

**ENGLISH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION Ltd.
2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11th June 2009**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th June 2009 at the Cobham Sports Association.

Present: See attached listing.

Apologies for absence

These had been received from Alan Dyer, Mike Evans, Romey Schofield, Liz Dendy, Judy Herten, Lynne Potts, Celia Brackenridge, Rick Summers, Vicky Platt, John Maynard and Simon McQueen (Sport England).

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Adam Sherlock (AS) welcomed those attending the meeting and made reference to three significant items of activity over the past year. These being :

- a) How the Whole Sport Plan 2009-13 had been challenging for the Executive and the staff and expressed his appreciation over the end result.
- b) Preparations for the World Championship 2010 and looking forward to a great event.
- c) Unprecedented growth of University lacrosse and the establishment of a men's league within the BUCS structure.

2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM held on 8th June 2008

The Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

Noting that attendance at the 2008 was insufficient for the meeting to be quorate the business conducted at that meeting was briefly reviewed and ratified.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Draft Accounts for Period Ending 31st March 2009

The draft accounts were circulated. In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer Ron Balls (RB) commented on:

- a) Turnover now exceeding £1m with an overall surplus of £41,466 compared to £23,273 last year).
- b) Main reasons for the increase in turnover being an increase in grant aid (up to £537k from £408k), higher levels of activity in both MPC and WPC predominantly related to preparation for an attending European and World Championships, Centex finances now included with overall ELA accounts.
- c) Subscriptions at £58k being a declining proportion of turnover and barely covering costs of the magazine, insurance and web site let alone other services.
- d) Reserves stand at £159,218, which represents 4.4 months of Operating Costs (the policy being to maintain a minimum of 4 months).

David Kirchheimer (DK) noted the need for the accounts to presented in the specific format to suit Companies Law requirements and requested a more user-friendly version

with additional detail to give the membership more information on the income and expenditure streams. Both RB and the CEO welcomed this request and were pleased that interest was being shown and advised that this would be actioned. **Action: RB/CEO**

Acceptance of the Report and Accounts, subject to satisfactory conclusion of the audit, was proposed by RB seconded by AS and agreed by the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Lynne Potts, Madge Corbitt and Erin Acone for their work over the past period managing the finances of the ELA.

5. Committee Reports

Executive

This was read to the meeting and there were no points arising. Report accepted

Men's Playing Committee

The report, which had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting, was accepted. Highlights were referred to. In response to a question from Amit Biswas (AB) the background to the fine imposed on Heaton Mersey LC (over player registration issues) was explained. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that some simplification of central registration (within a club) procedures for database registration would be beneficial. **Action: CEO**

Women's Playing Committee

The report, which had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting, was accepted. In reviewing significant points AB, with the women's developments at Walcouthian Blues requested involvement with the Women's Development Group referred to. **Action: Sallie Barker (SB) / Dave Coldwell.**

Technical

The report, which had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting, was accepted.

Marketing

The report, which had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting, was accepted. Noted that distribution costs of the magazine needed attention within a wider review of membership income and benefits.

6. Election of Officers for 2009/2010

Officers were proposed, seconded and elected as listed below :

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Co-President	Clare Stoot
Co-President	David Marsden
Executive Chair	Adam Sherlock
Exec. Vice Chair	no nominations – Executive to consider
Hon. Secretary	Ron Balls
Hon. Treasurer	Lynne Potts

7. Election of Committee Chairs for 2009/2010

Committee Chairs were elected as listed below :

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Women's Playing	Sallie Barker

Men's Playing
Technical

Alan Holdsworth
Clare Stoot in the interim until the position is filled.
Romey Schofield, who had stepped down after chairing the Committee for a number of years was thanked for all of her work and beneficial management of the group. Some re-organisation would be put in place to reduce the size of the Committee and have a number of Working Groups.

Marketing

CEO to manage in the interim until position filled

8. Auditors

RB advised that the Sport England governance guidelines called for the audit position to be reviewed every three. After consideration of this by the meeting it agreed that Geoffrey Parsons & Co. be appointed as auditors for a further period.

9. Subscription Arrangements for 2008/2009

The proposal not to increase subscriptions was accepted.
It was noted that the 20% premium for non-accreditation would commence from September of this year.

10. Constitution Change for WPC Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures

The proposal for the changes, previously distributed was agreed.

11. Other Matters

Questions relating to the Women's Elite (Centex) Contract and also the current debate within the WPC regarding possible restrictions on holding office / attendance at meetings were answered.

Chairman

July 2010

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June 15th 2008

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Attendance Listing

Name	Club / Position
Adam Sherlock	Chair
Sallie Barker	Chair WPC
Alan Holdsworth	Chair MPC / Timperley
Clare Stoot	Co-President
Mark Coups	Director D&C / Sheffield
David Shuttleworth	Chief Executive Officer
Nik Roberts	Bath LC
Ron Balls	Hon. Secretary
Ian Ballantine	Spencer LC
Amit Biswas	Walcountian Blues LC
Steven McDermott	ELA & Hitchin LC
Patrick Peacock	UWIC LC
David Kirchheimer	Supporter