

# WLA AGM 2017 Minutes of Meeting

Held on 11 June 2017 St Catherine's School, Bramley, Guildford, GU5 0DF

Before the meeting started, Nicola John (NJ) apologised for the last minute change of venue noting that that the meeting would not have been quorate had it gone ahead in Monmouth as originally planned. The objection to the last minute change of venue from Richard Summers was duly noted. With 24 members present at St Catherine's, NJ said that the meeting was quorate and could go ahead.

## 1. Welcome from the WLA and apologies for absence

Nicola John read out a welcome from Gordon Shumack, WLA President:

*Good afternoon committee and members of the Welsh Lacrosse association.*

*I apologise for the fact that I cannot be with you on this occasion. I do hope you all have a very productive meeting.*

*I am sure you will find the meeting to be well organised, efficient and the accounts produced by Nicky to be in first class order.*

*The Association is very fortunate to have Nicky John once again at the forefront of our activities not only as your treasurer but acting secretary, and the focal point for major events and tournaments both nationally and internationally.*

*I am sure you will all give her your total support and join me in saying a big thank you to Nicky for all that she is doing yet again.*

*In conclusion I wish everyone concerned in the forthcoming women's World Cup, all the very best I know you will all do your best to achieve the desired outcome. Just remember that luck is what is left when you have given 110%*

*Kindest yours in lacrosse Gordon*

NJ thanked the Senior women for remaining behind after their training session in order for the meeting to go ahead.

### Apologies for absence

Remington Steele, Amaya Pinnock, Chelsea Nasmyth Miller, Katie Parrish, Philippa Daryshire - Jenkins, Mike Evans, Rhodri Evans, Ray Harry, Roger Baynham, Mel Wiltshire, Chris Webborn, Tony Higginson, Michael Holloway, SJ Goulding, Deborah Higginson, Sarah Higginson, Cardiff Club, Lynne Spackman, Ailsa Davis, Annaleene Holliday, Alex Cox, Jan Land, Mary McKnight, Madge Corbitt, Richard Summers

### Present

Nicola John, Laura Warren, Molly McCourt, Emma Hawkins, Raj Rout, Grace Archer, Erin Walters-Williams, Joss Robinson, Lucy Fowler, Miranda Nicholes, Harriet Mann, Amy Martin, Gill Aldroft, Loulou Rowlands, Phoebe Smith, Eleanor Jones, Rebecca Gaunt, Ellie Walshe, Tash Bott, Sophy Coombes-Roberts, Charlotte Williams, Iona Dryden, Helena Kellett-Clarke, Dan Funnell

## 2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 November 2016

The minutes were put forward for approval by NJ as Chair of the meeting with everyone having received the Minutes previously by email.

Richard Summers had reported by email several errors which were corrected by NJ. RS was thanked for reading the minutes so thoroughly.

Proposed        Raj Rout  
Seconded       Helena Kellett-Clarke

Vote - unanimously accepted by the meeting.

### **3. To receive the Chief Executive's Annual Report for 2016/2017**

With the last AGM only 7 months ago and with no Chief Executive in post, no formal report was presented to the meeting,

See attached a report on the Primary School Pop Tournament below from Tony Higginson.

### **4. To receive the Financial Report and the report from those certifying the Annual Accounts and to approve the Annual Accounts for the period ended March 31 2017**

NJ brought up a point of business from last year's meeting brought to the secretary's attention by Richard Summers that the 2015/16 accounts were not voted on. NJ reviewed the original meeting notes and indeed a vote was not taken. NJ asked the meeting to correct that situation today by taking a vote to approve the 2015/16 accounts.

Proposed Helena Kellett-Clarke seconded Lucy Fowler  
Accepted unanimously.

#### 2016/17

NJ presented the accounts to the meeting.

Highlights were:

- A surplus of £12k compared to a deficit of £19k last year
- Junior debt was reduced £9k to £1.5k following the receipt of WLA funds of £4,646, a donation of cover US coaches expenses and recovery of outstanding balances from the WC and Festival and I 2015.
- In terms of membership income the WLA needed to generate £4k pa to cover the cost of insurance and affiliation to international federation in order to play on the world stage.
- At the time of the AGM the men's accounts had not been received.

Richard Summer, Men's coach made the following observation:

*In writing off Mens debt of £4646 why are both Senior Women and Junior Women both getting £4646 from general funds? Either Junior Women should get nothing or Junior Men should get £4646*

*Consequently I do not accept the 2016-17 accounts.*

RS further asked:

*Please can you demonstrate the breakdown in membership in 2015/16 on which the decision was made?*

The Exec agreed to the write off of the men's debt and the allocation of a similar amount to each of the senior and junior women. NJ explained the decision to give an equal amount to each of Men, Senior and Junior Women was not based solely on one year's membership. The funds being distributed were retained reserves generated over a number of years and therefore the allocation of funds was looked at in the same way. Simplistically, the men represent a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the members and

membership income of the Association. NJ presented the table below to the meeting and gave the document to Dan Funnell for him to disseminate to the men's management.

Historic Membership Fees		Total	Per cashbook							
			16/17	15/16	14/15					
Senior Women		4,333.00	1490	2808	35	£1545 received in 15/16 relates to 14/15				
Junior Women		1,140.00	1140							
<b>Men</b>	<b>33%</b>	2,667.65	1562.65	1105	***	£500 received in 16/17 relates a non banked cheque from 14/15				
Cash received in period		<b>8140.65</b>	<b>4192.65</b>	<b>3913</b>	<b>35</b>					
			16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10
<i>Published accounts (accruals basis)</i>			4547	2653	1580	6256	2853	1960	2042	3730
<b>Per published accounts</b>										
<b>Number of members</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>09/10</b>
<b>Senior Men</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>294</b>	49	67	21	33	30	8	29	57
<b>Junior Men</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>73</b>	3	8	15	6	0	8	22	11
Senior Women	27%	<b>307</b>	55	39	25	37	37	31	46	37
Junior Women	42%	<b>484</b>	58	30	47	84	74	94	50	47
Non playing			64	59	51	186	68	17		
			<b>229</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>152</b>

The above table demonstrates that each area represents a 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. In terms of numbers the Junior women are 42% of the Association's members but in monetary terms that reduces to a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> as Juniors only pay £20 per person whilst Seniors have the higher rate of £35.

NJ proposed that the accounts be approved subject to receiving accounts from the men for the same period to be consolidated with the accounts presented today.

Proposed Amy Martin Seconded Gill Aldcroft

Unanimously approved by those at meeting.

NJ noted Richard Summers non acceptance of the accounts due to the allocation of equal funds of £4,646 to both senior and junior women.

## 7. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members to the Executive Committee

The candidates were:

Dan Funnell - Chair Men's Performance

Proposed Phil Walker  
Seconded Gordon Shumack

Vote - unanimous

Penny Ashby – Chair of Development

Proposed Nicola John  
Seconded Mel Wiltshire

Vote – unanimous

Anni Seaborne - Ordinary Member

Proposed Erin Walters Williams  
Seconded Nicola John

Vote - unanimous

**8. To appointment the party responsible for certifying the Annual Accounts for the period ending March 31 2017**

NJ explained that the person that she had had in mind in November unfortunately declined and since no one had come forward or been put forward as per the request at the last AGM, Patrick Bowes had reviewed the accounts for 2017.

A discussion was had as to what constituted “independent” per the constitution. NJ felt that although PB was an “appropriate” person to carry out the review being a Chartered Accountant he could not be seen as truly independent given he was married to the Treasurer. An appropriate independent individual needed to be found.

*PS In November 2017, NJ secured the services of an appropriate independent individual who is a Chartered Accountant and she will be introduced as such at the next AGM.*

**9. Close of AGM**

The meeting was officially closed at 16.40.

## **Welsh National Primary Schools Pop Lacrosse Tournament Stanwell High Hill School, Penarth on 14th May 2017**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the Welsh National Primary Schools Pop Lacrosse Tournament was held at Stanwell High School, Penarth and I would like to thank them for making their pitches and facilities available to the WLA.

After a wet start the weather improved and was warm and sunny as the 5-a-side Tournament progressed with Primary School Teams from St. Johns on the Hill Chepstow(2No.), Howells School Llandaff(4No.), Gladstone Primary School Cardiff (2No.) and Evenlode Primary School Penarth vying for the Winner's Trophy. Peter Lea unfortunately pulled out the Friday before the Tournament.

### **Participating Schools:**

1. Howells School Llandaff 'Red'
2. Howells School Llandaff 'Green'
3. Howells School Llandaff 'Blue'
4. Howells School Llandaff 'Yellow'
5. Gladstone Primary 'A'
6. Gladstone Primary 'B'
7. St. Johns on the Hill 'Lions'
8. St. Johns on the Hill 'Tigers'
9. Evenlode Primary

With the support of families, relatives and friends, every team produced some excellent lacrosse and a good time was had by all, with plenty of exciting games. Evenlode Primary School, who had missed the Annual Tournament for several years, returned this year and did really well to reach the Semi Finals only to lose to the eventual Winners St. Johns on the Hill Chepstow. St. Johns on the Hill (Holders) were pushed all the way to this year's title by Gladstone Primary School Cardiff, two excellent teams

### **Result:**

- 1 St. Johns on the Hill 'Lions'
- 2 Gladstone Primary 'A'
- 3 St. Johns on the Hill 'Tigers'
- 4 Evenlode Primary

I would like to thank the 4 umpires/officials – Sarah Jane Goulding, Michael Holloway, Sarah Higginson and Deborah Higginson, plus John James who was the Official photographer on the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Coaches/Teachers for all their help and support, the players for participating and the families, relatives and friends for their support, I thought that all teams need to be Congratulated for producing some excellent lacrosse, which resulted in an excellent Tournament.

Tony Higginson  
WLA Executive Committee  
Tournament Organiser