



**Lacrosse Canada Special Meeting of the Members**

**December 10, 2025: 7:00pm EST ZOOM**

**Opening Acknowledgement** - Stephanie Pagan shared Lacrosse Canada's acknowledgement (below) and added elements welcoming members from different regions of Turtle Island and acknowledging her and her family's residence on lands represented in the Haldimand Treaty. She spoke of the upcoming Solstice and the rest that the season brings to the land, animals and birds and with the season, the cleansing power of snow.

"At this time, we would like to give thanks to the creator for giving this medicine to the Iroquois/Haudenousnee (people of the longhouse) for sharing this medicine with the world. Would also like to give thanks to all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit as we all sit in their territories, we say thank you. We say thank you Creator for giving us Mother Earth. She then gave us the tree in which our sticks are made from. This is the true roots of the medicine we call Lacrosse today." Nay:weh / thank you.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm EST by Matt Shearer, President.**

**1. Roll call and registration of votes**

<b>Name</b>	<b>CARRIED By</b>	<b>Reg. Vote</b>
President (in the event of a tie)	Matt Shearer	1
British Columbia (BC)	Gerry Van Beek	22
Alberta (AB)	Sean Aggus	16
Saskatchewan (SK)	ABSENT	11
Manitoba (MB)	Dusty From	14
Ontario (ON)	Sean O'Callaghan*	24
Québec (QC)	Ghislain Roy	8
First Nations (FNLA)	ABSENT	2
Nova Scotia (NS)	Charlotte Henderson	10
New Brunswick (NB)	Stephanie Frenette	5



Prince Edward Island (PEI)	ABSENT	1
Newfoundland (NFLD)	Charlie Decker	0

*\*At the time when the meeting was called to order, Ontario's representative was not present. Ontario's recognized designate, Sean O'Callaghan was able to join the meeting approximately 30-minutes later and was recognized as an active participant in the proceedings following his joining the meeting.*

Total votes: 113 (President vote does not count for total)

Majority vote: 57

2/3 vote: 76

**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
Hannah Lazare	Indigenous Director
Zach Currier	Athlete Director

**OBSERVERS:**

Jill Krop	BC Lacrosse Association
Brent Robinson	AB Lacrosse Association
Jeramie Bailey	ON Lacrosse Association
George MacDonald	ON Lacrosse Association
Jennifer Johnson	LC Administration Coordinator (recorder)
Terry Rayner	LC Executive Director



## 2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION to APPROVE AGENDA** by Dusty From (MB). Seconded by Gerry Van Beek (BC).

7 members IN FAVOUR: AB, BC, MB, QC, NS, NB, NFLD (75 votes)

0 members opposed

4 members absent: ON, SK, FNLA, PEI (38 votes)

**CARRIED**

## 3. 60 Day Reflection: Insights, Gaps & Priorities

Matt Shearer, President shared a slide presentation for MA's on the past 60 days since the new Board has been appointed. His presentation highlighted a "Reset and Directional Framework," which focused on six (6) key points:

- i. Re-centre on core purpose and value
- ii. Evaluate every program, policy and process
- iii. Pacing and prioritizing
- iv. Reorganize resources towards what works
- v. Build trust through transparency and consistency
- vi. Financial Strategy and responsibility

Outcome will be a modernized, fundamentals-first Lacrosse Canada. Matt Shearer also discussed a 3 Phased Approach for building the Strategic Plan.

## 4. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Terry Rayner, LC Executive Director presented the Audited Financial Statements highlighting zero infractions from Lacrosse Canada in the Audit. All documents had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting to provide ample opportunity to review their contents prior to the meeting.

**Motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements was NOT supported.** Gerry Van Beek (BC) indicated that he would not support a motion moving forward without the



presence of Ontario's representative. Other members (MB, BC, NS, NB, AB, QC) indicated the same.

**0 members IN FAVOUR**

**7 members OPPOSED: AB, BC, MB, QC, NS, NB, NFLD (75 votes)**

**4 members absent: ON, SK, FNLA, PEI (38 votes)**

**DEFEATED**

### **5. Motion: Resolution Proposal re: Fee Approval by Members**

Ahead of this meeting, Member Council submitted a *Resolution Proposal* outlining member approval of participant fees (i.e., players, coaches, officials). Matt Shearer, President ruled this motion "OUT OF ORDER" for three reasons:

1. The previous \$15 fee was in place before Bylaw 2.6 was in place making it not governed by the COLA amount or the current approval structure of the members.
2. Now, under Bylaw 2.6, the Board of Directors is responsible for determining the fee structure and setting fee amounts. Members approve only the portion of an annual increase that exceeds the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA).
3. In Bylaws 1.4 and 15.1, the Board has the authority to oversee and manage the affairs of Lacrosse Canada.

**RULED OUT OF ORDER**

### **6. Single Participant Fee Discussion**

Lengthy discussion and support for implementing a single participant fee in the future. However, in order to make an evidence-based decision on what a single participant fee would look like, it was agreed that all MAs would provide total participant numbers disaggregated by discipline no later than December 31, 2025. Lacrosse Canada would then work towards calculating a single participant fee and reconnect with members to continue the discussion.

It was stressed that implementation of this single fee is contingent on members providing this requested data in order to move ahead with a hopeful implementation in 2026, but more likely in 2027 due to current time constraints.

Members requested that Lacrosse Canada's intent to produce a single participant fee with estimated timeline be captured in writing for the Members. Matt Shearer, President



affirmed this is the intent moving forward and appealed to Members to submit their data as soon as possible.

**7. Motion: Re-Consider the Approval of the Audited Financial Statements**

Discussion returned to the original purpose of the Special Meeting of the Members (i.e., approval of Lacrosse Canada's Audited Financial Statements) and reference to Robert's Rules of Order indicated support to return to the previously defeated motion through a *Motion to Reconsider*.

**MOTION to RECONSIDER** by Gerry Van Beek (BC). Seconded by Dusty From (MB).

8 members IN FAVOUR: AB, BC, MB, ON, QC, NS, NB, NFLD (99 votes)

0 members opposed

3 members absent: SK, FNLA, PEI (14 votes)

**CARRIED**

**MOTION to APPROVE the LC Audited Financial Statements** by Sean Aggus (AB).  
Seconded by Sean O'Callaghan (ON).

8 members IN FAVOUR: AB, BC, MB, ON, QC, NS, NB, NFLD (99 votes)

0 members opposed

3 members absent: SK, FNLA, PEI (14 votes)

**CARRIED**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:48PM EST.**