



**LC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 25 2024**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM EST by S. Williams.

Roll Call of Delegates

Board:	Shawn Williams	President
	Paul Magnan	Director Administration
	Marisa Di Bari	Director Marketing & Communications
	Suzanne Belanger	Director National Championships
	Matt Shearer	Director High Performance
	Lesley Hawke	Athlete Director
	Bryan Baxter	Director Domestic Development
	Kevin Sandy	Indigenous Director
	Sean Aggus	Director at Large
	Abby Macdonald	Director at Large
Staff:	Terry Rayner	Interim Executive Director
	Sarah Utting	Administration Coordinator (recorder)
	Ashley Bull	National Championships & High Performance Coordinator
Absent:	Sean O'Callaghan	Director at Large
	Kealan Pilon	Communications Coordinator

Opening Acknowledgement -P. Magnan

"At this time, I would like to give thanks to the creator for giving this medicine to the Iroquois/Haudenosaunee (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. "



1. Approval of Agenda

S. Williams noted that item number 7 on the agenda will be moved to after item 17 (in camera).

MOTION: M. Di Bari, S. Aggus.

“To approve the agenda.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes – March 20 2024

MOTION: S. Aggus, M. Di Bari

“To approve the minutes from March 20 2024”

CARRIED

3. President’s Address

S. Williams acknowledged challenges from the past year and also the great team at LC. It was noted that working towards goals and changing over to new governance has been a struggle, with the new strategic plan and governance to support LC to modernize. Boards and committee recruitment has been difficult and there needs to be accountability for LC to move forward towards positive change. S. Williams acknowledged exciting events upcoming (Olympics, new programming, governance changes). Lastly, it was noted that filling out staff team is essential to have a smooth transition into new governance.

4. Business Arising from previous minutes

The Board reviewed the March 2024 Task List

- a. To review Finance & Audit Committee Terms of Reference and bring recommendations forward to the Board – **ONGOING**

P. Magnan advised that P. Lehman and B. Baxter will be on committee. S. Aggus noted that Brent Robinson (Director of Administration at ALA) would be willing to join. B. Baxter noted that they have been searching for a CPA or CFA designation to sit on the committee.

Action: S. Aggus will reach out to Kevin Kohut (Chartered Accountant).

- b. Governance Next steps- information from Steve Indig– **ONGOING.**

Steve Indig will present on May 26.

- c. Strat Plan Sub-Committee –create new strategic plan **ONGOING.**



Committee met on Sunday March 24 and April 20 to review Strategic Plan, lead by M. Shearer. Strat Plan will be presented on May 26 at the Meeting of the Members. M. Shearer noted that Plan has a good foundation to start with. He noted that revisiting on quarterly basis is essential to stay accountable.

d. Sector Meeting update – **ONGOING**

P. Magnan advised that S. Williams and T. Rayner attended Cross Sector Meeting on May 21. S. Williams advised that Chairs felt they did not have enough support and wanted to move faster to get changes established. S. Williams noted frustration over communication by certain Sector Chairs. The need for a new package for new governance plan for Board of Directors was noted. S. Belanger suggested giving reminders to Sector Chairs of BOD meetings to give BOD updates. T. Rayner suggested waiting until the fall to start onboarding. It was noted that Sixes sector TOR has not been approved yet. T. Rayner advised a need for communication of this across sectors, BOD and staff. S. Aggus suggested Teams Planner to give tasks etc.

Action: W. Cuthbert asked for onboarding template for chairs. S. Utting said there was an onboarding template on One Drive and will circulate. S. Utting will look up Teams Planner.

e. To create a survey with self-declaration of Indigenous status, postal code (region), age, gender, new players to Canada. Send to MA's – **ON HOLD**

No new update. M. Di Bari chatted with S. O' Callaghan to get information, OLA still will not give information. M. Di Bari advised that we would create a form stack with information.

Action: S. Utting to create form stack to send out to MA's.

f. To reach out to potential candidates to replace Jim Burke as CLF President, as he is retiring – **ONGOING.**

S. Williams noted that it has been difficult to hire. L. Hawke noted that they have asked Michelle Bowyer of BC if she would like to fill the position. P. Magnan noted that Doug Deschner is also willing to do it. M. Di Bari noted that they should be submitting CVs and there will be an interview process. Shawn Williams, Tom Engel and Jim Burke are on the Nominating Committee for this.

Action: S. Williams and team to work on filling the board out as well through a reach out list.

g. To send out Board/Sector/Committee Chair goals to MA's – **ONGOING.**

P. Magnan noted importance of holding people accountable and challenge around deliverables not being completed. Not all Chairs/MAs submitted reports, some discussed goals, some did not. 7 out of 12 Board members, 7 out of 9 sector chairs put reports. T. Rayner noted that we evaluate staff and should maybe consider the same for Board Members/Sector chairs.



K. Sandy noted a goal for him is for LC to have an Indigenous Reconciliation strategy. T. Rayner asked Kevin Sandy what support and resources are needed to get the Indigenous committee back. K. Sandy asked does LC want to have an indigenous reconciliation strategy and if so, what can LC do in partnership with Indigenous Committee to support this.

Action: S. Belanger has a self reflection tool/survey to see how goals are going. S. Belanger will circulate to the group. T. Rayner and K. Sandy will meet to discuss Indigenous committee supports and direction to align with Strategic Plan.

- h. To create a working group consisting of Bryan Baxter, Kevin Sandy, and one LC staff member to further review the Sixes Sector grant. **COMPLETE.**

M. Di Bari advised that they reviewed grant. W. Cuthbert did not receive report. M. Di Bari gave report and met with W. Cuthbert to review. M. Di Bari noted that after LC Strat Plan more will come. M. Di Bari noted Sixes has their own Strategic Plan and LC/Sixes need to align.

- i. Inform Wendy Cuthbert the plan for reviewing this grant – **COMPLETE**
- j. To come up with a policy change proposal prior to the 2024 SAM for CCES Anti-Doping – **COMPLETE.**

T. Rayner provided proposal. Most sectors declined due to inclusion of U13. Proposal was declined by Sixes as W. Cuthbert believed it was not the correct process as a staff member submitted. S. Aggus asked why it was declined if Board of Directors suggested it. P. Magnan suggested putting this over to the Safety and Equipment Committee. B. Baxter advised that the concern across sectors was 11 and 12 year olds discussing anti-doping. B. Baxter suggested that U13s should not be at Nationals if they are “too young” to do this. M. Di Bari noted the importance of the safety of this, and that protocol needs to be consistent across the board at National Championships. T. Rayner noted that we have to seriously consider the safety associated with this and risk management.

Action: P. Magnan and S. Williams to make call on how to proceed with this policy.

- k. To inform GC Committee Chair of the Board decision on 2025 CG age category and request CG committee to create an age dispensation policy – **COMPLETE**
- B. Baxter noted this was already completed, no further action needed.
- l. Establish Safety Equipment Committee and update TOR – **ONGOING**

T. Rayner noted that Ryan Preston was appointed as the Chair. P. Magnan noted that Matt Mason would join this committee. S. Aggus will reach out to Member Council to see if anyone is interested in joining. T. Rayner suggested reaching out to National Teams. P. Magnan noted that we need to find experts in this field despite TOR protocol. T. Rayner noted that we should not start updating TORs until we fix Governance. S. Aggus suggested action item to amend the TOR for this.



Action: A. Bull to reach out to National Teams for individuals to join the Committee (ex. Teddy Cordingley etc.). S. Aggus to hold off asking Member Council until Ashley gives update.

m. To continue reporting to the Board on CLL issues.– **ONGOING**

S. Williams mentioned that there has not been a lot of talk of this. L. Hawke noted that Men's team was at the SheBox in Prague. Michelle Bowyer had a conversation with CLL at this tournament as they are starting an International Women's Junior tournament. T. Rayner noted that eventually anyone coming from National Team programs across the world will be suspended as per new World Lacrosse policy. L. Hawke, S. Aggus, A. MacDonald and K. Sandy all noted that players in their MAs have been asked to play.

B. Baxter noted that there is clearly a gap with no LC teams at this age group. S. Aggus noted that Box should be our focus as it is our biggest membership. L. Hawke noted that we need to be patient and wait for World Lacrosse to start this. M. Shearer noted that we should set ourselves up for success and get National Team Development Junior Box programs.

5. Acceptance of BOD & Staff Reports

MOTION: S. Aggus, S. Belanger

"To approve reports."

S. Williams offered discussion. S. Aggus asked if we have a plan to comply with Bill in Quebec about French version of website for 2025. P. Magnan advised that our documents have to be in French but LC was not aware of whole website.

Kevin Sandy did not submit report and will save that report for the members.

6. Member Council Update

P. Magnan noted that Tom Aquanno is new chair. They are currently not compliant with number of female vs male members on the Board. This needs to be fixed in onboarding of next Board Member. Member Council nominated Dusty From which was non compliant. M. Di Bari noted the importance of looking for a female member, but the appropriate female member, which unfortunately is difficult right now as there are not enough female members in MAs that feel they have a voice. The composition is 12 members – two large Mas, two small Mas appointed by Member Council. Traditionally they have been presidents, but they do not need to be presidents.

K. Sandy mentioned that he has some female candidates that may be on board. P. Magnan advised that Member Council has to bring those names forward. Tom Aquanno gave update via M. Di Bari that he is willing to have discussion on how to make this more compliant. Board noted that it is better to keep it vacant then put someone who is non compliant with protocols. It was noted that the Director that left was within 30 days, so it is ok to remain vacant.



Action: Consult with Steve Indig first to get clear direction, to be compliant with by laws. Then, discuss compliance with Member Council to help address this and find the appropriate candidate and put a plan together to put someone in place. S. Williams will draft a letter to Member Council on this. Update from Steve Indig is that you can only revert from By Laws with approval of members.

7. Financials Update

a. Investment Update/CLF

P. Magnan advised that documents were circulated. P. Magnan reminded that we borrowed money (\$130,000) from the Investment Fund to pay fees for Hong Kong Worlds U2. Baxter noted language of “borrowed” means that we will need to put that money back. T. Rayner advised that we should return the funds with the cashflow from Sport Canada funding.

MOTION P. Magnan, M. Di Bari

“Direct T. Rayner to return \$130,000 back to the Investment Fund.”

CARRIED

CLF money that is being spent has to have 2/3 vote from Lacrosse Canada members that sit on meetings. P. Magnan also noted that traditionally, LC would bring projects forward to the board. P. Magnan will report motion to CLF at meeting on June 2. S. Belanger noted that it is not clear what the deliverables are for the CLF and how projects are approved.

S. Belanger suggested that we offer to match any Indigenous grants (for example) so that we do not have to have the administrative burden of checking in on it. M. Di Bari noted that there needs to be more communication around these projects so that we can promote as well.

MOTION S. Aggus, M. Shearer

“All CLF project proposals need to be vetted by LC Board before being submitted to CLF.”

CARRIED

b. 2024-2025 Approved Budget

MOTION S. Aggus, M. Di Bari

“To bring to the floor.”

CARRIED

T. Rayner said there is no new update on the budget. It was noted that hold up from Members originally approving is that there was no SAM in the budget. K. Sandy noted that it is important for us to have a good revenue stream plan in place. M. Di Bari and T. Rayner noted that LC cannot get sponsorship without getting numbers from MAs. P. Magnan noted that some of the 5 revenue



streams are getting pushback from Members. M. Shearer noted that these targeted amounts on those revenue streams should be in the budget.

S. Belanger noted that there was pushback on the financial policies that were sent. Concern was around where money goes (National Championships vs National Teams). M. Shearer suggested we tell MAs that they can submit proposals and we will vet proposals to CLF based on our strategic plan.

T. Rayner noted that LC needs to reiterate to members that LC is at a loss coming out of the pandemic as fees currently are not covering the costs. LC has been overbudget for National Championships for every year since the pandemic (fees have not been changed since 2006).

P. Magnan noted that we need to show areas where LC is bringing in revenue and point them out in the budget and reiterate that unless members do their part (give information, buy in and support of fee changes etc.) this money will not be made.

S. Aggus noted that it would nice to see a separate line of Total Income on Page 4 for a quick reference.

Action: T. Rayner will share the budget at the Meeting of the Members.

MOTION S. Williams

"To present budget to Members."

CARRIED

8. Sector/Committees/Working Groups

a. Coaches, LTAD, CMD Working Group, Officials, Lax Fits

B. Baxter will not comment on his committees. BOD members can look in Section 2 Reports for this. B. Baxter did send infographic from the Calgary study on Contact. It highlights some of the areas of concern within the game. Committee has been put together to ratify necessary rules of contact in Minor game, specifically about offball contact.

M. Shearer advised that we should always know the purpose of what we are doing (ex. study and how it relates back to Strategic Plan) and what is actionable. B. Baxter advised that it has to do with retention and keeping players in the game as a lot of players that leave cited player contact and injury.

b. Equipment & Safety

Already discussed in Action Items Task List.

c. Gender Equity

P. Magnan advised that the committee is doing great work. M. Di Bari gave shout out to Donna Goguen for her work on the GE Committee. A. MacDonald advised that Same Game challenge is



meeting on how to retain girls in lacrosse and how to put message out around Gender Equity across the board. S. Utting gave update on Gender Equity training records. P. Magnan asked if we should be holding people accountable and if it is not completed. M. Di Bari noted that members should be making time for this. If it is not completed, then members will need to be replaced as this is a Board compliance from Sport Canada and an admin requirement in job descriptions.

d. **National Championships**

S. Belanger advised that the committee is meeting monthly. Goal is to eventually have group advise on Proposed Policies but not quite there yet, will look at changes for Annual Meeting. Biggest concerns are on budget and breaking even. S. Belanger will look to see if Chris Gallop still has time to be this chair given his role as Minor Box chair now, S. Belanger will update.

P. Magnan asked how overage exemptions and exceptions were going. S. Belanger would like some more guidance on where authority lies. P. Magnan advised that approval lies with National Championships Director. S. Belanger suggested that in future these decisions (overage exemptions etc) lie with the Sector chair vs Director. T. Rayner advised that in the past requests were sent back to the MAs and if all agreed, it was approved. If anyone opposed, it was not approved.

S. Aggus suggested that it should be standardized across sectors and consistent with Canada Summer Games and that responsibility should be with Minor Box Chair.

e. **Governance/ Strategic Development**

S. Williams advised that the Strategic Development committee met and went over next steps which will be presented May 26 with Steve Indig.

f. **Nominations Committee Chair**

S. Williams asked who would like to be the chair of the Nominations Committee. S. Aggus put his name forward to be the chair.

MOTION M. Di Bari, B. Baxter

"To accept Sean Aggus as Chair of Nominations Committee."

CARRIED

g. **LC Office Proposal**

T. Rayner advised that this should be tabled until an in camera office discussion is done.

Tabled

h. **Risk Management**

T. Rayner noted that risk management protocols need to be updated. P. Magnan noted that succession planning is a factor in Risk Management that needs to be addressed.

Tabled



i. **Chair Appointments**

Sixes Chair

T. Rayner advised that Randy Clough stepped down from his position. Wendy Cuthbert was nominated and won election. Randy Clough's position will need to be replaced. T. Rayner advised that LC Board should be filling Randy's position.

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

"To accept Wendy Cuthbert as our Sixes Co-Chair."

Concern was brought up over protocols being followed at Sixes meeting and concern over conflict of interests. M. Shearer mentioned importance of putting the best people in each position even if we need to fill a role. S. Belanger suggested having an open conversation.

It was noted that the Sixes Co Chair position needs to be brought forward by the board. T. Rayner noted that TOR would have to be changed for Sixes.

CARRIED

Officiating Chair

P. Magnan noted that David Westwood cannot run for Officiating Chair as ALA was never approached to endorse David Westwood. S. Aggus advised that ALA does not endorse him for this position. Steve O'Shaughnessy was the other nomination. M. Di Bari noted that communication needs to be made to Jeramie Bailey and John Szabo about policy around their nominations. This should be noted on the form that there should be support from the MA.

MOTION S. Belanger, M. Di Bari

"To discuss Steve O'Shaughnessy's nomination of Officiating Chair."

CARRIED

M. Di Bari noted issue with reliability and ability to follow policies and procedures. M. Di Bari suggested we put clear parameters and expectations in place to support in the role. S. Belanger suggested providing admin support to deal with concerns. B. Baxter acknowledged the large portfolio of Officiating (volunteer position). T. Rayner noted that an assistant could be provided, selected by the Board.

P. Magnan reiterated that we need to get the right people in the right positions. M. Di Bari suggested Andy Watson as a support person and having a conversation with Steve to have support with areas that currently are difficult.

MOTION S. Williams



“To endorse Steve O’Shaughnessy’s nomination as Officiating Chair with support of a Co-Chair.”

CARRIED

Women’s Field Chair

MOTION M. Di Bari, S. Aggus

“To endorse Heidi Bate’s nomination of Women’s Field Chair.”

CARRIED

Men’s Field Chair

It was noted that position is vacant. S. Aggus to run a potential nomination by his ALA board.

9. Policy Change Proposals

S. Belanger noted issue around Sectors voting down Section 24 policy as it seems that policies contradict. B. Baxter noted that TORs supersede policy and by Law prevails over policy. By Law 63- *Unless the terms of reference state otherwise, the Board may appoint a qualified individual to fill any vacancy on a Committee, and the Board may remove any member of any Committee.*

B. Baxter noted that By Law # 4 and Section 3.14 as important to LC decisions. T. Rayner suggested the need for a governance manual and an admin manual.

3.7.10.1 Insurance

MOTION S. Aggus, S. Belanger

“To bring Policy Proposal 3.7.10.1 Insurance Policy to the floor for discussion.”

T. Rayner advised that Ontario will not sign off on Founders Cup due to insurance. S. Belanger advised that we cannot remove this as it what protects us.T. Rayner noted that we own the event and look after the liability and MAs already have insurance for their athletes and host group needs to look after additional insurance. T. Rayner noted that by passing this, we would end up charging every athlete that comes to these events a fee for that supplementary insurance. S. Aggus noted that all MAs should already have this insurance for their athletes. M. Di Bari noted that if they do not put anything in the Rationale so others know why this is being put forward.

DEFEATED

3.11 Lacrosse Canada Events



MOTION P. Magnan, M. Di Bari

“To bring Policy Proposal 3.11 Lacrosse Canada Events Policy to the floor for discussion.”

3.11.2 Member Associations shall approve and sign off Provincial grants that are not being used by the MA. The MA must show all grant applications for all events that pertain to National Championships and provide financial statements, documents to show proof of spending and a detailed report outlining the grant requirements were met

It was noted that rationale was that NSO has right and do not need permission to host events in MAs as per the government of Canada. This proposal will force provinces to sign off grants that are not being used to help the LC bottom line.

CARRIED

4.2.2 Annual Registered Participant Fee

MOTION P. Magnan, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 4.2.2 Participant Fees Policy to the floor for discussion.”

*4.2.2.3 The MAs shall file with LC Head Office by October 1st of each year, the registered participants within their jurisdictions. **in each of the Sectors.** This report shall provide the number of registered participants in all categories.*

B. Baxter noted that MAs collect multiple fees from registrants to support current structure. S. Aggus brought up point that this would change voting structure. P. Magnan brought up point that this would change revenue.

DEFEATED

4.2.2.2. Registered Participant Fee

MOTION S. Aggus, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 4.2.2.2 Participant Fees Policy to the floor for discussion.”

*4.2.2.2 Registered Participant Fees: **Each “Registered Participant” shall pay a participant fee once annually to LC to access and support services, privileges and programming developed and to be developed by LC for the sport of lacrosse in Canada.***

S. Williams noted a point of order of duplicate policy.

DEFEATED

5.1 Registration with MA

MOTION S. Aggus, B. Baxter



“To bring Policy Proposal 5.1 Registration with MA Policy to the floor for discussion.”

5.1.2.2 Domestically and internationally, only Lacrosse Canada Member Association registered participants in the current year may play or participate in any Lacrosse Canada sanctioned or operated teams or events, including, but not limited to, Festivals at World Championships, National Team programs, National Team development programs and teams, National Team development programs, Lacrosse Canada development teams, combines, tournaments, competitions or recruitment events. This excludes National Teams participating in World Lacrosse World Championships, World Games Championships, Olympic Qualification Events, and the Olympics.

B. Baxter acknowledged the risk of this. M. Shearer mentioned that this is in conflict with what LC wants to accomplish.

DEFEATED

9.2.5 Nomination Process

MOTION S. Aggus, S. Belanger

“To bring Policy Proposal 9.2.5 Nominations Policy to the floor for discussion.”

T. Rayner noted that this is irrelevant due to Governance that needs to change.

DEFEATED

10.1 Anti Doping

MOTION M. Di Bari, S. Belanger

“To bring Policy Proposal 10.1 Anti Doping to the floor for discussion.”

B. Baxter noted that it cannot be voted on as is due to improper submission with a 2/3 resolution of Members, it can be brought to the floor.

DEFEATED

13.10.8.1 Travel

B. Baxter withdrew proposal.

WITHDRAWN

13.10.8.3 Travel Arrangements and Expenditures

MOTION P. Magnan, S. Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 13.10.8.3 Travel Arrangements to the floor for discussion.”



13.10.8.3 Persons who are on flights or trains **or in hotels** which provide meals as part of the service are not eligible to claim those meals as expenses.

S. Belanger noted that this was meant for officials so that there is no double dipping.

CARRIED

13.17.2.1 Official Fees

MOTION B. Baxter, S. Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 13.17.2.1 Official Costs to the floor for discussion.”

13.17.2.1 ~~\$10~~ **\$20.00** / official to offset the cost of transportation for Referees to National Championships ~~as outlined in Section 24.18.3~~ **and to World Lacrosse international qualifiers and championships.**

13.17.2.2 \$5/official to offset the cost to develop and maintain the online officiating program

MOTION TO AMMEND B. Baxter, S. Aggus

“To remove crossed out part Section 24.18.3.”

CARRIED

13.17.2.1 and 24.17.3.1 Official Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 13.17.2.1 Officials to the floor for discussion.”

13.17.2.1. \$10/official to offset the cost of transportation for Referees to National Championships as outlined in Section ~~24.18.3~~ **24.17.3.1;**

CARRIED

Section 13 Finance

MOTION B. Baxter, S. Aggus

“To bring Section 13 Officials to the floor for discussion.”

CARRIED

18.2.2.5 Player age category

MOTION B Baxter, P Magnan

18.2.2.5 Players may not affiliate ~~16U-U17~~ to Senior Lacrosse.



CARRIED

18.4.10 Limits on Imports in Senior B

MOTION M. Di Bari, K. Sandy

S Aggus and P Magnan noted conflict of interest with family members playing in this league. S. Aggus noted issue that effective year was 2024 but we are in that playing season already. K Sandy noted the rationale was to level the playing field.

MOTION TO TABLE M Di Bari, S Aggus

CARRIED

24.4.2.2 Coaching Coordinators

MOTION B. Baxter, S. Belanger

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.4.2.2 to the floor for discussion.”

22.4.2.2 responsible to forward all applicable coaching concerns or problems to the **Sector Coaching Committee** on behalf of the MAs

S. Belanger noted some blank effective years and that should be added in.

CARRIED

23.2.7 Sixes Official in Charge (OIC)

MOTION S. Aggus, M. Di Bari

“To bring Policy Proposal 23.2.7 OIC to the floor for discussion.”

23.2.7 Sixes **Official in Charge (OIC)**

23.2.7.1 This person(s) shall be recommended by LC Sixes Lacrosse Sector in consultation with LC Officiating Committee Chairperson for a two (2) year term each **even** odd numbered year and be ratified by LC Board of Directors.

23.2.7.2 Responsibilities of the position include:

23.2.7.2.1 developing and maintaining an Officials Development and Certification program for the Sixes Sector;

23.2.7.2.2 administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the **Women's Field Sixes** Sector;

23.2.7.2.3 administering and coordinating the International component of



the Officiating program for the ~~Women's Field Sixes~~ Sector as required;

23.2.7.2.4 sitting as a member of the Officiating Committee reporting to and being accountable to the ~~Women's Field Sixes~~ Sector Chair.

B. Baxter noted an actual change (cross out even) which makes it not housekeeping. This change would have role right now as one year term. Rationale is to not have turnover in same year.

CARRIED

23.2.7.2.2 Sixes Referee in Chief

MOTION B. Baxter, S. Belanger

"To bring Policy Proposal 23.2.7.2.2 to the floor for discussion."

23.2.7.2.2 administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the ~~Women's Sixes Field~~ Sector;

S. Belanger noted that this was a duplicate.

WITHDRAWN

23.2.8 NOCP Technical Committee

MOTION B. Baxter, S. Aggus

"To bring Policy Proposal 23.2.8 to the floor for discussion."

23.2.8 NOCP ~~Technical Committee~~ Working Group

CARRIED

23.4.3 Manuals

MOTION B. Baxter, M. Di Bari

"To bring Policy Proposal 23.4.3 to the floor for discussion."

23.4.3 The ~~Sector~~ ~~Officiating Committee~~ must ensure that these manuals are developed and disseminated to the officiating community in each MA. The development of these manuals is subject to the availability of finances, and the needs and priorities as established by the ~~Officiating~~ Committee.

CARRIED



24.2.8 National Championship Guiding Policy

MOTION S. Belanger, P. Magnan

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.2.8 to the floor for discussion.”

24.2.8 The National Championship schedules will be created by Lacrosse Canada within two (2) weeks of the deadline for payment of Team Registration Fees for every National Championship or Invitational Championship, after consultation with the Director of National Championships, the Host Convenor and the Sector Chair. The schedule will be released immediately to the appointed LC Convenor, the tournament OIC, the Host Convenor and all participating Member Associations.

S. Belanger gave rationale that host should already have floor booked so this should not be a concern and should not fall under this section. P. Magnan noted that schedule does need to be approved by LC, the host makes the schedule. S. Williams suggested defeating this and working on it in the background at the Operations Manual level.

DEFEATED

23.2.8.1 NOCP Technical Committee

MOTION B Baxter, S Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 23.2.8.1 to the floor for discussion.”

23.2.8.1 An NOCP technical-~~committee~~ **working group** will be created to complete tasks assigned to it.

23.2.8.2 The members of this ~~committee~~ **working group** will be appointed by the Officiating Committee Chair in consultation with the Board of Directors.

23.2.8.3 This ~~committee~~ **working group** will report back to the **Officiating** Committee.

23.2.8.4 The responsibilities of the NOCP Technical ~~Committee~~ **working group** include:

23.2.8.4.1 Continuous upgrading of technical material for the National Officiating Certification Program;

23.2.8.4.2 Ensure word smithing of rules is correct to eliminate confusion and ensure proper administration;

23.2.8.4.3 Continuous upgrading of current situations of Rules of Play as required;

23.2.8.4.4 Annual review of all documentation/forms placed on LC website for officiating.

CARRIED

24.3 Box Lacrosse National Championships and Competitions

S. Williams noted that we do not have to vote, just correct typo.

24.3.2.6.5 Awarding of National Championships

MOTION S. Aggus, B Baxter



“To bring Policy Proposal 24.3.2.6.5 to the floor for discussion.”

24.3.2.6.5 Awarding of Minor Championships-The selection of host for Minor Box National championships will follow odd years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and even years for the East (FNLA, QC, NB, NS, OLA PEI). The inability to host will not relegate the MA to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another MA in their East/West group.

T Rayner noted that NS is only province that put in a two year bid package. This policy contradicts her bid. It was noted that this is not a no, just not ready.

DEFEATED

24.4.3.1.1 Men’s Field Lacrosse National Championships and Competitions

MOTION S. Belanger, S Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.4.3.1.1 to the floor for discussion and make a friendly amendment to begin in 2027.”

24.4.3.1.1 The Senior Championships of Canada shall be conducted annually. More than one (1) representative team per MA league or province may participate per trophy (Ross Cup and Victory Cup).

S. Belanger noted that the rationale was the conflicts for players and officials so not competing for players. By allowing MA to send more than one club team, it will ensure that the tournament can happen.

CARRIED

24.4.3.4.1 Men’s Field Lacrosse National Championships and Competitions

MOTION S. Belanger, M Di Bari

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.4.3.4.1 to the floor for discussion.”

To be eligible to host a national championship when it is their turn in the rotation, an MA must have sent a team to that championship in the year prior. For purposes of hosting through the National Championship rotation, attendance at either the U19 or U17 age divisions constitutes the right to host in the determination of the tournament rotation.

S. Belanger proposed amendment to leave as is, Suzanne to write an amendment (chat with Donna) that MAs have to apply for exemption.

MOTION TO TABLE: M Di Bari, S. Belanger

24.5.5.1 Women’s Field Lacrosse National Championships



MOTION S. Belanger, M. Di Bari

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.5.5.1 to the floor for discussion.”

MOTION TO TABLE: S. Williams, M. Di Bari

24.6 Sixes National Championships

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

S Utting will circulate Wendy’s proposals

MOTION TO TABLE: M. Di Bari, S. Aggus

24.9.1.1 Major Box Registration Fees

MOTION to bring to floor: S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.9.1.1 to the floor for discussion.”

Competition	Fees	Notes
Presidents’ Cup	\$1,200 \$1,900	If multiple venues will be used, the entry fee may be increased by \$200 so the host can cover the expenses of an Assistant RIC and Convenor. A \$2,000 fine is to be charged for withdrawals after June 1 payable to LC. Should a host committee incur a financial loss in hosting the event as a direct result of a team withdrawing they may apply in writing with complete financial reporting to the Board of Directors at LC AGM for reimbursement equal to that of the fine collected.
Founders’ Cup	\$1,000 \$1,700 for single venue \$1,500 \$2,500 For 8 and 9 team events	A \$2,000 fine is to be charged for withdrawals after June 1 payable to LC. Should a host committee incur a financial loss in hosting the event as a direct result of a team withdrawing they may apply in writing with complete financial reporting to the Board of Directors at LC AM for reimbursement equal to that of the fine collected. \$1,000 -\$1,700 to be paid with Notice of Attendance and \$500 remainder to be paid on determination that the event will be comprised of 8 (or 9) teams
Junior Women’s	\$1,000 \$2,500	The \$1,000 \$2,500 registration fee will still be charged if there is a withdrawal after January 31st deadline



24.9.1.3 Non-refundable registration fees for Major National Championships shall be paid to LC Head Office on or before June 1 of each calendar year. ~~Non-refundable registration fees for all Minor Box Championships shall be paid to LC Office on or before April 30th of each calendar year.~~ LC will forward to each Host Committee the appropriate fees, ~~less 25%~~, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the championship or competition. ~~Junior Women's registration fee payment per 24.33.13.3.~~

S Belanger mentioned field is hit harder financially due to per diem piece.

CARRIED

24.9.2.1 Men's Field Registration Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, M. Di Bari

"To bring Policy Proposal 24.9.2.1 to the floor for discussion."

24.9.2.1 The fees for National Championships and Competitions are as follows:

- 24.9.2.1.1 Masters - ~~\$1,300~~ \$2,000
- 24.9.2.1.2 Senior Division I (P.D. Ross Trophy) - ~~\$1,300~~ \$2,000
- 24.9.2.1.3 Senior Division II (Victory Cup) - ~~\$1,300~~ \$2,000
- 24.9.2.1.4 Alumni Cup – U17, First Nations U19 - ~~\$1500~~ \$2,500
- 24.9.2.1.5 U15 - ~~\$1,100~~ \$1800

24.9.2.2 Registration fees shall be paid to LC Head Office on or before the date indicated in Appendix 25-13: LC Calendar of National Championships. LC Head Office will forward to each Host the appropriate fees, ~~less 25%~~, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event. ~~The total amount forwarded to the Host will be less the following:~~

- 24.9.2.2.1 ~~hosting fee(s)~~ Repealed
- 24.9.2.2.2 ~~medals~~ Repealed

CARRIED

24.9.3.1 Women's Field Registration Fees

MOTION S Belanger, S Aggus

"To bring Policy Proposal 24.9.3.1 to the floor for discussion."

24.9.3 For Women's Field Lacrosse National Championships

24.9.3.1 The entry fee is ~~\$1500.00~~-\$2,500 for Senior events and ~~\$1500.00~~-\$2,500 for Junior events.

24.9.3.2 Registration fees shall be paid to LC Head Office on or before the date indicated in Appendix 25-13: LC Calendar of National Championships. LC shall forward to each Host the appropriate fees, ~~less 25%~~, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event. A team which fails to adhere to the registration deadline may forfeit an opportunity to participate in the event.



CARRIED

24.9.3.3 Women's Field Registration Fees

MOTION S Belanger, S Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.9.3.3 to the floor for discussion.”

24.9 REGISTRATION FEES

24.9.3 For Women's Field Lacrosse National Championships

24.9.3.3 Withdrawal from an event after Notice of Attendance is filed, as per Appendix 25-13, will result in forfeiture of the entry fee plus a fine to a maximum of \$1000. The entry fee will remain with the Host MA, and the fine will be used to off-set costs incurred by the Host MA and other participating MAs. The forfeiture fine amount will be levied ~~by the Director of Domestic Competitions~~ within 30 days of the competition. Decisions regarding distribution of the forfeiture fine will be decided ~~by the Director of Domestic Competition~~ in consultation with the Host Convenor, and distributed to the affected MAs within 45 days of the competition

CARRIED

24.9.4 Sixes Nationals Reg Fees

TABLED

24.10.3.3 Registration Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.10.3.3 to the floor for discussion.”

24.10.3 For Men's Field Lacrosse Championships and Competitions

24.10.3.3 LC logo is to be placed on all ~~junior U19~~ and ~~midget-U17~~ jerseys for the National Championships. The location is to be the front left shoulder, size is to be 3 inches minimum and it will be the same as LC logo as it appears on LC letterhead. The color of this LC logo must be contrasting to the color of the jersey.

CARRIED

24.10.5 Team Roster Notification Sixes

MOTION S. Aggus, L. Hawke

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.10.5 to the floor for discussion.”

24.10.5 For Sixes Lacrosse Championships and Competitions



24.10.5.1 The rosters shall be limited to a maximum of fourteen (14) players. The number of players dressed for each game shall be governed by the rules of Sixes Lacrosse as issued by World Lacrosse.
24.10.5.2 The completed Team Registration Form (TRF), signed by the MA and the appropriate LC Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability Waiver and Code of Conduct forms in same order as the names appear on the TRF, must be brought to Pre- Competition meeting prior to tournament, or, filed electronically with LC forty-eight hours prior to the start of the Pre-Competition meeting. The number of players dressed for each game shall be governed by the rules of Sixes Lacrosse as issued by World Lacrosse.

24.10.5.2.1 Failure to submit the TRF signed by the MA and Waiver Forms by the Pre-Competition meeting will result in a fine of \$500 charged to the offending team's MA.

With the following exception:

24.10.5.2.1.1 Players who appear on the Roster, who do not have a signed waiver at the meeting due to the fact that they have not yet arrived, will not result in a fine.

24.10.5.2.2 The team will not be eligible to compete in the event until the TRF has been submitted to LC Convenor. No player or bench personnel may play or participate until a LC Waiver and Code of Conduct Form has been submitted to LC Convenor

24.10.5.3 Uniform colours will be consistent with those adopted for Minor Box Nationals. Teams participating in uniforms that are not consistent with this policy will result in a \$500.00 fine.

TABLED

24.12.3 LC Convenor

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

"To bring Policy Proposal 24.12.3 to the floor for discussion."

24.12 LC CONVENORS

24.12.1 LC Convenor is the representative of LC at the Championship. The Director National Championships in consultation with the Board of Directors, host MA and the appropriate Sector Chairperson appoint LC Convenors. That appointed LC Convenor may appoint an Assistant LC Convenor to assist him/her at all National Championships, preferably from the Host MA in consultation with the Host MA.

24.12.2 LC Convenor is responsible to LC for the decisions made on behalf of the Association. The nominee should be drawn from (in order of precedence): LC Board of Directors, MA Presidents, or Sector Chairpersons. If no candidate is available from those individuals, the Host MA should be asked to provide the



name of a prominent and respected member of the lacrosse community.
24.12.3 LC Convenor appointment is to be made ~~by the National Championships Committee~~ no later than April 1st, ~~unless a later date is specified in a sanction agreement.~~

CARRIED

24.13.3 RIC or UIC

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.13.3 to the floor for discussion.”

24.13.1 The RIC or UIC is responsible to and reports directly to LC Convenor. They serve as the technical resource for LC Convenor.

24.13.2 The RIC or UIC is a representative of LC at the competition. The RIC for National Championships or Competition is appointed by the Director National Championships, in consultation with the host MA the Officiating Committee Chair and the appropriate Sector Chair.

24.13.3 The RIC appointment to be made ~~by the National Championships Committee in consultation with the Host and Chair of the Officiating Committee~~ no later than April 1st ~~unless a later date is specified in a sanction agreement.~~

CARRIED

24.14.7.4 Match Penalty

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.14.7.4 to the floor for discussion.”

24.14.7.4 Any player who receives a Match penalty shall be suspended for ~~three (3)~~ two (2) games at a minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.

M. Di Bari noted that in future Officiating should have input on this.

DEFEATED

24.16.4 and 24.33.19.1 Transportation

MOTION S. Belanger, M. Shearer

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.16.4 and 24.33.19.1 to the floor for discussion.”



24.16 TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAMS, LC CONVENOR, LC RIC, AND REFEREES

24.16.4 Teams are responsible for their own transportation during the championship,
~~with the exception of box minor nationals (as stated in policy 24.33.19)~~

24.33 MINOR NATIONALS

24.33.19 Transportation

24.33.19.1 ~~To be arranged by Host Committee, transportation will be provided from the Official Residence to the event. Repealed.~~

CARRIED

24.17.1.6 & 24.33.4.5 Officials

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.17.1.6 & 24.33.4.5 to the floor for discussion.”

24.17 OFFICIALS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

24.17.1.6 The Host Committee is responsible for the following expenses for Officials:

Item	Fees	Notes
Accommodation		1 room/2 Officials - see note Note 1 below
Per Diem		As per LC Guidelines – see Note 2 below but Excludes Minor Box, Men's Field, and Women's Field
Game Fee Sr. A - Box	\$375 \$525	3 officials x \$150/Official + \$75/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Sr. B – Box	\$250 \$350	3 officials x \$100/Official + \$50/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Jr. A – Box	\$250 \$350	3 officials x \$100/Official + \$50/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Jr. B – Box	\$200 \$280	3 officials x \$80/Official + \$40/standby Official for each game
Game Fee – Masters Field	\$105	3 officials x \$35/Official for each game
Game Fee – Sr. Men's Field	\$160	4 officials x \$40/Official for each game

Note 1: If an official wishes to have single accommodations, stay at a location other than the option provided by the Host, or have spouse or spousal equivalent included, the Host shall make the arrangements. The official shall pay all costs and be reimbursed by the Host to half the room rate of the accommodation where the official would have stayed



Note 2: Per diem must be paid at the start of the event. Meal allowance per 13.10.8, corrected for meals provided with the hotel stay if applicable. The payment method must be agreed-upon between the Host Committee and OIC.

AND

24.33 MINOR NATIONALS

24.33.4 Referees

24.33.4.5 ~~Host to supply meals or per diem.~~ Per diem per 24.17.1.6.

S. Belanger noted that the goal of this was to harmonize fees. Typo noted by B Baxter, 440 should be 160 (Sr Mens Field).

CARRIED

24.17.1.8.1-8 Official Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, L. Hawke

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.17.1.8.1-8 to the floor for discussion.”

24.17.1.8 LC is responsible for all Minor Box/Female Box and Minor Field/Female Field Lacrosse National Championships officials game fees as follows:

24.17.1.8.1 Female Box (U22) - \$40/official/game – 2 officials. If standby used, \$20/game.

24.17.1.8.2 U17 Box (Male/Female) - \$35/official/game – 2 officials. If standby is used, \$17.50/game.

24.17.1.8.3 U15 Box (Male/Female) - \$35/official/game – 2 officials. If standby is used, \$17.50/game.

24.17.1.8.4 U13 Box - \$35/official/game – 2 officials. If standby is used, \$17.50/game.

24.17.1.8.5 U19 Men’s Field - \$40/official/game – 4 officials

24.17.1.8.6 U17 Men’s Field- \$40/official/game – 4 officials

24.17.1.8.7 U15 Men’s Field - \$40/official/game – 3 officials

24.17.1.8.8 Women’s Field - \$40/official/game – 4 officials

T Rayner noted that these are all 2025. P Magnan noted that we need to explain the 25%.

CARRIED

24.33.5 Minor Nationals

MOTION S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.33.5 to the floor for discussion.”

24.33.5 Game Structure

24.33.5.3 ~~Peewee-U13~~

24.33.5.3.1 3-15 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.

24.33.5.4 ~~Bantam-U15~~

24.33.5.4.1 3-17 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.



24.33.5.5 **Midget U17**

24.33.5.5.1 3-20 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.

CARRIED

24.33.13.1 Minor Nationals Entry Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, P. Magnan

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.33.13.1 to the floor for discussion.”

24.33.13 Entry Fees

24.33.13.1 ~~\$1600.00~~ **\$2500** per team commitment to be made by January 31st, non refundable

fee to be paid by April 30th. (if you decide you can not commit after your January 31st deadline the MA will be charged the entry fee.)

NEW

24.33.13.3

Non-refundable registration fees for all Minor Box Championships shall be paid to LC Office on or before April 30th of each calendar year. LC will forward to each Host Committee the appropriate fees, less 25%, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the championship or competition.

CARRIED

Appendix 27-2

MOTION S. Belanger, L. Hawke

“To bring Policy Proposal Appendix 27-2 to the floor for discussion.”

Appendix 25-2 -Typo in title (says “27-2”). Change to 25-2

CARRIED

Appendix 25-5

MOTION to bring to floor: S. Belanger, B. Baxter

“To bring Policy Proposal Appendix 25-5 to the floor for discussion.”

Appendix 25-5 - Notice of attendance at National Championships. The form uses the



"<Even>U" nomenclature. Needs to change to "U<Odd>>".

CARRIED

Appendix 25-10

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

"To bring Policy Proposal Appendix 25-10 to the floor for discussion."

Appendix 25-10 - Championship Trophy Agreement. This form has the wrong references to the Ops Manual. It should be 24.20.2 to 24.20.4 rather than 24.21.2 to 24.21.4.

CARRIED

Appendix 25-13

MOTION S. Belanger, M. Di Bari

"To bring Policy Proposal Appendix 25-13 to the floor for discussion."

Appendix 25-13 - Need to be amended to replace peewee/bantam/midget with the numerical names, and fix the U<Odd> vs <Even>U for nomenclature.

- Update age range for 17U (to 15-16)
- need to add a title to the dangling second table: That's the National Championships tournament format for Men's Field.

S. Belanger noted that if Sixes goes through, it needs to be added.

TABLED M Di Bari, S Belanger.

Rule 20

MOTION M. Di Bari, S. Aggus

"To bring Rule Change 20 to the floor for discussion."

P Magnan propose that this goes back to Sectors (Officials, Box) and get information back to the Board for AGM 2024 with same duration as they would otherwise.

S Utting to send out info to those that were not present to switch Sunday's meeting to 9 am.

10. Sponsorship/Marketing Update



M Di Bari gave update on Sponsorships in report. It was noted that WestJet, Air Canada and Hertz are giving codes. Rick is reviewing proposal from Dunbar Medical. M. Di Bari will continue to work hard, despite not having certain stats. M. Di Bari has drafted an RFP based on groups that want to participate in RFP. M. Shearer suggested table categorizing each of the sponsors.

Action: Kealan and Marisa have a list that they will share of all of the sponsors.

11. National Championships

S. Belanger gave an update on Trial runs.

1. LC Manual has conflicting rules for roster size for Women's Field. Proposal for one year trial to dress 22. M. Di Bari mentioned that some MAs have already made their teams, so it is not fair to put this in place now.
2. To change Nationals Minor Box format which will take the championship from 5 days to 4 days, which will remove 20% of ref and floor costs.
3. It was noted that there needs to be better documentation for overage approval.

S. Belanger noted that there are very few 2025 hosting bids. Minor Box will be LNS for two years, Founders will be ALA and Minto will be OLA. If there is no one in right section of country wanting to do it, it could go back to others. P. Magnan suggested we table and reconvene Sunday.

12. National Teams

M Shearer mentioned final camps coming up for Women's Teams. U20 Women's team going to Hong Kong and Box teams to travel to Utica in Fall 2024. Final rosters are still pending. U20 Men's teams tryouts will be underway June/July 2024. T. Rayner noted that there have been conversations with Own the Podium to get a Strategic path in place for the Olympics.

13. CLF Next Steps

Already have a plan for CLF in minutes.

MOTION: S. Aggus.

"to adjourn meeting"

Meeting was concluded at 7:07 PM EST



**LC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 26 2024**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM EST by S. Williams.

Board:	Shawn Williams	President
	Paul Magnan	Director Administration
	Marisa Di Bari	Director Marketing & Communications
	Suzanne Belanger	Director National Championships
	Matt Shearer	Director High Performance
	Lesley Hawke	Athlete Director
	Bryan Baxter	Director Domestic Development
	Kevin Sandy	Indigenous Director
	Sean Aggus	Director at Large
	Abby Macdonald	Director at Large
Staff:	Terry Rayner	Interim Executive Director
	Sarah Utting	Administration Coordinator (recorder)
	Ashley Bull	High Performance Coordinator
	Kealan Pilon	Communications Coordinator
Absent:	Sean O'Callaghan	Director at Large
	Wendy Dobbin	Technical Director

S Williams looked for clarification on what the plan is for the Special Meeting of the Members. M. Di Bari made point for future Special Meeting of the Members about sticking to time frame by sending questions ahead of time to stay on track. It was noted that only person that can speak is the voting member at the meeting. S Williams noted that only the voting member will be able to speak and that there will not be a split of votes as it is not conducive to a virtual meeting.

S. Belanger noted that for anything in Section 3-17, unless it threatens image, has financial ramifications or safety ramifications, BOD cannot overturn.



B. Baxter advised that the Board shouldn't be filling the vacant Director position on the Board without Member Council approval.

1. Office Update

M. Di Bari gave update that Board is happy with the state of the office. With Jane's departure, an announcement will be created for Jane. The Board will be extending interim ED to Terry Rayner. Board will be working to support staff in transition.

2. Policy Change Approval (continued).

18.4.10 Limits on Imports in Senior B

MOTION M. Di Bari, S. Aggus

K Sandy gave update that FNLA tried to speak with the OLA originally. There needs to be more clarification from FNLA. Intent is to try and level the playing field due to number of Professionals playing in President's Cup. S. Aggus noted that issue is that they sit in 3 jurisdictions. It was noted that this was not passed at the Box Sector meeting. P. Magnan noted we should call on Randy Trobak to get further information.

MOTION TO TABLE M. Di Bari

24.4.3.1.1 Men's Field Lacrosse National Championships and Competitions

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

"To bring Policy Proposal 24.4.3.1.1 back to the floor for discussion."

24.4.3.4.1 (REMOVE)

To be eligible to host a national championship when it is their turn in the rotation, an MA must have sent a team to that championship in the year prior. For purposes of hosting through the National Championship rotation, attendance at either the U19 or U17 age divisions constitutes the right to host in the determination of the tournament rotation.

S. Belanger noted that Men's Field approved this. T. Rayner noted that there are not a lot of bids coming in, so might be good to open up the requirements. S. Belanger noted that Men's Field passed, Women's field passed with amendment to say "Within past two years"

CARRIED

24.5.5.1 Women's Field Lacrosse National Championships

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus



“To bring Policy Proposal 24.5.5.1 to the floor for discussion.”

24.5.5.1 The selection of host for Women’s Field National championship will follow even years ~~(adjusted as per when a decision is made on the odd or even year Alberta then Nova Scotia host Nationals) and~~ in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and odd years for the East (FNLA, QC, NB, NS, OLA PEI). The inability to host will not relegate the MA to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another MA in their East/West group. ~~The MA must participate in the previous year Championship in order to be eligible to host.~~

S. Belanger noted that there was an amendment for every two years at Sector.

CARRIED

3. Steve Indig – Sport Law

Steve Indig gave presentation on new governance. He noted requirements that were shared with Board prior to meetings. Key notes include the 40% independence, gender quotas, recommendation to shift from portfolio based to Director at Large and that voting structure should have votes in the best interest of whole group. S. Indig noted the need for flexibility as needs are always changing.

It was advised that this would get approved at a Special Meeting of the Members prior to the AM to support AM voting. S. Aggus noted confusion around decision making is the issue that needs to be addressed. S. Indig noted that the current structure gives MAs a lot of control in decision making on rules and policies.

S. Belanger noted concern of voting in individuals that weren’t necessarily the right person for the role. S. Indig advised that this could be potentially avoided by vetting candidates through nominations committee, job descriptions, resumes etc.

M. Shearer noted that we need to commit to hiring staff if we are offloading responsibilities to them and need to be clear on the vision for both the Board and staff. S. Indig also noted the importance of getting the members up to speed on changes. P. Magnan agreed that it is important that Abby and Sean are informed when they go to the Member Council to give info. S. Aggus asked for slides to go to membership.

4. Policy Change Approval (continued).

24.6 Sixes National Championships

MOTION S. Belanger, S. Aggus

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.6 to the floor for discussion.”



S. Belanger asked for clarification on language and that they changed deadline. S. Belanger asked them to remove fee language because it is somewhere else so if the fees ever change, it has to be changed in both places.

M. Shearer noted caution around Sixes being fully in charge and using the word “govern” as we are trying to get the decision making and power to staff with insight. Instead, it was advised that new Governance structure will leverage knowledge and power of members to advise staff. M. Shearer noted also that there needs to be more Sixes taught in provinces and focus on grassroots and as LC is not in a financial position to run another National Championship.

MOTION TO AMEND

“To fix typo in 24.6.725-13 from 25-12 and take out 24.6.1”

S. Belanger noted that the goal should be to continue to work with the Sixes sector to come up with something for 2025 for future development.

DEFEATED

24.9.4 Sixes Nationals Reg Fees

MOTION S. Belanger, M. Di Bari

“To bring Policy Proposal 24.9.4 to the floor for discussion.”

DEFEATED

Rule 20, 39, Senior & Junior Application and Modification

MOTION S. Aggus, L. Hawke

“To bring Rule Change 20 to the floor for discussion.”

S. Aggus gave update that this was approved at the Box Sector. It was noted that this needs to be approved by Officiating and Coaching as per Appendix 27-2. This was tabled until after July 17th. The office to send out to Officiating and Coaching to give response back by July 17th.

TABLED

B. Baxter also noted that there were policies brought forward at Major Box meeting in reference to Sr A deadlines and requirements.

5. Sector Chairs Report to Board



Coaching Sector

Roxanne Curtis noted most information in report. There was a presentation in the Sector meeting on the contact study that was done for LC. The Coaching Committee is in unanimous support of moving forward with rule changes. The sector is also happy that Wendy Dobbin is staying on with LC.

Men's Field Sector

Dirk Rachfall gave an update. ALA and PEI were not present at the Sector meeting (28/31 votes present). It was noted that age exemption should be considered.

Sector votes were as follows:

10.1- Defeated 8-20. Sector felt that younger age groups should not have to go through this.
24.4.3.1 → Carried 28-0
24.17.1.6 → Carried 28-0
24.17 → Carried 28-0
24.2.8 → Carried 28-0
24.4.3.4.1 → Carried 22-6

Sector chair election occurred, with no nominations submitted. Nomination from the floor was for Dirk Rachfall, who declined. S Williams noted that the Board would look for new chair.

Women's Field Sector

Heidi Bates gave an update. A challenge for recruitment and small player pools was noted as families have to make decisions when there are overlaps between box and field, especially in smaller MAs. No one came forward to be host for 2025 in the East.

Sector votes were as follows:

10.1 → Defeated
24.5.5.1 → Carried with an amendment to the amendment to state that you have to host in one of the past two years.
24.9.3.1 → Suggested amendment to bring the entry fee to \$2000 instead of \$2500

Sector chair election occurred. H. Bates was nominated, elected in acclimation. It was noted that OIC Hanna Burnett has been great. There was suggestion to make SAGM over a long period of time to have fewer meetings each day and to go on weekends/evenings. T. Rayner suggested that Sectors meet 2 weeks before the SAGM to submit info to Board ahead of time.

Sixes Sector



Wendy Cuthbert gave an update. It was noted that LC needs to rethink how sector meetings are laid out when shifting to online as it was a long day for some. 10 MAs attended (NFLD was absent).

Sector votes were as follows:

- 10.1 → Ruled as out of order. BC brought to floor for 2/3 majority vote. This was Defeated.
- 24.6 → Approved with changes, which were sent to LC.
- 24.6.6 → Removed
- 24.9 → Approved with changes, which were sent to LC.
- 24.9.4.2 → Approved with changes, which were sent to LC.
- 24.10 → Approved with amendment to add Sixes National Championships

The group also discussed rule changes coming out of WL Assembly and the proposed July 17 education plan. Sector has been told if they want to continue to run as Education program and had MAs express interest.

Sector chair election occurred. Randy Clough has stepped down for personal reasons so looking for a new co chair. W. Cuthbert was nominated, elected in acclamation.

Box Sector

Chris Gallop and Randy Trobak gave an update. Box sector will be using Teams instead of Zoom for meetings. It was noted that the number one concern currently is parent behaviour, so looking at strategies to manage that. Only one bid for 2025 Minor Nationals for Lacrosse NS. 2026 Minor Nationals will have U17 back in. Asking board to approve 1 year trial of new championship format.

Goaltender specifications were brought forward by BC based on a number of equipment exemptions that they have received. Discussion over gender-based equipment as groups are spending a lot of time on age exemptions.

Sector votes were as follows:

- 10.1 → Defeated
- 18.4.10 → Defeated
- 24.2.8 → Carried
- 23.3.2.6.5 → Carried, with proposed amendment to come into effect in 2027 to allow for groups that have already hosted.
- 24.9 → Carried
- 24.12 → Carried
- 24.14.7.4 → Carried
- 24.16 → Carried
- 24.17,24.33 → Carried



24.17 → Carried with note that it should say 2025.

24.9.1.1 → Carried

Rule 20 → Carried

Rule 39 → Carried

Senior & Junior Application and Modification → Carried, with Amendment to add Junior A.

Randy Trobak gave a Major Box update. The tampering problem was discussed and R. Trobak will send out message to stop this immediately. R. Trobak added two additional updates of Major Box proposed rules from BCLA.

1. BCLA: Senior A moving WLA to a Type 2 team. Gave presentation. This was moved and passed. WLA team at Mann Cup pick up 3 players. R. Trobak will add to minutes.
2. Asked to move signing of Junior A players from July 20 to July 15. Released by and signed by July 10 are now the final dates. Discussions around moving to a 3 year bid process. Ontario is going to give bid for 2025 Presidents Cup.

Officiating Sector

Steve O'Shaughnessy gave an update. Representation from all MAs at meeting except NFLD. S. O'Shaughnessy noted reformation of NOCP working group for box and to have names presented for that. The Sector would like to put in place the master coach conductor program for Sixes (experts to teach learning facilitators) and is looking to revamp Box master coach conductors, with goal to have 1 in each of MAs.

S. O'Shaughnessy noted that the Officiating Committee meeting did not receive Rule Changes. In future they would like to know about rule changes to be able to comment. OICs are chosen and approved for Nationals. Notification to be sent out by LC office to have names put forward for Nationals for officials. There was discussion of reducing number of officials at Nationals. Canada Games 2025 would like to have officials in place around Nov 2024. Good selection of individuals going to Women's Field U20 Worlds. Work is being done to approve box officials to Worlds as they have asked for more officials, but there is a need to look at budget. B. Baxter noted that we need to look at MCDs that can have knowledge across multiple disciplines.

6. Canada Games Update

T. Rayner gave an update. P. Magnan raised concerns about getting everyone coaching certifications based on 2022 Canada Games. B. Baxter gave update that there are policies in place to help with this and that they are on the right track.

7. Sixes Sector Proposal

B. Baxter gave an update and clarified that he did not support this proposal, but just agreed with the idea in principle. B. Baxter proposed that LC puts out a request to MAs for potential MCCs and MCDs



by July 1st. Roxanne Curtis, Wendy Cuthbert and Steve O'Shaughnessy will review and make recommendation to the Board at July meeting. Then, the goal is to train them in October. B. Baxter noted that they are going on with the event and that is not a Lacrosse Canada event.

8. Other Business

S. Belanger noted proposals for Nationals Hosts for 2025.

MOTION S. Aggus, L. Hawke

“To award 2025 Founders Cup to Calgary Shamrocks.”

S. Belanger noted that for the Founders Cup 2025 there is no statement that facilities and hotels are set for that date.

MOTION S. Belanger, P. Magnan

“To award 2025 and 2026 Minor Nationals to Nova Scotia.”

S. Belanger asked what policy says about multi year hosting. T. Rayner noted that no other MAs have had opportunity to bid for 2026.

MOTION TO AMMEND L. Hawke, B. Baxter

“To award 2025 Minor Nationals to Nova Scotia.”

CARRIED

Sector Chair Follow up

B. Baxter will convey message to S. O Shaughnessy of next steps. M. Di Bari asked about Sixes Co Chair roles as Randy Clough's co chair position needs to be filled.

T. Rayner noted that Randy stepped down due to conflict of interest with business. It was noted that Sixes TOR needs to be approved. Discussion over TORs needing to be approved

MOTION: S. Williams

“to adjourn meeting”

Meeting was concluded at 11:47 AM EST