ALA Director Nominee-Support Document and CV circulated to Member Associations.</p> <p>Mike advised that there are two (2) ALA Director positions open for election, and that there has only been one (1) endorsed nomination received. There is now at least a casual vacancy on the ALA Board which requires a one year appointment.</p> <p>Retiring directors are Janet Jackson and Graham Sharpe. Janet Jackson has successfully nominated for a vacant position.</p> <p>Mike spoke about the process for sourcing an applicant for a Casual Vacancy and will ask for a response to the ALA (subject to election result) as Janet Jackson is also the registered ALA Company Secretary. There will be an ALA Nomination Committee to finalise an appointment for any Casual Vacancy(ies) as per the ALA Constitution. ALA seeks at least two nominations for that role from the States to provide selection of a competitively appointed ALA Director for that Casual Vacancy. Nominations will be accepted until 7th December 2015.</p> <p>Fergus Stewart, Returning Officer, attended the meeting and advised that one (1) nomination was received by the deadline and that the required and due process for ALA elections according to the ALA Constitution was met.</p> <p>Five (5) MA's responded and the voting outcome was three (3) votes in favour and two (2) votes against Janet Jackson's nomination.</p> <p>Mike thanked Fergus for his involvement.</p> <p>Mike confirmed the election of Janet Jackson for a two year appointment as an ALA Director following this AGM. Also that one Casual Vacancy needed to be progressed and practically the ALA Board required that role must be filled.</p>
7.	<p>Special Business</p>
7.a	<p>Constitutional Change</p> <p><u>Motion - Regarding ALA Director Term of Office</u></p> <p>MOTION 1:</p> <p>Clause 22.2 (f) : existing Clause 22.2(f)(2) to be removed and replaced with –</p> <p>22.2 (f) (2) Each Director will be eligible for re-election providing that they have served no more than four (4) consecutive terms of office, or a maximum of eight years.</p> <p>Add:</p> <p>22.2 (f) (3) That Clause 22.2(f) (2) apply to ALA Directors from its implementation at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2015, or the next Annual General Meeting at which a Director must stand down by way of agreed rotation.</p> <p>Add:</p> <p>22.2(f) (3) A director, having served the maximum period of office may and having stood down for a minimum of two (2) years, be eligible for re-election.</p>

	<p><u>Rationale:</u> It has come to the attention of the ALA Board that the requirement of a maximum term of office for Directors is not only advisable for good governance but is now also a mandatory governance principle of the ASC. The employment of this principle should encourage renewal of directors while retaining corporate memory.</p> <p>MOVED: Andrew McTaggart (LWA) SECONDED: Adam Holmes (LV) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p><u>Motion – Regarding ALA Audit and Risk Committee</u></p> <p><i>MOTION 2:</i></p> <p>Addition of new Clause, Clause 31, as follows:</p> <p>Clause 31 - That ALA has in place an Audit and Risk Committee which includes at least one external and independent Certified Practicing Accountant or Chartered Accountant along with two (2) ALA appointed Committee members. The committee is to report to the ALA Board with regard to any potential risks associated with the operation of the sport.</p> <p>If Motion 2 is adopted then the existing Clause 31 RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS will be renumbered along with any further renumbering of required clauses.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Such a committee is to ensure that there are adequate controls and systems in place, internal and external, to alert management and the Board to potential risks associated with the operation of the sport. It is felt that while the current situation is more than adequate the establishment of a formal committee can only lessen any potential risks. This Committee is now a mandatory governance principle of the ASC.</p> <p>MOVED: Brendan Lewer (QLA) SECONDED: Adelle Craig (LSA) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Mike advised that the Constitution will be updated accordingly and the revision will be dated 23rd November 2015.</p>
8.	Close of Meeting
	<p>Formal thanks were extended to everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.55pm.</p>