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Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 16th 2026 via Teams 7:00pm ET

In Attendance:

BOARD:

Barbara Lockhart	Interim President/Chair
Stephan Leblanc	Director at Large
Stephanie Pagan	Director at Large
Trish Chant-Sehl	Director at Large
Carolyn Meacher	Director at Large
Alon Eizenman	Director at Large
Hannah Lazare	Indigenous Director

STAFF/ADVISORS:

Dave Stockton	Technical Director & High Performance Lead
Dustin Dunn	Technical/Development Teams Coordinator
Beatrice Currie	Manager of Finance & Business Development

CONTRIBUTOR(S):

Gerry Van Beek	Member Council Representative

1. Opening Acknowledgement - Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM EST by Barbara Lockhart, Interim President. “At this time. I 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.
Metis. 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.

2. Approval of Agenda - **MOTION** to approve agenda by Trish Chant-Sehl. **SECONDED** by Carolyn Meacher. Approved.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes – Technical difficulties are preventing the delivery of meeting minutes from May 13, 2026. They are expected in the coming days and will be circulated when available.

4. Meet the new LC CEO – Lori DeGraw was invited and introduced to all the Board members. The formal hiring announcement is scheduled for June 17, 2026 with Lori’s official start date will take place on July 6, 2026.

5. Operational Updates

A. High Performance

Dave Stockton walked Directors through a status report.

- **Olympic Preparation:** Finalizing paperwork requirements of sports partners (i.e., COC and OTP) including the Gold Medal Profile. This is a document outlining the athlete profile that will participate in the Olympic Games. Work is done in collaboration with LC’s senior sport advisor at Own the Podium. Additionally, the internal nomination procedure for selecting the Olympic team for LA2028 is underway and is created in collaboration with Own the Podium and the COC. Information will be posted online in English and French so athletes are aware of the process for how the team will be selected. At the same time, selection criteria are being developed for all other disciplines and will be made available so the process regarding National athlete selection is transparent.

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- **Athlete Assistance Program:** With Lacrosse now recognized as an Olympic sport, sport candidate funding is available. Lacrosse Canada has been approved for 11 senior cards for both genders (approximately $287,000). Support would be divided among athletes. To determine how this is done, selection criteria will be developed and tied back to the NIP. Work on this is already almost completed.
- **National Team Agreements:** Finalizing the National Team agreements for GMs, coaches and sports science contractors (IST). Looking to post online in English and French as soon as translations are completed.
- **LTAD 3.0:** Aiming for completion in Q2 of 2027. It was noted that this has not been updated since 2011. Engaging with a third-party contractor to help with project management, Matt Young of FSQ Sport in Vancouver. Matt works very closely with Dr. Steven Norris who is a leading LTAD expert in Canada. Expecting to engage with coaches and member associations and staff as part of a working group later this year.

B. National Development Team Program (NDTP)

Dustin Dunn provided an update on the NDTP progress for 2026. This is the second year for the program with significant changes being made from its inaugural year. The program is intended to be a development pathway for athletes (Men's and Women's) at the U15, U17 and U19 age categories.

- **Try Outs:** Western identification camp was held in Saskatchewan with over 100 participants. Upcoming Main identification camp will be held in Oshawa in July and currently has 150 registrations. Virtual submissions are also permitted. Overall, the top 25 players will be selected for each team (x6 teams).
- **Training and Events:** There will be two practice days (training camps) for each team held in Oshawa in August. Then teams will compete at the Brogden Cup (September 24-27) in Maryland, USA. Then in October, Lacrosse Canada will host the Rivalry Series – Sixes Event (October 9-11) in Oshawa.
- **Program Value:** Emphasis is placed on delivering program value. Tracking fitness standards and developing a player pool where athletes are followed moving forward are prioritized. Costs have been revisited and lessened for participants and consideration of scheduling to mitigate conflicts for athletes is suggested.

C. Operations Report

Dave Stockton and Barbara Lockhart provided updates on operational initiatives.

- **IT Audit:** External consultant was engaged to clean up LCs IT infrastructure; email access and protection.
- **Staffing:** Rachael McKinnon, Technical Coordinator will be on leave in the coming months. requiring her position to be filled until her return.

D. Finance Report

Beatrice Currie presented a financial update and work being done towards membership fees.

- **Financial Audit and Update:** The Finance and Audit Committee met and are working through the audit and will be meeting on a monthly basis moving forward. Quarterly reports will be brought to the BOD.
- **Membership Fees:** Continued conversation and work towards fee collection for 2026 and beyond with an automatic payment system desired for January 2027.
- **Participant Numbers:** Continued focus on moving to a single-participant fee is dependent upon receiving data from members sharing their participant numbers by division. To date, not

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all members have been able to provide this information and additional support(s) may be needed to ensure 100% participation.

- **Resolution:** Conversation regarding the creation of a resolution to resolve 2026 Membership fees was discussed. Barbara Lockhart presented the resolution, but ultimately BOD decided that additional revisions were needed and that an electronic vote would be circulated in the coming days.

5. New Business – FMG PALA Support Proposal

Dave Stockton with Barbara Lockhart presented the proposal to engage with FMG Julien Franklin to deliver program support for the International PALA Championship from September 29 – October 4 in Oshawa. Utilizing a revenue share model, they would help deliver a professional, organized, elevated international tournament. The BOD was in agreement with the proposal as presented and recognized the short time-line to the event as well as current staffing pressures as reasons to engage with this company at this time.

6. MEMBER COUNCIL REPORT

Stephan Leblanc relayed the Member Council updates.

- **Membership Fee Resolution:** Member Council was provided with the proposed resolution(s) regarding remittance of Member Fees. It was communicated that Members would prefer electronic voting instead of a Special Meeting of the Members.
- **Steering Groups:** No new discussion was brought forward on this topic as the bulk of the meeting was focused on resolving the Membership Fees.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominations Committee

Barbara Lockhart provided an update regarding nominations to the Canadian Lacrosse Foundation (CLF) Board. The CLF is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting the growth and development of lacrosse in Canada and provides three seats on their Board for representatives specific to Lacrosse Canada.

Through the Nominations Committee, the proposal was brought forward to: (1) Maintain Matt Shearer's position on the CLF Board, (2) nominate Trish Chant-Sehl, and (3) nominate Stephanie Pagan. Both Trish and Stephanie accepted the nomination. All Directors were asked if there were any objections. There were none. **MOTION** to maintain Matt Shearer, appoint Trish and Stephanie made by Barbara Lockhart. **SECONDED** by Stephen Leblanc. **CARRIED** all in favour.

B. Governance and Ethics Committee

Stephanie Pagan presented Committee updates.

- **Complaints Process:** This is a complex undertaking as current processes and bylaws do not provide LC with jurisdictional oversight of Provincial matters. Current by-laws and processes need an overhaul with member approval to engage in this work. Members have expressed the need for an independent appeals process that is still being investigated. A significant amount of work to update and align current governance documents is a priority.
- **Safe Sport:** Continued work on updating current safe sport processes is underway. Safe sport and reporting process(es) will be made more visible and accessible on the website as a starting point. Additional work, in collaboration with Staff, will focus on updating, modernizing and clarifying all safe sport information.

8. Board Only Discussion (in camera) 8:48pm. MOTION to move in-camera Trish Chant-Sehl, **SECONDED** by Alon Eizenman. **CARRIED.**

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BOD exited from in-camera at 9:24 PM ET; **MOTIONED** by Alon Eizenman and **SECONDED** by Stephan Leblanc.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM ET; **MOTIONED** by Barbara Lockhart and **SECONDED** by Carolyn Meacher.