

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF THE FURY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

**Held:** December 9th, 2024

**Location:** Zoom

**Present:** As per Roll Call given below

**Chair:** Eric Contreras

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Eric Contreras.

**Roll Call**

Cheryl Barnabe, Secretary began the meeting by taking a roll call for the record to determine the members attending the Fury Lacrosse 2024 AGM.

The following people were confirmed to be in attendance.

Eric Contreras  
Janice Redmond  
Melanie Miskulin  
Cheryl Barnabe  
Malcolm Strachan  
Carmen Chudleigh  
Sean Mulholland  
Ardith Lester  
Crystal Crawford  
Daina Wasdal  
Shee Lillejord  
Kelly Mantei (Executive Director)

**Approval of Agenda**

Eric Contreras asked for any additions to the agenda, and a motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION**

To approve the Fury Lacrosse 2024 AGM Agenda as presented. Motion put forward by Malcolm Strachan. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janice Redmond. All in favor. None against. None abstaining. The Fury Lacrosse 2024 AGM Agenda was approved unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes from previous AGM – December 14, 2023**

**MOTION**

To approve the Fury Lacrosse 2023 AGM Minutes as presented. Motion put forward by Sean Mulholland. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Malcolm Strachan. All in favor. None against. None abstaining. The Fury Lacrosse 2023 AGM Minutes were approved unanimously.

**2024 Report – Eric Contreras**

Eric Contreras presented an update on the 2024 Fury Lacrosse season.

**Registration** in the 2024 season was up 12% (increase in athletes from 305 to 343; 17 teams to 20). This is a 34% increase from 256 players in 2022. However, there is a large graduating group, with over 50% of U17 (44 players) moving out of minor lacrosse. Efforts for recruitment were emphasized on younger groups and goaltenders. U7/U9 grew in numbers as the Lil Roughnecks camp format. U11 doubled from 2 teams to 4. Much of the success can be attributed to the work of many to set up and run multiple try-it clinics. Recruiting goalies is always a challenge. This year we gave a 50% registration discount to goalies which provided a few more to dedicate being full time goalies. We committed to buying new goalie equipment for the safety and confidence of our goalies. Previously, we relied on donated gear from other clubs. We are committed to continue to build an inventory to accommodate all ages and sizes of goalies. New goalie bags to build the brand of the Fury were purchased. Goaltending specific coaching was available, and many took full advantage.

**Communication and branding** - We focused on our presence on social media and the Fury website. This includes club communication, exposure of our athletes and awareness of all lacrosse from Jr teams, Provincial teams, National teams, alumni exposure, graduating Fury players and current Fury/ALA teams of our athletes in league/tournament play.

Roughnecks featured a game themed “Girls in the Game” during Marvel Superhero night March 22nd. Provided amazing exposure to our club, athletes, former athletes, volunteers and females playing lacrosse in general.

**Tiering** - The decision was made that 6 teams would be the threshold to create a tiered model in any age division. Partways through evaluations we realized that sufficient registrations in U15 meant that threshold was met. We tried our best to communicate as clear as possible to the membership and gave opportunity for players to opt out of the competitive division. Of those open to competitive, the players were strictly chosen from evaluation data. While there were mixed opinions, the vast majority of feedback were highly positive by the end of the season. We will uphold this approach for U13 to U17 going forward to provide the opportunity to all athletes in the Fury enjoyment, confidence and engagement to play at an appropriate level of play. It did present challenges such as with tournaments and Provincials. We were highly supported by the CDLA and most importantly had the support, understanding and patience of our Fury families to overcome the challenges and focus on the enjoyment and experience of our athletes. ALA and GELC are aware of the room for improvement.

**Coaching Feedback** – 95 survey responses received with very valuable honest feedback.

### **Girls Rock**

- Age groups: U11/U13/U15/U17
- U15 Competitive + Development tiers
- 34 teams registered in total. Increase of 2 teams vs prior year of 32 (6% over 2023)
- 1 BC team (Burnaby) registered in U11 age group
- New 4-game format for all age groups with an even number of teams

Business partners

- NEW: Apparel: Times 2 Promotions
  - NEW: Photography Services: Dave Watling Photography
  - Returning Partners: Kona Ice, Deerfoot Inn & Casino, Sure Stay Suites, Blackfoot Inn
- Successful tournament with goals to continue to improve including more out of town teams, more overall teams and in tournament recognition events.

**Travel Teams** - Select teams – Initial intent was to play in BC then in Canada Day against the GELC.

- U13 came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in BC. In Canada Day Tournament, played in boys B. Finished tied for 6<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams going 1-2-1
- U15 came in 4<sup>th</sup> in BC. In Canada Day Tournament, played in boys B. Finished in 4<sup>th</sup> losing in bronze medal game
- U17 won in BC. Only B teams entered as Trevor Wingrove Tournament is one week earlier and drew the BC A teams

**Competitions** - Provincials – 1 team in each division

- U13 – 2 teams in a 3-game series. Came in 2<sup>nd</sup>
- U15 – 3 teams. Dev with affiliates. Came in 3<sup>rd</sup>
- U17 – 3 teams. Affiliates. Came in 2<sup>nd</sup>

Several Fury athletes and alumni competed as members of Team Alberta

Team AB U17 Box – 14 including red shirts - First time winning silver at nationals

Team AB U19 Field – 3 including red shirts plus many alumni - First time winning Silver at nationals

Team AB U22 Box – Many alumni who won their 2nd National Championship, back-to-back. Congrats to our own Coaching director who led this group

Prairie Cup – U13 – 3, U15 – 10 – both came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Thank you** to all of the board members, club volunteers, Fury parents, families and athletes in their contribution to continue to support the club.

#### MOTION

To approve the 2024 President's Report as presented. Motion put forward by Malcolm Strachan. 2nd by Sean Mulholland. All in favor. None against. None abstaining. The 2024 President's Report was approved unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Malcolm Strachan**

Malcolm Strachan presented the Treasurer's report. Draft unaudited income statement for the year ended August 31, 2024 were presented.

Overall there was a net gain of about \$12,000 from increased registration fees and Girls Rock revenue. The association is in good position to cover fee increases coming from CLA and ALA, as well as to continue to replace goalie equipment, jerseys and evaluation pinnies.

#### **Elections for Open Positions, in the following order**

#### MOTION

No nominees received for role of President in advance of the meeting. Eric Contreras agrees to let his name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Eric Contreras elected by acclamation.

MOTION

No nominees received for role of VP Minor in advance of the meeting. Mel Miskulin agrees to let her name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Mel Miskulin elected by acclamation.

MOTION

No nominees received for role of Secretary in advance of the meeting. Cheryl Barnabe agrees to let her name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Cheryl Barnabe elected by acclamation.

MOTION

No nominees received for role of Director of Coaching in advance of the meeting. Robin Finley agrees to let his name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Robin Finley elected by acclamation.

MOTION

No nominees received for role of Director of Discipline in advance of the meeting. Ardith Lester agrees to let her name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Ardith Lester elected by acclamation.

MOTION

No nominees received for role of Director of Recruiting in advance of the meeting. Sean Mulholland agrees to let his name stand. No other names were put forward as nominees for this position. Sean Mulholland elected by acclamation.

Eric thanks all on the board for their work, and continuing to support the association. The Fury Board welcomes offers for help from the general membership for any roles they are interested in supporting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION

Motion to adjourn by Mel Miskulin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Malcolm Strachan. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Barnabe, Secretary