

NZLA AGM 17th June 2020

Held via Zoom

Meeting started: 7:13 am

Members present:

Tim Brebner, James Clarkson, Tom Deane, William McMaster, Max van der Maas, Toby Delamore, Roger Snow, Eric Terpening, Doug Hearmon, Hamish Lovett, Casey McLain, Benji Indelicato, Ash Barnes, Liam Griffiths, and Shawn Barabash

Mark Freemon joined late.

Marina Samounry and Nicole Goode observing from NZWLA

Apologies: Eric Messick, Bill Hollings, and Dee Hearmon.

Minutes from 2019 AGM: Motion to Approve – Tom, Second Roger.

Matters arising: None

Presidents report:

Notes from what Thomas Dean said:

NZ has come out of COVID-19 lockdown and is currently in level 1. NZLA and NZWLA have sent out level 1 recommendations for returning to play. A reminder as we have 2 new cases that it is an evolving and changing environment. Please keep an eye on the updates sent out to the groups.

NZ U15 team coached by David/Eric has had some great results. NZLA would like to congratulate all involved. This year NZLA was planning on sending U15 teams from Auckland and Waikato regions.

For the NZ U18, Eric Messick was appointed head coach, following on from last year's coach Ash Barnes. U18 trip to Australia was cancelled. Some money was reimbursed. More details covered in the treasurer's report.

NZ Men's team. Ash Barnes appointed head coach based on previous recommendations to employ NZ coaching staff. Ash's appointment was recommended based on his experience working with the U18 teams. The NZ Senior Men's team was meant to participate in the qualifying tournament hosted by NZ in October this year, however, this has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Still seeking clarification about what the new qualifiers look like. We know we need to qualify before one year out of the tournament. The World Championship has been moved from 2022 to June 2023 in LA.

World Lacrosse is pushing the 6 a-side tournaments. Lots of webinars have been sent out. They are encouraging all to start hosting tournaments. Probable format for the 2028 Olympics going forward if Lacrosse is put forward as a sport for those Olympics..

The NRLA held a successful Senior National Tournament at College Rifles. We saw a big improvement in the player's abilities attending this tournament.

The working group for the NZL merger have a final constitution. This will be voted on later.

Treasurer's report:

Separate report attached

Reports:

- Northern Region (Read by Max van der Maas) - Comprising of player numbers Senior / Junior, Clubs, Activities (e.g. league, high school, or just scrimmages). We have 4 clubs with a Senior and Junior team each. This gives about 155 players in total (including high school players). The clubs are Eastern Chiefs, Western Wildcats, Harbour Hawks, and Ponsonby Ponies. We had two NRLA (Auckland teams) participate in the senior nations which placed 1st and 3rd. Fortunately, we completed everything before COVID. We also have high schools. 7 high schools. 4 with 2 teams. 11 teams total. Approx. 220 kids. 2 leagues. Resuming in term 4. We currently have an NRLA u15 team training under the coaches David Garcia and Eric Terpening. Approximately 10-20 attend.
- Waikato (read by Doug Hearmon – filled in for WLA) – Have a good Highschool league running along with a Boys Indoor league– 70 players in each (some overlapping)
- Wellington (read by William McMaster) – Have no high school leagues. Looking to organise training scrimmages in term 3. They need to contact some schools. Currently have about 22 active players. 6 a-side half field tournaments run annually within Wellington. University has a small group of new players with training to be resumed shortly.
- Canterbury (read by Liam Griffiths) – running weekly training sessions. Host a monthly mixed 6 a-side tournament. Currently have about 15 male players. Had organised hurling/lacrosse meet – COVID stopped it.

Tom Dean - We have USD \$10,000 for grassroots development. Plan to apply for it coming out soon.

Roger - We also were given USD \$5,000 for costs relating to NZLA/NZWLA restructuring.

Election of officers:

- President – previous Tom staying on. Nominated by Tim. Second by Toby.
- Chairperson – Tim stepping down. Toby nominated himself. Second by Roger.
- Secretary – previous Max staying on. Nominated by Tim. Second by Roger
- Treasurer – Bill stepping down. Interim Treasurer James Clarkson. Elected as new Treasurer. Second by Tom.

Co-ordinators positions

- Referees co-ordinator – John Brockelbank second by Max. Shawn Barabash is interested in helping in this space.
- Junior co-ordinator – David Garcia/Eric Terpening. Second by Roger
- High-performance director – Ash Barnes – staying on. Second by Tom.

Annual subscriptions:

Motion to keep subscriptions at \$65 per person. (Auckland and Waikato only)

General business:

6-side – NZLA viewpoint going forward. Still trying to grow field lacrosse in this country.

Mark Freemon asked to know what the NZLA was planning to do 6 a-side lacrosse going forward and the direction NZLA was heading in. Toby volunteered to gather his questions and formalise a reply.

Suggested a 6 a-side tournament from Shawn.

Canterbury asking for active communication with the regions. Tom to contact regions to facilitate regular communications.

Inter high school comp proposed. Doug/Tim to discuss offline.

Doug asks about games to play coming out of lockdown.

Roger stated he is organising some Sunday games.

Eric – asking about u15 nationals.

Motion to adopt the New Zealand Lacrosse (NZL) Constitution and move to becoming New Zealand Lacrosse (NZL).

Moved: Tom Deane

Seconded: Max van der Maas.

- Auckland Men in Favour.
- Canterbury Lacrosse in Favour.
- Wellington in Favour.
- Waikato abstained.

Meeting closed: 9:00pm