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## **Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of Lacrosse Scotland**

**Saturday 9th May 2011  
at Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh EH12 9DQ**

Julia Taylor (President) welcomed everyone to the Meeting

### **Present**

The following members signed the attendance register

Julia Taylor, Rebecca Lovie (representing Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Grammar and Mile End Primary School), Fiona Gee, Louise Livingstone (representing George Heriot's School), Caroline Bascombe, D. Grinter (representing Glasgow City), K. Robertson, S. Wyroslawski, C. Ferguson (representing Glasgow University), S. Melrose (representing Capital), S. McMichael, Jane Gardiner, Elspeth Semple, Carrie Hughes (representing GHK and Stirling University), C.A. Wood (Sport Scotland), Emily Knight, Julia Rennie, Suzie Clarke (representing Edinburgh Thistle), Lorna Powell, Rob Powell (representing Edinburgh City), Judy Gorrie and Jenny Pearson.

### **Apologies**

The following members sent their apologies

Maria Grandinetti, Pattie Barrat, Melanie Baynton-Campbell, Valerie Veitch, Helena Eyton-Jones, Charlie Biggar, Nikki Curry, June Caithness, Alison Clark (Lunden Mill Primary School), Anne Barrat, Jenifer Davidson, Judy Summerson, Pauline Stott (Kilgraston School), Nichola Aitchison (St George's School for Girls), Emily Salvesen, Vickie Sandeman, Midge Taylor, Pauline Davey, Allastair Davey, Jane Claydon, Charlotte Toms-Williamson, Mary Dryburgh,, Rory Marsden, Kay McColl, Gillean Hoekne, Emily Bryson, Caroline McIntosh, Alice Dunhill, Charlotte Bascombe, Matthew Day, Fiona Reid, Andy Pearson and Annabelle Thorburn.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The previously circulated minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## **President's Report**

Firstly, I should like to thank all the members of the LS Board who have worked conscientiously this season on your behalf, they and all umpires, coaches, managers, physiotherapists and tournament organisers have given generously of their time in order to ensure games, tournaments, and internationals have taken place. Schools have kindly allowed the use of their facilities. We are most grateful to all who have supported Lacrosse Scotland in so many ways this season.

This has been a positive season and although there is still a lot to achieve the board have continued to work very hard in completing some of the crucial steps needed to take Lacrosse Scotland forward and became an efficient and active governing body supporting and helping grow the sport.

On the international stage Jane Claydon has been maintaining Scotland's influence and presence within the FIL. She has attended the US Lacrosse Convention towards the end of January in Baltimore and will be representing us at 2011 Women's Sector Meeting following the U19 World Championships. During the season she has also completed the necessary processes for the FIL's required vote on a number of issues. We are also delighted to announce Rob Powell has been invited to represent Scotland on the ELF Committee.

### **Home developments**

Back on home soil Sport Scotland has had its own funding significantly reduced and therefore we were concerned this would have a knock on effect to Lacrosse Scotland, however by making the changes in line with the strategic plan we have had it confirmed that we will receive the same level of funding for the coming season.

This brings me onto some of the developments we have made in line with the strategic plan.

At the beginning of the season we appointed Caroline Bascombe, a part time Administrator, who manages the new Lacrosse Scotland office in this Sport Scotland building. Some of you will have had dealings with Caroline over the season but for those who have not met Caroline please come and introduce yourself after the meeting.

The new office has achieved a number of things for LS and I feel is essential to run an efficient governing body. Sport Scotland now view us as a sport that means to grow, progress and they take our request for support more seriously. Sport Scotland has helped us and Caroline establish a base and linked us to the team at Scottish basketball who mentored Caroline and gave advice in the areas of finance, membership and disclosures.

We have seen an overwhelming number of benefits being based here with everything from a centralised administration to storage for LS owned kit. Opening the office and having a member of staff for this season has been a learning curve for all involved however with one season under our belt we are excited about what we can achieve moving forward.

Caroline Bascombe has also attended the Signatories Workshop at CRBS in Stirling and will be attending the PVG course during May. Both are free of charge and give Caroline and LS an insight into the protection of vulnerable groups under Scottish Law.

Another element to Caroline role is the Newsletter which was sent out in March and another is in production. We have had positive feedback and we intend to increase the communication with the membership now that Caroline has experience of running the office for a season.

We have almost completed the review of the financial procedures and we have nearly completed centralisation/. We have ungraded systems for the office and have invested in Sage to manage our accounts. Caroline will be trained on sage and this will be held on the LS computer in the office. Fiona will be shadowing Caroline for a year.

We have been working hard on the Board restructure and governance of the organisation. Heather Lowden from Sport Scotland has spent some time with the board working with us and giving us advice on how the board should be structured. We will have completed this by the beginning of next season and we will in due course propose a new structure and a date when an EGM will take place to vote to approve the new structure and a second vote to elect the board. In line with this we will need to review the memorandum and articles of association of Lacrosse Scotland.

### **Funding**

I am at advanced discussions with a UK business for sponsorship. They are interested in having exposure at school playing level giving them access to parents watching the sport. I am working on a proposal at the moment and will be meeting with them in London over the next few weeks. I will pass on the outcome to the membership and this will be approved at board level.

### **Women's**

At elite level this is an exciting year as we have the Women's **Junior World Championships** in Hannover, Germany. The Scotland women's national lacrosse squads had an extremely successful weekend at the Senior Home Internationals. Scotland was represented by the Senior Squad who participated in the A team tournament and the U19 Junior Squad who participated in the B team tournament in preparation for the U19 World Championship. The Senior Squad had a fantastic weekend and came 2nd overall, beating to bring home the Robertson Trophy. Whilst they were unable to secure a win against England, the team had some excellent play throughout the match putting England under pressure and making them work for every goal. Off the back of an extremely successful tour to the USA, the Junior U19 Squad came to the tournament on a high, ready to take on the senior B teams from England, Ireland and Wales. They performed brilliantly, narrowly losing to England 9-8 and drawing with Wales 10-10 in two extremely closely fought matches. Convincingly beating Ireland in their final match it was an extremely positive weekend for the team and a fantastic learning experience for the junior players who not only competed with, but outwitted their senior opponents continuously.

We are looking for any sponsorship that can support these teams with the huge costs they incur, especially for the U19 women's team who are really struggling to raise funds. Please help if at all possible, every little bit helps.

### **Men's**

The men's have just competed in the British National Championships last weekend and had a successful weekend. The senior men's team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the championship and the U22 finished 5<sup>th</sup>

in the plate competition, both teams finished ahead of their equivalent Welsh team. They have had a fantastic season with over 60 people trialling for the national teams.

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### **Rules and Umpiring**

Thanks go to all umpires, especially Lorna and Rob Powell and also thanks go to Jenny Pearson, Fiona Reid and Emily Salvesen who umpired at the U21 Home Internationals and also to Andy Pearson and his helpers for managing the score table.

Congratulations to Lorna who has been selected to umpire at:

Berlin Cup 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June

Prague Cup 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July

2011 FIL™ U-19 Women's World Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August (Hanover, Germany).

And to Rob who will be umpiring at:

DublinFest 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April

Prague Cup 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Lacrosse Scotland are actively looking for umpires and we are keen to encourage people to progress through the umpiring levels as Scotland needs to maintain at profile at Europeans and U19s at the very least, but it would be fantastic to have people who had an ambition to umpire at a Senior World Championships

### **Schools**

The Scottish Schools' Lacrosse season started with some unwelcome snowy weather, however despite the first two weeks being a white out, Lacrosse Scotland put on two Development Days for schools players. The U15 Development Day happened at Fettes College on January 18<sup>th</sup> and the U14, also at Fettes, occurred on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Both days were a tremendous success lead by Linda Hall, an ex-International lacrosse player and coach. The schools represented and involved were: Fettes College, Glenalmond College, Loretto School, St. George's School and Lockerbie Academy. All secondary schools in Scotland were invited but only these five attended – hopefully in the next few years participation will increase.

### **Obituaries**

Lacrosse Scotland was sorry to hear of the death of Margaret Brown (nee Burnet) a Life member from her Son in Law, Hamish Steedman. Margaret passed away suddenly on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011, aged 89. She was a Past Vice-President 1970, 1971 and 1972 and President 1973, 1974 and 1975, who resided in Kilmacolm, Glasgow, having studied at Down House in England and St Andrew's University.

Also we were so sad to hear of the death of Vivien Jones who died last December. As Jane Claydon said she was a legend of women's lacrosse.

### **Development Report**

See attached report

### **Honorary Treasurer's Report**

See attached report

### **Determination of Subscriptions**

The fees are remaining the same as last season.

### **Office bearers for 2011-12**

President	Julia Taylor
Vice President	Carolyn Boyd-Hughes
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Fiona Gee
Fixtures Secretary	Charlie Biggar
Women's Rules & Umpiring	Vacant
Men's Performance	Keith Robertson
Men's Rules & Refereeing	Rob Powell
Women's Performance	Jane Gardiner
Development Chair	Louise Livingstone
Membership Secretary	Thanks to Jenifer Davidson for all her hard work over the years. Now we have an administrator the need for this role has been negated.

The following appointments were also confirmed:

Schools' Representative	Vacant
Women's Club	Carolyn Boyd-Hughes
Men's Clubs representative	Lee McCrohan
League Secretary	Rebecca Lovie

## **Appointment of Accountant**

We will continue to use accountant Peter Mitchell and Co. of Great Missenden for this 2010-11 but we will be reviewing this to see if we can appoint a Scottish based accountant

## **Prize Giving**

Keith Robertson presented the Steve Cummings Trophy for lacrosse development to Stefan Wyroslawski.

Jane Gardiner announced that they had 3 nominations for the Barrat Trophy which goes to the most improved female Scottish player: Suzie Clarke (Senior), Lydia Nicol (U21) and Amy Graham (U19) but as yet had not determined a winner.

She also announced that the following had received caps: Jenny Boyle, Emily Cullen, Lottie Kockum, Caroline Lubbock and Becky Taylor. Also a special commendation to Lizy Gill (aged 15) an U19 player nominated by U19 coach to play in the Senior squad.

## **Any Other Business**

Jenny Pearson said that Andy would be chasing people for information to update the website. Julia asked Jenny to thank Andy for all his hard work and also thanked Lorna for her umpire's website.

Julia said the intention for the next season was to increase the communication with members, but Governance comes first.

Jenny Pearson asked if the membership handbook could be produced again as it provides a valuable source of information and is also valuable to archiving. It was agreed to bring this up at a board meeting.

Suzie Clark asked about a reduction in individual subscriptions. Keith Robertson said he had received positive feedback re subscriptions from new members and that membership numbers were increasing.

Please remember if you can help sponsor or help find a sponsor for the U19s please get in touch.