

NZL AGM 14th July 2021

Meeting started: 3:30pm

Members present:

Tim Brebner, James Clarkson, Max van der Maas, Toby Delamore, Roger Snow, Liam Griffiths, Shawn Barabash, Sean Carter, Bill Hollins, Nicole (+ Hunter) Goode, Tom (+ Isabella) Dean, Matt Gould, Ursula Johnson, Marina Samounry, Kim Grafton, Tara Vrensen, Rachel Batty, Steph Eaton, Cacey McLain, Daniel Robertson, Mitchell Roberts, Will McMaster, Mikaere Mate, Rosie Gunn and Mandy Leeson.

Welcome and Thanks: From Toby Delamore

Apologies: Eleanor

Conflicts of Interest:

At this point we will just note any conflicts of interest.

Toby current chairman, stepping down for election of board members as he is applying.

Tara put forward as new board member so will not be representing Waikato.

On that basis, the following NZLA members have votes:

- Matt/Ursula on behalf of Waikato Lacrosse.
- Tim/Roger on behalf of Northern Region Lacrosse Association.
- Shawn/Will on behalf of Wellington Lacrosse.
- Liam on behalf of Canterbury Lacrosse.

Quorum and Voting

NZL is still operating under its old rules/constitution (current NZLA constitution).

The quorum for this meeting will be as per the requirements of the current constitution (no less than 10 members comprised of representatives from each body with no less than 1 representative from each affiliated body who are entitled to vote under section 6.3.3).

So, quorum has been met.

We've been recommended by our lawyers that I move that the first item of business should be that the existing members of NZLA vote in the regional bodies for membership of the NZL (on a full or interim basis) on the basis that their NZLA membership then ceases from this point of time.

NZLA, Waikato, Wellington and Canterbury will vote/confirm the following members:

We have received applications for full membership from Waikato Lacrosse and Wellington Lacrosse. The applications have been reviewed by the interim Board who are satisfied that the full membership conditions have been met. I move that Waikato Lacrosse and Wellington Lacrosse be accepted as full members of New Zealand Lacrosse.

Will someone second this? Tim

All those in favour? All in favour.

Motion carried that Waikato Lacrosse and Wellington Lacrosse be accepted as full members.

We have also received interim membership applications from Auckland Lacrosse and Northern Region Lacrosse Association, Canterbury Lacrosse and Lacrosse Manawatu.

I move that these regions be accepted as Associate members and that the Board assist these members towards full membership within the next 3-6 months.

Will someone second this? Roger

All those in favour? All in favour

Motion carried that Auckland Lacrosse and Northern Region Lacrosse Association; Canterbury Lacrosse and Lacrosse Manawatu be accepted as Associate members. The Board will assist these members towards full membership within the next 3-6 months.

Appointment of Scrutineers:

For this meeting we are required to appoint scrutineers to count any votes if needed. I move that James Clarkson and Max van der Maas be the scrutineers for this meeting.

Will someone second this? Tara

All those in favour? All in favour

Motion carried.

Minutes from 2020 AGM: Motion to Approve

As you will have seen, we have printed copies of the last NZLA AGM from June 2020. Are there any amendments required to the last AGM minutes? If there are none, then I move that the 2020 minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Will someone second this? Will

All those in favour? All in favour

Matters arising: None

Annual Report:

Presented by Max van der Maas

Would someone move that we accept this report? James

Will someone second this? Will

All those in favour? All in favour

Motion carried that the annual report be accepted

Presentation of Accounts:

I now call on the NZLA treasurer, James to present the financial accounts.

Distribution of annual financial statement

Annual financial report delivered by the treasurer:

Fees in the future WLA (Ursula) requested that when fees are determined. This is communicated and discussed with the members.

Would someone move that this report is true and correct? Bill

Will someone second this? Shawn

All those in favour? All in favour

Motion carried that the financial report is accepted

10. Motion to include setting fees under point 9 as point 10 in the agenda and the discussion of this.

Will someone second this? Will

All those in favour? All in favour

11. Election of Board Members

Summary of positions

In accordance with the Constitution which serves as our guidelines for setting up the Board, the NZL Board is to be comprised of six persons elected by this AGM and two persons appointed by a Board Appointments panel.

Opening of nominations (including self-nominations) noting each must be seconded by a club member.

I would like to begin with the appointed Board members. Firstly, I would like to thank our Board Appointments Panel, which was made up of Gillian Simpson, an independent governance professional, Hannah Doney, a past President of NZWLA for many years and who so happens to also be a governance professional. I would like to acknowledge her in particular for her contribution in getting us to where we are today (thank you, Hannah). And our interim Board appointee, Sean Carter who over the last 4 years has worked tirelessly in the NZWLA Treasurer role. I am sure he and Kim will finally enjoy a well-deserved break.

The interim Board has received and accepted the recommendation of the Board Appointments Panel to appoint Kim Grafton and Rachel Batty. We were delighted to receive their applications and we are very excited to welcome them to the New Zealand Lacrosse whanau. On behalf of us all, welcome and thank you for being a part of this important step in our sport's future.

At this point James Clarkson takes over as Toby has a conflict of interest.

We will now move onto the six elected Board Members. We have received five applicants. They are in the candidate information sheet which is also distributed. They are Nicole Goode, Toby Delamore, Tara Vrensen, Shawn Barabash and Eric Terpening.

We will need someone to second each of these nominations.

Nicole Goode second by Will. All those in favour? All in favour

Toby Delamore second by Bill. All those in favour? All in favour

Tara Vrensen second by Matt. All those in favour? All in favour

Shawn Barabash second by Will. All those in favour? All in favour

Eric Terpening second by Tim. All those in favour? All in favour

As we have received fewer nominations than the number of positions available, I will move that all applicants be elected to the Board but before this, I would like to invite each of the applicants to introduce themselves and share their reasons for why they have put their hands up.

Once again, I move that Toby Delamore, Nicole Goode, Tara Vrensen, Shawn Barabash and Eric Terpening be elected to the NZL Board.

Will someone second this? Tom

Motion carried that Toby Delamore, Nicole Goode, Tara Vrensen, Shawn Barabash and Eric Terpening be elected as Board Members.

Constitution Amendments:

The next item on the agenda is our constitution. Is there anyone who would like to amend our constitution?

To add amendment in

Request from WLA (Ursula) to view in writing. Defer the motion.

12. Any Other Business

Roger – I have been World Lacrosse Delegate. This is a contact for World Lacrosse to NZL. Roger to remain representative until Board decides on new point.

Bill - APLU correspondence. Bill to remain representative until Board decides on new point.

Second by Tara

Shawn – raised about the interest box lacrosse and sending a team. Great point. New board to look into this going forward.

Mitchell – 6 a-side new format put forward from World Lacrosse, the format for Olympic Games – World Lacrosse keen to hold tournament. APLU looking into it with ASPACs. Currently in NZ it is just used for a tournament structure. In discussion. Matter put forward to the new board.

Meeting closed:

Thank you for all those who attended today. If there is no further general business, then I declare this AGM closed.

I would now like to welcome you all to the kitchen for some light refreshments and drinks.

Meeting closed by Toby Delamore at 5:00pm.

NZL Report

Big impact on NZ level lacrosse was/is COVID which therefore gives us massive travel restrictions. No U15, U18 or men's team played overseas this year.

U15 – Held in Cambridge. Waikato won this. They put in two teams against Auckland's one team. Good to see numbers growing at this young age. Looking forward we are keen to keep this age group developing. It is key to get players as young as we can.

U18 – 3 game series between Waikato and Auckland held in Waikato. Very competitive teams with Auckland winning 2 of the 3 games and picking up the win. Game scores were within 1-2 goals and games went into overtime.

We will continue to have the NZ nationals and aim to send teams to Australia. The aim is to be able to send regional teams to Australia, but we need to weigh up whether it is worth it at the time and each year this will have to be assessed. We also need to look at a calendar of events for the year and ensure all events talk to each other.

We are aiming to send an U20 team to Australia in lieu of U18 over the past 2 years.

Senior nationals were held in Wellington this year. With 4 teams competing. Auckland, Waikato, Wellington and a president's team. In the past Auckland has sent two teams to nationals, although they made the decision to focus on one team. We made the decision to have a president's team. Having a president's team allowed for players from Canterbury to come up and play. Originally, we have 6 players keen although only 2 managed the journey up to Wellington. The rest of the team was for players of the other regions who didn't make their first team. This was offered to all regions although the team was mainly filled up with Auckland players. Auckland placed first, Waikato second, Wellington third and Presidents fourth.

World Cup – Men's team was about to start early training programs for the next world cup, although as it has been postponed due to COVID, so too has the training. Hopefully with vaccines and travel restrictions easing we will be able to participate in the next world cup. Logistics get a bit difficult as we need to host a qualifying tournament.

Highschools – Auckland/Waikato. Auckland has 6 schools competing against each other (with 2 junior teams). Waikato has XX schools competing against each other. I understand there are schools from both Cambridge and Hamilton playing.

Club leagues – Auckland and Waikato club league

Wellington/canterbury – still developing with the aim to get into highschools.

Waikato 52 mens players

Auckland 121 mens players (down 30 players from last year)

Qualification Tournament – decision made in September to play in April. Likely postponed again.