



**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at
'Whitney Hall'
Iroquois Sports Complex
Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00pm**

1. Call to Order

President Sue Dafoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
70 members in attendance

2. President's Welcome

Sue Dafoe thanked all for attending the AGM.

Sue Dafoe also thanked Barb Platt and Doug Luey for attending to serve as our scrutineers.

Welcome everyone to our AGM
Welcome to Sonya Crossey our Zone 6 Director

3. Presentation of Silver Sticks

Sue Dafoe Congratulated the Championship teams:

Field Lacrosse Provincial Champions:
Bantam #1 – U15 'A' Division Champions
Bantam #2 – U15 'D' Division Champions

Box Lacrosse Provincial Champions :
Midget Girls – 'A' Division Champions
Bantam #1 Girls – 'A' Division Champions
Peewee #2 – 'D' Division Champions

Sue Dafoe called up each of the coaches to present their players with their well-earned Silver Sticks :

Bantam #1: Coach – Jay Lee – Scott Mclean

Bantam #2: Coach – Jaret Bilich

Peewee #2: Coach – Jeff Yoo

Midget Girls: Coach – Greg Lepine

Bantam #1 Girls: Coach – Donnelle Latimer

4. Presentation of Awards

Presentation of Calnan Award (Sportsmanship Award)

Presented by the Calnan Family

Presented to: Jocelyn Stanat and Lucas Potter

Presented for Excellent example of Sportsmanship.

Presentation of Haber Award (Midget Player)

Presented by the Haber Family

Presented to: Ashlen Kelly and John Wheller

Presented to the Midget players demonstrating a high proficiency in the game of Lacrosse.

Presentation of Tuggy Award (Goalie award)

Presented by the Tuggy Family

Presented to: Morgan Gage and Ethan Corby

Presented to the Goalies who demonstrated the most potential in Lacrosse through hard work, dedication and determination on and off the floor.

Presentation of Ravery Award (Referee)

Presented by Rob Mackenzie-Ede

Presented to Josh Davenport

Presented for exemplary service as a referee.

Coach of the Year – Jaret Bilich

Rep Volunteer of the Year – Ian Andrews

House League Volunteer of the year – Aimee and Tim Snider

Sue Dafoe also recognized Derek Stroud for winning the OLA Centennial Award for the lowest goal against average in the Intermediate Provincials. This is the 3rd consecutive year that Derek has won this award. This award will be presented to the Goalies at the OLA AGM

5. Honorary Members

This award recognizes individuals for their outstanding selfless commitment and dedication to the WMLA and the Lacrosse Community over the years.

Presented by Vic Utrosa to Bill Watson
Presented by Sue Dafoe to Wayne Cornish
Presented by Sue Dafoe to Vic Utrosa

6. Approval of the 2017 AGM minutes

Motion to approve the 2017 AGM minutes
by Vic Utrosa
2nd Toulia Allman.....**Carried.**

7. Presidents Report – Sue Dafoe

Sue thanked all our remaining Board Members for sticking it out and helped. Much appreciation.

Numbers are declining not only in the WMLA but across the lacrosse community.

Our numbers since 2014:

2014 – 796
2015 – 734
2016 – 689
2017 – 596
2018 – 484

The registration comparison since 2016:

2016	HL: 431	Rep: 258	Total: 689
2017	HL: 323	Rep: 273	Total: 596
2018	HL: 251	Rep: 233	Total: 484

Number of Teams since 2013:

2013	HL: 60	Rep: 18
2014	HL: 54	Rep: 19
2015	HL: 52	Rep: 18
2016	HL: 48	Rep: 19
2017	HL: 28	Rep: 17
2018	HL: 16	Rep: 14

8. VP of Rep. Report – Tania Rickard

Tania has had to step away due to family issues – Sue is giving this report.

We had 14 Rep teams this year:

- Paperweight
- Tyke 1, 2, 3
- Novice
- Peewee 1, 2
- Bantam 1, 2
- Midget
- Intermediate
- Girls Bantam 1, 2
- Girls Midget

In Field Provincials our Bantam 1 team won the 'A' Provincial Championship, and our Bantam 2 team won the 'D' Provincial Championship.

In Box Provincials our Peewee 2 team won the 'D' Provincial Championship, our Bantam Girls 1 won the 'A' Provincial Championship and our Midget Girls won the 'A' Provincial Championship.

We were very proud to sponsor the 10 players who were selected to represent our association on Team Ontario teams.

Bantam Girls

- Sydney Gage
- Rebecca Andrew
- Ainsley Howell
- Carolyn Lavalley

Midget Girls

- Mya Utrosa

- Brooklyn Walker-Welch

Peewee Boys

- Matthew Drimmie

Bantam Boys

- Gabriel Sorichetti

Midget Boys

- Kobe Handsor
- Michael Andersson

9. VP of Houseleague Report – Ashley Kohut

House league numbers are down. 16 Teams and 251 players. There was a 37% decline from 2017.

Our focus this year was to grow from the ground up. Our houseleague program feeds our rep program.

We had 2 soft lax teams and sourced jerseys instead of t-shirts. This was a huge hit for the parents and players.

What does this mean for 2020 if we can't retain our players, we won't have an association.

We ran the paperweight program as a 3 on 3 program with zero contact. We had 26 players register after our first weekend via word of mouth and the fact that we didn't have contact.

We piloted an interlock program with Oshawa and Clarington, it was successful and we will continue running this.

Champ day was a one day format. If registration improves, we can revisit a 2-day tournament style again.

Thank you to Doug Luey for all his help.

Thank you to Mariann Utrosa for her time and effort, she is a huge reason that the program was as successful as it was.

Thank you to Rob Moore-Ede for his work with all the Ref's.

Thank you to Sandy Alexander for organizing the facilities

Thank you to Christine Kimura for her help with the minor officials.

Final thought: We need to come together or shortly we won't have an association to play lacrosse at. You don't need to be a member of the board to offer your help. It is all about the kids. If we have the right people and everyone works together, we can build this up.

10. Treasurer Report – Sue Dafoe

Our Treasurer resigned midway through the season. Sue Dafoe and Cindy Davey picked up this portfolio to complete our season.

*See attached Income Statement

Motion to accept the financials from 2018
by Toulia Allman
2nd Christine Kimura.....**Carried.**

10. Ric Report – Rob Moor-Ede

Acknowledgments:

- Ben Kirkwood, Kyle Kropman, Zone 6 RICs
- Emily Hiltz, for Ref assistance with Women's Tournament
- Kadya Pack, Rodger Hubbard, Ron Albright, Steve Ramkay, Emily Hiltz, Association RICs
- The WMLA Board
- Josh Davenport, Recipient of this year's Ravary Award

We had 29 Refs:

- 8 Entry Level
- 12 Level 1
- 8 Level 2
- 1 Level 3
- 0 Level 4-6
- Down from 43 in 2017
- Games Ref'ed (HL Only)
 - 2016 ~ 18 games
 - 2017 ~ 10 games
 - 2018 ~ 5-6 games

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly:

The Good:

- Referee Attendance was 100% of assigned games
- Reduced Entry Level Refs but Reduced # of Games
- No drama – almost uniformly positive feedback
- From Zero to Two [Refs] in 23 minutes

The Bad (The Challenges):

- Refs not scheduled for 1 HL game ... scheduling confusion
- Reduced Entry Level Refs but Reduced # of Games
- 7 – yes 7 – overtimes! LAX needs shootouts (if only for tournaments)

The Ugly:

- 2018 saw a 50% reduction of HL games vis-à-vis 2017, which was 46% of 2016.
- House League Interlock is a critical element going forward. Simplifies age groups & minimizes size disparities.
- Continued use of centralized Rep Game Assignments
- Improved association RIC feedback loop. Allows small centre Refs to get experience not otherwise available to them.
- Return of the Women's Tournament (aka Chicks With Sticks)
- Cooperation, Cooperation, Cooperation going forward

Sonya Crossey thanked the board for all the hard work that they did this season. One of the things that you need to remember is that it isn't a popularity contest.

Make sure that if you want to be on the board you have to be willing to put in the time and the effort. Interlocking hl congratulations it was approved for next year. Step up and volunteer. Without you and the members helping we can't continue.

12. Election of New Board Members (Except Secretary)

Motion to dissolve the 2017 – 2018 Board Members (except Secretary) by Lesley Burcombe 2 nd Christine Kimura..... Carried.
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Barb Platt and Doug Luey acted as scrutineers and recorded the nominations.

President – Two year term

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Vic Utrosa	Toula	Stand

Vic Utrosa is acclaimed as President.

Vice President of Houseleague – Two year term

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Ashley Kohut	Toula	Stand

Ashley Kohutt is acclaimed as Vice President of Houseleague.

Vice President of Representative – 1 year term to complete 2nd. year

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Derek Wallace	Vic Utrosa	Stand *
Ian Andrews	Christine Kimera	Decline
Wayne Cornish	Toula Allman	Decline
Toula Allman Lesley Burcombe	Sonya Crossey Christine Kimera	Decline Stand

Lesley Burcombe is acclaimed as Vice President of Representative.

Treasurer – 1 year term to complete 2nd. year

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Mariann Utrosa	Toula Allman	Stand

Mariann Utrosa is acclaimed as Treasurer.

1st Director of Registration – Two year term

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Donelle Latimer	Toula Allman	Decline
Megan Johns	Lesley Burcombe	Stand

Megan Johns is acclaimed as 1st. Director of Registration.

1st. Director of House League - Primary

Bill Watson		Stand

Bill Watson is acclaimed as 1st. Director House League - Primary.

2nd. Director of House League - Primary

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE

This position remains open.

Director of House League – Secondary

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE

This position remains open.

Director of House League & Representative Girls Programs

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Sheldon Howell	Vic Utrosa	Stand

Sheldon Howell is acclaimed as Director of House League & Representative Girls Programs.

Director of Representative Teams - Primary

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Christine Kimera	Lesley Burcombe	Stand

Christine Kimera is acclaimed as the Director of Representative Teams - Primary

Director of Representative Teams - Secondary

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Bill Watson	Joel Watson	Decline
Wayne Cornish	Toula Allman	Stand

Wayne Cornish is acclaimed as Director of Representative - Secondary.

Director of Facilities

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Sandy Alexander	Toula Allman	Decline

This position remains open.

Director of Tournaments

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Donelle Latimer	Patricia Fitzpatrick	Stand

Donelle Latimer is acclaimed as Director of Tournaments.

Director of Minor Officials

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Ian Andrews	Christine Kimera	Decline
Karen Andersson	Toula Allman	Decline
Matty Andersson	Christine Kimera	Decline
Josh Kimera	Toula Allman	Stand

Josh Kimera is acclaimed to the position of Director of Minor Officials.

Rep Teams Budget Director

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Toula Allman	Christine Kimera	Stand

Toula Allman is acclaimed as the Rep Teams Budget Director

Referee-in-Chief

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Rob Moore-Ede	Matty Andersson	Decline
Chris MacDonald	Toula Allman	Decline

This position remains open.

2nd. Director of Registration – 1 year term to complete 2nd. year

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Sue Dafoe	Vic Utrosa	Decline
Ian Andrew	Cindy Davey	Decline

This position remains open.

Director of Sponsorship

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Karen Andersson	Christine Kimera	Decline
Christine Tapper	Toula Allman	Decline
Julie Corby	Christine Kimera	Decline

This position remains open.

Director of Technical Development

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Ian Andrews	Christine Kimera	Decline
Gee Nash	Marty McCaferty	Decline
Joel Watson	Sonya Crossey	Decline
Bill Watson	Vic Utrosa	Decline

This position remains open.

Director of Equipment

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Ian Andrew	Toula Allman	Decline
Matthew Andersson	Christine Kimera	Decline
Jeff Yoo	Mariann Utrosa	Stand

Jeff Yoo is acclaimed as Director of Equipment.

Director of Field Lacrosse

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Josh Kimera	Karen Andersson	Stand
Jason Youshida	Mel Mastorakos	Stand

Jason Youshida is acclaimed as Director of Field Lacrosse.

Director of Communications

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE
Geoff Kent	Jaret Bilich	Stand

Geoff Kent is acclaimed as Director of Communications.

Coordinator of Promotions

NOMINATED	BY	STAND/DECLINE

This position remains open.

Motion to destroy the Ballots by Sue Dafoe 2 nd Rob Moore-Ede.....	Carried.
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15. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Karen Andersson 2 nd Rob Moore-Ede.....	Carried.
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm

Next Meeting is November 5 2018 at 7:30pm in the large board room at Iroquois Park