



Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 30th, 2025: 5:00PM EST ZOOM

In Attendance:

BOARD:

Matt Shearer	President
Barbara Lockhart	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	Director at Large
Hannah Lazare	Indigenous Director

STAFF:

Terry Rayner	Executive Director
Jennifer Johnson	Administrative Coordinator
Beatrice Currie	Manager of Finance and Business Development

Opening Acknowledgement – Meeting opened by President, Matt Shearer

1. **Approval of Agenda** - BOD excused staff members (Jennifer Johnson and Terry Rayner) for an initial discussion and approval of the agenda.
2. **CLF** – Motion by Barbara Lockhart, seconded by Ted Goldthorpe to go in-camera to address sensitive topics related to the CLF and agenda items 3 and 4. Matt Shearer and Alan Preyra to connect with Jim Burke from CLF this Saturday to discuss the Furtak lawsuit.
3. **Risk Management** – In-camera discussion.
4. **In-Camera** - Update in-camera discussion.
5. **Minto Cup Stipend** – Back on Camera at 6:18pm. St. Catherines hosted the 2025 Minto Cup. Orangeville petitioned that they were entitled to the \$10,000 travel stipend (i.e., outside 2-hr travel radius). Final decision to deny Orangeville's request has resulted in an appeal from the OJLL. Conflict is now resulting between OJLL and St. Catherines.
6. **Contracts** –



- a. Mann Cup – Contract renews in 2026-2027. Need to create both a Host and a Sanction agreement. Alan Preyra and Terry Rayner will work on this. Proposed timeline: complete by end of December 2025. LC also revising Rule book (expected March 2026) which will help standardize National Championships moving forward.
- b. Minto Cup – To create a Host and Sanction agreement to standardize the National Championship.
- c. Sanction Agreements – working with Sport Law and Alan Preyra to create; will help standardize National Championships.

7. Financials-

- a. **Proposed Draft Budget** – For year starting April 1st, 2026 – March 31st, 2026. Matt Shearer stressed importance of being fiscally responsible. We have not received our Sport Canada Funding from October 1st, 2025, putting us in a major shortfall, over \$300,000, and 43% of our total budget. Terry Rayner requested a draw from the Deschner fund to cover this shortfall. Beatrice Currie will work to map out budgets vs. actuals every 3 months to show expenses and projections. Matt Shearer requested a monthly budget review and more foresight into potential financial hurdles so we can plan accordingly. Brad Caan suggested creating a future slush fund in the event there are continued delays in Sport Canada Funding.
- b. **Audit**- Moving forward, there will be a three-step process for approval of expenses. Brad Caan brought up filing of HST and Insurance premiums. Beatrice Currie confirmed that the HST past due payment and insurance premiums are being taken care of. Motion to approve audit statements made by Alan Preyra, seconded by Brad Caan. Board approved unanimously.
- c. **Investments-CLF/Deschner** – Terry Rayner requested a withdrawal from the Deschner fund (\$250,000) to cover shortfalls in the absence of Sport Canada funding. Motion was made by Matt Shearer and seconded by Brad Caan. Board approved unanimously. Brad Caan, Matt Shearer and Terry Rayner will meet to coordinate the transfer.

8. Operational-

- a. **Central Registration** - Upon approval, Central Registration will be implemented through RAMP since all information is already centrally located there and all Member Associations (with the exception of Ontario) are currently using this registration tool. Regarding privacy concerns, Ramp has a privacy and cyber security policy and processes in place that should earn trust of the members. Some provinces currently have a disclaimer in their RAMP portal that their PSO can share data with the



NSO. There remains some opposition from a small group of members. We need to understand why and work to gain their support. The aim is to gain Member approval in March 2026.

- b. **Membership Fees**- Provinces including BC, SK and MB have discussed and passed the \$30 membership fee. LC Marketing team has made a presentation that ED's passed along showing the breakdown of fees and approvals followed.
- c. **Membership Agreement**- Matt Shearer raised that Lacrosse Canada must take on more of a leadership role in the governance of Lacrosse across Canada. Matt Shearer and Terry Rayner have met and discussed the design and implementation of a "membership agreement." This co-created document will outline reciprocal terms between PSOs and LC. Specifically, the expectations for both PSOs and LC and how each party can support the other.

9. **Strategy Update**- Matt Shearer asked the Board and Staff to consider whether LC is taking on too much at the expense of offering quality programming/services/support. Consequently, Matt Shearer suggested that moving forward, efforts must focus on the LC Mission and corresponding strategic pillars.

Adjournment at 8:45pm.