



**Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 21<sup>st</sup> 2026: 8:00PM ET Microsoft Teams**

**In Attendance:**

**BOARD:**

Matt Shearer	President/Chair
Barbara Lockhart	Director at Large
Stephan Leblanc	Director at Large
Stephanie Pagan	Director at Large
Carolyn Meacher	Director at Large
Trish Chant-Sehl	Director at Large
Alon Eizenman	Director at Large
Hannah Lazare	Indigenous Director
Zach Currier	Athlete Director

**MEMBER ASSOCIATION DELEGATES:**

Gerry Van Beek	British Columbia
Sean Aggus	Alberta
Mandy Currie	Saskatchewan
Dusty From	Manitoba
Jeramie Bailey	Ontario
Ghislain Roy	Quebec
Charlotte Henderson	Nova Scotia
Chris Burgess	New Brunswick
Jason Pragle	First Nations
Abby Mcdonald	PEI

**INDEPENDENT CHAIR:**

Jason Robinson	Sport Law
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**1. Opening Statement** – Jason Robinson (Chair) welcomed attendees and provided opening introductions including his role in supporting procedural fairness and neutrality to the proceedings. Jason called the meeting to order at 8:05pm ET. Rules of the meeting were outlined (i.e., use of Roberts Rules of Order, confirmation of voting delegates and directors, voting according to ordinary resolution carried by majority of votes cast, abstentions do not count as votes cast).

Jason indicated that a single resolution was currently the topic of the meeting that included the removal of both Matt Shearer and Barbara Lockhart as Lacrosse Canada Directors. Members were then asked if they wanted to proceed with a single resolution or to split the removal of each Director into two separate resolutions (i.e., (1) removal of Matt Shearer, and (2) removal of Barbara Lockhart). At this time, Charlotte Henderson (NS) motioned to separate the resolutions. There were no objections and there was unanimous delegate consent to separate the resolution.

**2. Confirmation of Quorum and Voting List** – Jason Robinson (Chair) confirmed that all voting delegates (who indicated their participation) were in attendance and quorum achieved. All voting delegates confirmed receipt of April 18 package with written statements and letters of support for Matt Shearer and Barbara Lockhart.

- Gerry Van Beek – BC with 21 votes
- Sean Aggus – AB with 15 votes
- Mandy Currie – SASK with 10 votes
- Dusty From – MB with 9 votes



- Jeramie Bailey – ON with 24 votes
- Ghislain Roy – QC with 5 votes
- Charlotte Henderson – NS with 12 votes
- Chris Burgess – NB with 7 votes
- Jason Pragle – FNLA with 2 votes
- Abby McDonald – PEI with 2 votes

**3. General Statement of Rationale – Removal of Matt Shearer** – Jason Robinson (Chair) indicated that Members had not provided formal rationale for putting forward the resolution to remove Matt Shearer and Barbara Lockhart. Members were asked if they would like to provide verbal rationale for the motion(s).

- Jeramie Bailey – ON
  - Shared that there are 11 member associations and there is frustration that their voices are sometimes heard but not heeded. In May 2025 there was a transfer of power (i.e., shift to a governance model) and there have been some changes that were overdue, but also some conducted without consultation. There is frustration in feeling the only recourse is to call a special meeting and to go through this process.
- Charlotte Henderson – NS
  - Shared three main concerns: (1) Lacrosse Canada not adhering to by-laws with respect to determining participant fees (AGM September 2025); (2) a breach in Lacrosse Canada's duty of care to properly communicate the fee increase, and (3) a failure to exercise appropriate oversight in the length of time taken to address and rectify staff failures.

**4. Director Statement – Matt Shearer** – the Director/Chair was provided with 5-minutes to speak with Members. Matt Shearer acknowledged the members' right to bring the resolution and took responsibility for the frustration resulting from communication failures. Work to improve LC was presented including fiscal responsibility, stability, structure, accountability, and the need for operational continuity. Recognizing that there has been a lot of change and that this new governance model will take time; that progress is happening. Matt shared his desire to continue leading the work and forward progress to help LC improve; his belief in the work and partnership with Member Associations.

**5. Consideration of the Resolution – Removal of Matt Shearer** – attendees were invited to respond and discuss the resolution. Member delegates shared frustration in the process of needing a special meeting and resolution to have their voices heard; indicated they had significant discussion about the potential impact of these decisions. Directors-at-Large shared and highlighted the work that has been accomplished towards improving member value and relationships; the difficulties the Board of Directors had been faced with over the last 6-months; the importance of continuity and balance; support for Matt as a Director.

**6. Voting – Resolution to remove Matt Shearer as Director with Lacrosse Canada** – by a show of hands all 10 attending voting delegates voted in favour of removing Matt Shearer as Director/Chair. Jason Robinson (Chair) dismissed Matt as a Lacrosse Canada Director and invited him to leave the meeting.

**7. General Statement of Rationale – Removal of Barbara Lockhart** – attending delegates were invited to provide verbal rationale for the resolution. No member statements were provided.

**8. Director Statement – Barbara Lockhart** – the Director was provided with 5-minutes to speak with Members. Barbara Lockhart expressed her efforts in trying to listen to members and was pained to hear that members don't feel heard. She acknowledged missteps taken by LC and the push towards improvement as the governance model settles. She expressed wanting to continue the



good work she has been involved with and indicated if members remain unhappy with her work then she would resign at the September 2026 AGM. She further indicated that continuity is critical.

**9. Consideration of the Resolution – Removal of Barbara Lockhart** – attendees were invited to respond and address the resolution. Several member delegates shared their opposition to removing Barbara indicating it would not be productive to remove additional directors; that her position is not to be held to account in the same way a President/Chair position is; that her experience and skill set is critical to continuity with hiring etc. Several Directors also expressed support for Barbara and recognized her work ethic and passion on the Board. Jeramie Bailey (ON) requested a recess for member delegates to conference privately. Jason Robinson (Chair) provided a 10-minute recess. When member delegates returned, there was no further consideration or discussion regarding the resolution.

**10. Voting – Resolution to remove Barbara Lockhart as Director with Lacrosse Canada** – by a show of hands, all 10 attending voting delegates voted to reject the resolution to remove Barbara Lockhart as a Lacrosse Canada Director. Resolution was defeated.

**11. Next Steps** – Jason Robinson (Chair) provided a summary of current status. Resulting from the vote, there is a current vacancy on the Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors. Board members were instructed to connect with Matt Shearer to collect materials for transition; counselled to update website information accordingly and determine who the next Lacrosse Canada President/Chair will be moving forward. Jason also recommended that members wait to fill the open position at the 2026 AGM as in accordance with LC Bylaws.

In accordance with the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* (NFP Act), member delegates indicated wanting to nominate a candidate within this same meeting to fill the vacancy of Matt Shearer's removal.

Gerry Van Beek nominated Rob Matsuoka to the Board as a Director at Large. Jason Robinson (Chair) asked other delegates, by vote, if anyone opposed to appointing a new Director at this time – two delegates were opposed.

For: BC, MB, PEI, NS, ON, QC

Opposed: NB, SASK

Abstained: FNLA, AB

**Carried (73/17)**

Jason Robinson (Chair) called for any additional nominations – none brought forward.

Jason Robinson (Chair) called to vote on appointing Rob Matsuoka to the Board until the 2027 AGM. Motion to vote moved by Gerry Van Beek (BC) and seconded by Sean Aggus (AB).

**Carried** with no opposition

Jason Robinson (Chair) confirmed Rob Matsuoka's appointment and encouraged Senior members of the Board to contact him to notify him of his election.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Jason Robinson (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 10:18pm ET.

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