



Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting Part 2
September 27th, 2025: 9:00am-2:00pm

In Attendance:

BOARD:

Barbara Lockhart	Director at Large
Matt Shearer	Director at Large
Stephan Leblanc	Director at Large
Stephanie Pagan	Director at Large
Alan Preyra	Director at Large
Brad Caan	Director at Large
Ted Goldthorpe (remote)	Director at Large
Zach Currier (remote)	Athlete Director
Gerry Van Beek	Member Council Representative

STAFF:

Terry Rayner	Executive Director
Wendy Dobbin	Technical Director
Sam McKenzie	Manager of Partnerships
Beatrice Currie	Manager of Finance & Business Development
Dustin Dunn	National Development/Officials
Rachael McKinnon	Technical Coordinator
Josh Dawick	Sponsorship Coordinator
Kealan Pilon	Communications & Marketing Coordinator

Opening Acknowledgement – Meeting opened by Director at Large, Stephan Leblanc

5. Elections -

- a) **President** - Matt Shearer nominated for President. Nominated by Barbara Lockhart, Director at Large. Nomination accepted.
- b) **Treasurer** - Brad Caan nominated for Treasurer. Nominated by Barbara Lockhart, Director at Large. Nomination accepted.
- c) **Establish Committees** –
 - **Nominations Committee (2 positions)**- Alan Preyra & Barbara Lockhart nominated and accepted as chairs of the Nominations Committee.
 - **Governance and Ethics (Chair + 2 positions)** – Alan Preyra & Ted Goldthorpe nominated and accepted as chairs of the Governance and Ethics Committee.



- **Audit and Finance (4 positions) –** Committee was tabled for a later date
- **Indigenous Director –** Board supported the FNLA's request for Hannah Lazare to continue as the Indigenous Director. Board suggested working with Hannah to co-create a strategy for the committee.

6. **Financials –**

- a. **Proposed Draft Budget-** Terry Rayner said that there is no matrix for funding from Sport Canada, just check marks that we need to meet. Funding will not change from Sport Canada, except what we get from the COC. We are currently 32nd in the country for funding yet we are the National Sport. Australia and Japan recently received 2.2 million dollars in funding, yet Australia only has 2,000 athletes. Canada received \$600,000 in funding, yet we have 50,000 athletes.

We were \$904,341.82 over budget 2024-2025. In an attempt to provide Members with a balanced budget, the following oversights occurred:

- Omission of two National Team events (\$300,000),
 - Unexpected legal fees,
 - Semi-annual Meeting costs (\$93,000),
 - Staffing (new hires) (\$200,000-\$220,000)
- b. **Investments-CLF/Deschner-** The CLF fund is currently holdings \$3.1 million dollars. LC applies for funding and the CLF determines approval. Accessing the funds has been problematic (see #9 below for further details). In contrast, the Deschner Fund currently holds \$750,000 and that money is quickly accessible through Board approval. Upon approval, Matt Shearer and Brad Caan can assist in securing this funding.

7. **Operational-**

- a. **Update on Operational Plan –** Enhanced funding can only be spent on Sixes (programming). LC needs to work with Provinces in order to gain permission to apply for grants (i.e., Ontario). Streaming should be prioritized in order to promote greater sponsorship/partnership dollars. Lacrosse Canada needs to be a leader in all areas.
- b. **Strategic Development/Vision –** The Board provided a number of suggestions and considerations moving forward:
- It is imperative that LC continue to be proactive and with skilled staff are now in a position to make changes.
 - Staff are encouraged to communicate needs and priorities with the BOD.
 - Consider how members (i.e., PSOs) can be better supported by LC



- Introduce a report card system from PSOs about LC for the future.
- Prioritize discussion about Participant Fees and Central Registration.
- When considering a single-participant fee, more information regarding player registration across multiple disciplines is needed.

c. **Risk Management Review-** Motion made to go In Camera.

9. Lawsuit-Furtak- Edward Furtak has been charged 5-6 times by the Securities Commission. Furtak was to help LC drive revenue and only get 1% in return. Problem was that a donation that came in for \$1,000 was being written a receipt for \$10,000. So, the 1% became \$1.5 million dollars. Furtak sued LC 10 years ago and was paid out. Problem remains that many CLF Board members still remain on the Board (some since 1995) and LC is having trouble accessing the CLF funds since losing our Charitable status in the Lawsuit.

Adjournment at 1:53pm. Items 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 from the Board Agenda to be addressed at October 30th 5:00pm EST meeting.