



2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT



SLA VIRTUAL MEETING PROCESS

ROLL CALL/CHECK IN – Delegates/Observers will need to register by using the Chat Function to state their full name and what MA/AMA they are Associated with. Failure to do this will result in an attendee’s attendance not being recorded on the AGM Minutes. SLA President will do a verbal roll call of the pre-registered voting delegates who can use the Hand Raise function to signal they are present at roll call.

MAKING A MOTIONS – To make a motion or second a motion, delegates can use the hand raise function or unmute to say Motion/Secord.

APPROVAL OF MOTIONS – When voting please use the Hand Raise function.

QUESTIONS – If any delegates have a question, they would like addressed they can do one of the following actions:

- Q & A Box - Delegates can put their questions in the Chat Box.
- Raise Their Hand – Utilizing the Raise Hand Function delegates can “Raise Their Hand” and the moderator will unmute the individual.
- Text – anyone having issues with those two options can text “Question” and their name/MA/AMA, and the question to 306.541.3738 and the moderator will bring the question forward on their behalf.

ELECTIONS

- Nominations – nominations were to be submitted one-week hours prior to the start of the 2021 AGM so nominations will not be accepted from the floor.
- Voting – Voting will be done by Microsoft Forms

For virtual meetings to be successful, it is crucial that there is respect and common curtesy used. Even when frustrated, delegates should discuss topics in a positive tone and bring forward their opinion on topics in a professional manner. Anyone not following the Virtual Process or whomever the SLA President feel is acting unprofessional will be removed from the meetings.



GENERAL INFORMATION



RUSH FUNDING BREAKDOWN

- **REVENUE**

- General Donation - \$100,000
- Try Lacrosse Program Sponsorship - \$15,000
- Team Sask Sponsorship - \$20,000
- Scholarship Sponsorship - \$5000

- **EXPENSES**

- Try Lacrosse Program - \$15,000
- Team Sask Sponsorship - \$25,000
- Previously Owed Funds (previous ownership) Write Off - \$24,000
- Lax Day in Saskatchewan - \$5500
- Indigenous Development - \$8000
- Female Development - \$5000
- Provincial Championships/Festivals - \$20,000
- Coaching Development (Free Clinics) - \$10,500
- Officiating Development (Free Clinics) - \$4600
- Provincial League Development - \$2400
- Club Assistance - \$20,000



2022 SLA BOX PROVINCIAL'S CONVENORS REPORT

2022 CONVENORS

Brad Chappell – 16U Division (House)
Mandy Currie – 14U Division (A and House)
Chris Lesanko – 12U Division (A)
Jason Achtemichuk – 12U (House)
Jeff Shattler – 16U (A)
Bridget Pottle (SLA Executive Director) – Assisted in all Divisions

2022 RIC'S

Brendan Boyle (SLA RIC)
Devon Hack (Senior Official)

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The 2022 Box Provincials was a success, coming out of COVID AND starting a new Provincial format we could not have asked for a better event. There were 33 teams that competed in three divisions (A, B, and C). The A Division seen teams from the Box A League come out, and the House Provincials were split into B and C sides, with teams being seeded based on how man double carded athletes they had.

The new format really has the most participation then ever, allowing all teams to enter is giving every athlete a chance to take part. While there was some disappointment about not being able to submit All Star teams similar to the old format, this allowed for participation from all teams, not just one per Association. It was great to have all the teams back on the floor and have just short of a WEEK of amazing Lacrosse!

EVALUATION OF HOST ASSOCIATION

The Host Association, Moose Jaw Lacrosse did a phenomenal job, led by Jill McKee the host put on a first class event. There was always someone there to help and made sure that all the officials and volunteers had enough snacks and beverages during the day. The hotel blocks that were set up made things easy for teams to make arrangement and you could feel the community support of the event the entire time. We look forward to another great event in Moose Jaw next year.



COMPETITION

Setting things up differently this year and having B Side Finals and C Side Finals for House gave every teams a chance to play for medal, regardless of where in their development the team was at, this year due to not everyone being on RAMP with games and stats, and so many divided thoughts on double carding, the seeding was based on how many double carded players a team had. Everyone started out on the same playing Field, and then based on wins and loses would either play for B side or C side. In the future the plan is to have these division completely separated to keep play even. There was some disappointment as stated above about teams not being able to combine completely similar to the old format (if an MA had less than 55 players in a division they could submit an All Star team). All the convenors agree that allowing that would have had negative effects on the event and created heavy uneven play, especially since no MA had more than 55 players in a division, this would mean everyone could enter an All-Star team in the A Division and House event. By allowing teams to enter their teams in the new format it created an accessible event. Due to COVID teams were allowed to pick up 5 players to fill roster spots on their team instead of the typical 3, this was done to help ensure teams had enough players to enter teams, while some teams did use this properly, unfortunately there were quite a few teams that used this opportunity to pick up a bunch of extra double carded players, while their regular season players sat out. Going forward, if MA's that have multiple teams wish to combine, the convenors agreed they could enter their team in the A Division, and then enter their regular teams in the House event, providing they didn't take players off regular season A teams. With the A division being on different days there is no conflict. Overall, the games were close, and the wins exciting!

2022 MEDAL WINNERS

12U A DIVISION	14U A DIVISION	16U A DIVISION
Gold – South Sask Elite	Gold – Regina Barracuda	Gold – Regina Barracuda
Silver – Saskatoon SWAT	Silver – South Sask Elite	Silver – South Sask Elite
Bronze – Regina Barracuda	Bronze – North Sask Jr. Predators	Bronze – Saskatoon SWAT
12U HOUSE (B SIDE)	14U HOUSE (B SIDE)	16U HOUSE (B SIDE)
Gold – Regina Crossfire	Gold – Moose Jaw Mustangs	Gold – Regina Snipers
Silver – Weyburn Thrashers	Silver – Regina Axemen	Silver – Moose Jaw Mustangs
Bronze – Swift Current Rampage	Bronze – Regina Outlaws	Bronze – Regina Octane
12U A DIVISION (C SIDE)	14U A DIVISION (C SIDE)	16U A DIVISION (C SIDE)
Gold – Standing Buffalo Fighting Sioux	Gold – Regina Waterdogs	Gold – Weyburn Thrashers
Silver – Regina Queens	Silver – Saskatoon Rush	Silver – Saskatoon Smash



OFFICIATING

Officiating was quite consistent with lots of positive comments from Coaches. No concerns were brought forward and both Arenas had a designated RIC to help provide guidance to the Officials.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There were no suspensions or incidents that required a discipline committee to be created.

MEDIA

Several local media outlets did articles on their community teams, and CTV and Global both did pieces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Keep the A Division and House Divisions on separate days
- Next year hopefully there will be enough teams to create a B and C divisions, rather than B and C sides.
- Keep using the same format, and not allowing all star teams in the House event, we understand that sometimes for smaller MA's they might not have enough commitment from both teams, however teams are permitted to pick up three additional players to fill roster spots. If some regular season teams are forced to play all star teams it will create the event to be lopsided. If combining teams is absolutely necessary, the sector needs to set in rules then that B Division will have small MA All Star teams and large MA regular teams, however everyone is still feeling the effects of COVID.
- Ideally, none of the convenors think double carding should be permitted, however if it is required over the next couple years as groups bounce back from COVID, there should be rules in place, similar to what we have seen leagues put in place for Overage players.

All in all, it was a great tournament, a big thank you to the Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association and all of its volunteers for all their hard work and effort into putting on a fantastic Provincial Championship.



2022 SLA FIELD PROVINCIAL'S CONVENORS REPORT

2022 CONVENORS

Sheena Hubelit – 12U and 14U Division
Paige Mason – 16U Division
Mandy Currie – 19U Division
Bridget Pottle (SLA Executive Director) – Assisted in all Divisions

2022 RIC'S

Ian Wilson

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The 2022 Field Provincials was another success! With the addition of the 12U Provincials, there were around 20 teams that took part in Provincials. The weather was beautiful, competition was close for the most part, and it was exciting to see the growth of Field continue.

EVALUATION OF HOST ASSOCIATION

The Host Association of the 10U Festival and 12U Provincials, Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association did a remarkable job, especially since these were both inaugural events. The Host Association for the 14U, 16U, and 19U event, Prince Albert Lacrosse had another successful year. The games under the lights are always enjoyed and looked forward to, and volunteers ran all the fields ensuring no parents had to worry about time keeping.

All in all, both hosts left some big shoes to fill for the 2023 hosts.

COMPETITION

The competition was very exciting, with divisions being closer than ever. There were no huge blow outs and groups worked together to ensure every player who wanted to take part, had a team to go to. The excitement of the 12U Division has given excitement to a whole new generation of players looking forward to Provincials each year.

2022 MEDAL WINNERS

12U DIVISION	14U DIVISION	16U DIVISION	19U DIVISION
Gold – Yorkton Fighting Pikes	Gold – Regina Reign	Gold – Regina Reign	Gold – Sturgis Trojans
Silver – Regina Reign	Silver – Prince Albert Attack	Silver – Saskatoon Havoc	Silver – Prince Albert Attack
Bronze – Saskatoon Havoc	Bronze – Saskatoon Havoc	Bronze – Prince Albert Attack	Bronze – Regina Reign



OFFICIATING

Officiating was great as usual for Field Provincials. Hopefully we can continue to mentor and develop more officials so there is not as much traveling costs to bring Officials in. There was lots of mentorship the entire weekend which was great to see.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There were no suspensions or incidents that required a discipline committee to be created.

MEDIA

Several local media outlets did articles on their community teams, and CTV and Global both did pieces.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Not many recommendations, both events were great that will continue to naturally get better as more teams take part

All in all, it was a great tournament, a big thank you to the Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association and Prince Albert Lacrosse Association and all of its volunteers for all their hard work and effort into putting on a fantastic Provincial Championship.



BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS



2021-2022 PRESIDENT REPORT

At last years AGM I introduced 'miyo wahkohtowin' to you (pronunciation: mee yoh wah coo toe win) this is the Cree phrase for good relationships and was one of the key focus point for 2022. I feel overall we as a lacrosse community have certainly been working diligently towards creating good relationships, of course there are always a few hiccups along the way, but I feel those are moments of opportunity where we practice our patience, trust, respect, open communication, collaboration and continued growth as individuals and a community.

Once again in 2022 I was so proud to witness all the hard work and continued dedication of our office staff, board members, volunteers, officials, coaches and so many more across the province who pour their hearts and souls into our sport day in and day out. Thank you to everyone in our community for your commitment to sharing the medicine game with players from our province and beyond.

2022 was an extremely fast paced year with Provincials, Nationals and Canada Games packed into just a few short months, it felt like it was over in the blink of an eye but as I reminisce about the excitement and anticipation of all that 2022 had to offer it makes me feel so proud of everything we accomplished and all that we have to look forward to in 2023. It's also a reminder of the unknown we are still dealing with when it comes to the future of Lacrosse in Canada games for 2025. We are aware this is an ongoing concern for everyone and want everyone to know that Lacrosse Canada is continuing to do all they can to find a positive resolution to this and will inform you of any updates when we are notified.

I'm sure many of you can agree that being back in person for some meetings and events was truly wonderful, as we move into 2023 it's my hope to spend as much time as we can in person as there truly is no substitute for old-fashioned face to face conversations.

Thanks again for all your hard work,

S. Hubelit

Sheena Hubelit | President
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 – 2022 VP OF OPERATIONS REPORT

The 2022 season brought us even closer to a full season. With the hard work of the Office and our Member Associations we once again had leagues operating and were able to have Provincial Championships in both Box and Field. The Field Provincials was another successful event in Prince Albert, and the Box Provincials seen us adopt the same format other Provinces like Ontario and Alberta have adopted which allows all teams to enter. This made the event longer, however with all teams being able to enter, families were able to know at the beginning of the season to plan for Provincials, rather than waiting to see if their team was selected.

We seen the return of the Team Sask program this year, with not finding out until into the New Year it made it hectic, but good to see teams representing again, and three teams brought home Bronze Medals. Lacrosse also had it's return to the Canada Games which was a great opportunity for the athletes.

Thank you to all the Member Associations for their hard work over the season.

B. Chappell

Brad Chappell | VP of Operations
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 VP OF MARKETING REPORT

The 2022 season brought with it some added excitement as it marked the return of national competition for our Team Sask program, lacrosse was back to a traditional season and the SLA Awards returned with a night of celebrating the achievements of our members from the past two seasons.

In my second year serving as VP of Marketing for the SLA, I was happy to see our members continue to navigate a return to normalcy to our lacrosse schedule and much of our daily lives. The lacrosse community here in Saskatchewan continues to surprise me with their passion for promoting our game through various mediums such as social media, print advertisement and media. This sends a strong message that lacrosse is back and thriving in your local community.

As we continue to retain and regain membership, plus acquire new faces, I am confident that we will continue this momentum into what should be another exciting year.

Once again, special thank you to the volunteers who put in countless hours on the floor/field and even at home on their computers ensuring that our athletes have the best possible experience with lacrosse. In closing, I wish to express a thank you as well to SLA Executive Director, Bridget Pottle and Program Coordinator, Chris Lesanko, for their tremendous efforts to keep our game organized and flourishing.

Looking forward to an exciting season in 2023!

Yours in lacrosse,

J. Laprairie

Joseph Laprairie |VP of Marketing
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 VP OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

2022, the year of the great rebound!

Our 2022 Season could very easily be described as learning to walk all over again as we awoke from 2 previously shortened, chaotic seasons.

Collectively we were successful!

We saw arenas and fields full of athletes, coaches, parents and supporters passionately gathered cheering on their teams in the Spirit of Competition.

We saw league / provincial champions crowned; individual accolades earned & teams celebrated across our province.

We saw the completion of a marquee programs that culminated in 2 groups of athletes participate in the return of Box Lacrosse to the Canada Games after years of diligent planning.

We have a Team Saskatchewan female athlete whose accomplishment is enshrined in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame for the 1st goal scored by a female box lacrosse player in the Canada Games.

We saw the return of our Team Saskatchewan programs that travelled across Canada as ambassadors our collective group, and like always, they represented us in a manner we can all be proud of.

Collectively our Grass Roots Leaders are continuing to share The Creator's Medicine Game which is evident with the growing number of communities organizing lacrosse events throughout our province. We are seeing the evolution of our lacrosse families. Their passion, commitment, energy and enthusiasm for the success and development of lacrosse athletes have created opportunities that now are available all year round.

Looking forward to 2023, I look to continue the momentum to enhance and grow our existing programs to deliver the very best in opportunities to our athletes. Lacrosse doesn't sleep in Saskatchewan; We continue to grow stronger with each moment that passes.

Sincerely,

R. Labrecque

Randy Labrecque | VP of Planning and Development
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 VP OF INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT REPORT

It has been another quiet year due to covid, but thankfully we were able to play some Lacrosse. It was great to see everyone back on the floor and the field. It was great to have such an amazing showing of Indigenous talent in all disciplines and levels of our amazing sport. I would like to highlight: Standing Buffalo and Weyburn for the building opportunities and also working in collaboration with one another. For combining their organizations at both field and box provincials this year. I want to acknowledge the following: players, officials, parents, guardians and volunteers for paying their respects to the children who never made it home. I am grateful that we were able to honor the athletes at provincials with an honor song.

This year I was able to return my focus on grass roots through our Try lacrosse program as well as high performance as I was selected as the Lacrosse Coordinator for the North American Indigenous Games by FSIN. I look forward to being able to return to working on the many goals that were set before COVID took away a couple seasons. Goals such as an Indigenous Festival, sending Indigenous teams to different competitive opportunities. The new Nex Gen grant provides some more opportunity to help our Indigenous athletes overcome financial barriers to participating at high level opportunities, which I hope to see more athletes take advantage of this year. Through education and experience is how we will move forward in our mission to create understanding.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work, dedication, and love of the game.

M. Currie

Mandy Currie |VP of Indigenous Development
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 BOX SECTOR CHAIR REPORT

With having two seasons off, 2022 seen the return of the regular Lacrosse chaos. I would like to thank the office for all the quick turn around and work that they had to do as the year progressed. We were on the phone constantly to make changes as the province opened things up. Next, I really need to thank the MA/AMA that worked tirelessly with organizations that were short of volunteers to get programs in place. It just proves how great our province is to have pulled this off as the changes came in everyone adapted and overcame and provided games for everyone to play in!

It was a great experience to see the new Provincial format unfold, and I received a lot of feedback from families that they like knowing at the start of the year that their team was attending Provincials. Moose Jaw did a great job of creating an exciting atmosphere.

We have been slowly bouncing back from COVID as registration numbers show an increase, I hope we can continue to work together to see that continue to rise.

R. Trobak

Randy Trobak | Box Sector Chair
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 FIELD SECTOR CHAIR REPORT

I want to thank everyone for such an amazing 2022 field season. This year was another great turn out for field lacrosse in our province. From our grass root programs being available for all those small areas of our province. We can already see those results with Carnduff having such great numbers in the younger age groups. The normal season came and left fairly fast but we still continued to see solid numbers with loads of teams participating in provincial. Our festivals took place, which is great to see that the MA's are offering these. There could be improvement in this area but I'm happy to with the ones we continue to have. Provincials was another great weekend in Prince Albert. Thank you to everyone that made this possible in Prince Albert and to our officials for being able to help us run the weekend. This year was the first time in field history that our Saskatchewan field team programs were able to have so much time together. Being able to offer a PLL Camp to these groups, was a huge success. The players showed up wanting to become better as a whole and that showed from start to finish. I know that those that took part, were able to show their local Mas, the things they learned, which betters our province. I look forward to possibly offering this again next year. Field nationals in New Brunswick turned out to be a great weekend for both teams, as both groups came home with medals. It was great to see how our program matched up with those of the other provinces. Saskatchewan field lacrosse continues to be near the top in Canada and that is a huge step. I take this as a huge successful step forward in the right direction with our program. Our numbers continue to grow since covid started. Across Canada, Saskatchewan field numbers held up, while other provinces' numbers went down. This was the second year for our Fall A League and Senior Fall Field League. The A League offered a younger age group compared to the previous year. There were challenges with this age group, but overall, was great to see that being offered to the younger players. Congratulations to the teams and players for taking part in such a great opportunity in our province. Senior league was another great year, having the same amount of team playing and a good number of new athletes joining the league. Overall, I am quite happy with how this year finished up. Being able to see so many players taking part in the game of field lacrosse is amazing. Seeing such passion for the game really brings hope to the growth of field lacrosse in Saskatchewan. Lastly, thank you to all our volunteers and parents. Without your help, our athletes would not be able to enjoy this game, so thank you.

Yours in Lacrosse,

M. Robin

Matt Robin | Field Sector Chair
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 WOMEN'S SECTOR CHAIR REPORT

The past year in Saskatchewan marked continued growth in Women's Lacrosse throughout the province. Although our numbers are smaller in comparison, we see a growing desire to increase the female lacrosse presence throughout Saskatchewan. New opportunities continue to be explored and available to female athletes looking to participate in the sport.

This summer, female athletes competed at Canada Games in Niagara, Ontario for Box. After hosting talent ID and training camps, this group of athletes persevered and did a fantastic job representing our province at the games. Not to mention, Sam Riou from Team Saskatchewan, scored the first ever Women's Box lacrosse goal at Canada Games.

SLA offered in person and virtual coaching clinics for Women's Field Lacrosse. Coaches gained certification in Community Development and Competitive Introduction. Roxanne Curtis, member of the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame, presented the in-person clinics in Saskatoon. Her insights and knowledge of the game was an asset to our new coaches. In addition, the Saskatoon clinics allowed for networking between participants, with further hope of creating a female field league in the province with certified coaches.

The SLA continues to plan Team Saskatchewan female development opportunities for Box and Women's field. The association is exploring local or North vs South camps to increase engagement from our young athletes. Player and parent feedback will be vital to creating a program accessible and feasible to communities in the province.

Although it was my first year as Women's Sector Chair, I am confident female lacrosse in Saskatchewan will continue to flourish with our passionate volunteers and the strength and resiliency of our female players. Thank you to lacrosse members throughout the province who continue to work tirelessly for our athletes.

Yours in lacrosse,

P. MASON

Paige Mason | Women's Sector Chair
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2020 - 2021 COACHING SECTOR CHAIR REPORT

This was my first year in the position so there was lots of learning, especially come out of COVID where a lot of the Coaching updates was behind.

I was able to attend the Lacrosse Canada meetings virtually where I brought up the different concerns we had from our Coaches, such as requirements for Tyke instructors and needing an updated Coaching Certification program. I look forward to continue working on these items.

I hope to work closely with the Team Sask program Coaches in 2022 to see some consistency through out the program, like you will see in bigger Provinces. Having players learn a system and just add to each year will make them that much stronger.

Thank you to everyone's support and patience as I worked through my first year, I look forward to working with all the Coaches in 2023.



2021 - 2022 OFFICIATING SECTOR CHAIR (RIC) REPORT

This report will be a brief overview of the status of Field and Box Lacrosse officiating for the SLA. Coming from the lifting of restrictions due to COVID-19 and the success built from the previous season, lacrosse was a full go this year. Many MA's were able to have games this season and it was a welcoming site to have National and World Lacrosse events back, along with League and Provincial Championships. With a mixture of veteran and first-time officials entering these tournaments, Saskatchewan made a strong showing at these different events and was awarded by finding our officials in many of the medal games. While it is usually athlete's that garner more of the attention, there is some validation that Saskatchewan is turning out excellent officials that can hold their own outside of the province. We want to continue training our officials to a higher level, so that we can provide quality officiating within the province, and also give them the chance to take their talents outside of the province as well. Our quality of officials continues to increase, we still need to look at increasing those numbers at the introductory levels.

Following the completion of meetings from LC, the main direction that the Officiating Sector is looking toward in the future is transparency from LC regarding funding and future planning, opportunity and inclusion for all MA's and provinces, and creating more material to help at the grassroots level. Being a smaller province, we are already showing that we have capable officials, and we now push to get more officials out there. At the entry level, we need to continue looking for ways to increase numbers and carry on with more mentoring and providing opportunity for growth. With the increase in skilled games played this year, there was an increase in opportunity for officials to officiate those game. Has experience continued, our pool of higher quality officials will also increase. Good job everyone on the successful year, and has more people return to lacrosse, our officials will be ready for them!

In my final remarks, I would just like to thank all of the volunteers, coaches, players, and officials who were apart of this past season. With lacrosse slowly getting back to normal, it was good seeing everyone out and enjoying the game again. Our need to work together is ever more important in order to grow the Creator's Game. THANK YOU everyone, and we will see you around the rink next year.

Yours in lacrosse,

Thank you,

A. Boyle

Brendan Boyle | Officiating Sector Chair
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association



2021 - 2022 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The 2022 Lacrosse season for myself was both exciting and difficult. It was great to be able to offer a lot more programs, however with a lot of COVID restrictions lifting later than expected it caused a bit of chaos to get a full season planned and going in little time, however it was a great problem to have.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience over the season as we dealt with every hurdle of getting back to a full season for the first time in over two years, while dealing with different fall outs from COVID such as supplier limitations, shipping delays, significant inflation of floor time and travel. All of these made the year more chaotic than expected but our Association was able to work together, have patience and get it figured out.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for all the hard work and effort they put into the season, we were able to have full leagues operate and Provincial Championships purely due to our dedicated volunteers. Moose Jaw Lacrosse, Prince Albert Lacrosse, Saskatoon Field, and Saskatoon Box Lacrosse all did a phenomenal job hosting our Provincial Championships, and Provincial Festivals. The atmosphere was electric and exciting. I would like to thank our Board of Directors for all their support and help this past year and I would like to thank Chris for all his hard work, you can see Chris's love and passion for the sport in everything he does and our Office, and Association would not be as successful without him. Lastly, I would like to thank all the families and players that stuck with us during the difficult past couple years, and for their trust that we would do everything possible to keep a stick in their player's hands. Lacrosse truly is a big family that I am proud to be a part of. Below are a few things we accomplished over the past year,

MARKETING

We had numerous successfully social media campaigns which was evident in some of the registration increase, what was more exciting was to really see local media groups getting behind their local Lacrosse Associations. I seen more articles in community new mediums than I have seen for many years. It is one thing for SLA to market, but when each individual group can have that kind of buy in from the local media it makes a significant impact. The Membership Training night on how to use Canva was successful and I enjoyed seeing the Associations putting it to good use and upping their Social Media marketing.

SASKATCHEWAN RUSH

We were finally able to see a NLL season come to light. Between COVID and a new ownership, there was like everything else, a lot of chaos, but the excitement was undeniable. We were grateful to create a partnership with the new ownership and to their commitment to want to work Sask Lacrosse to grow Lacrosse across the Province. The addition of highlight nights has given each of our MA's the opportunity to showcase their community. We were able to see Lax Day in Saskatchewan return, COVID restrictions limited us a little bit but the event was a huge success and the day once again provided the most action packed half time show of the season.



WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE

Thanks to the hard work of Paige Mason and Jordan Brakstad we were able to provide some Women's Field development sessions. We tried to pair this with Box training sessions with our Canada Games girls to provide as much lacrosse as possible for our female athletes. We are determined to do everything in our power to send a Women's Field team to Nationals in 2023.

TEAM SASK

2023 seen the return of National Championships for the first time in over two years! It was very exciting to be able to see our athletes represent Saskatchewan again. With the decision about Nationals not coming out until later in the year, it did set us behind, but thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and everyone involved we were able to send four teams to Nationals and two teams to Canada Games. There was a lot of circumstances outside of control such as uniform issues, shipping delays just due to COVID fall out, and a significant increase in cost of putting practices on, but we still were able to send strong teams and came home with three bronze medals. We were lucky to work with the PLL to provide the first ever PLL Academy in Canada, which was a huge opportunity for the athletes. We look forward to providing this again in 2023. We were able to do exhibition games with our friends in Manitoba which provided the athletes an opportunity to get some games in prior to Nationals.

CANADA GAMES

After a year delay we were finally able to see the return of Lacrosse to the Canada Summer Games! We were very proud to send two teams, a male team, and our first ever Team Sask Female Box team! Saskatchewan was part of two exciting records, our female team took part in the first ever Female Box Lacrosse game at Canada Games, with one of our athletes getting the first ever goal in a Female Box Lacrosse game! Our Male team was part of the first Male Box Lacrosse game in over 30 years. This was an amazing opportunity for the athletes, one they will hopefully remember forever. We were deeply saddened to hear that Lacrosse has not yet been placed in the games for 2025 and hope to help see that changed.

PROVINCIALS

We were able to see Provincials once again this season. Prince Albert held the 14U, 16U, and 19U Field Provincial Championships once again and did another amazing job. Our Field Sector introduced two new provincial Field events, a 12U Provincial Championship and 10U Provincial Festival to provide more provincial opportunities for our Field athletes. Saskatoon Field did a great job hosting the inaugural events and it was great to see so many young field athletes be excited to have a special event for them.



We were finally able to bring out the new format for the Minor Box Championships, a format which has helped provinces like Ontario and Alberta have some of the most successful championships. With the new format every team in Saskatchewan who wishes to can take part, and as more teams enter we can divided groups into divisions of even strength, giving all teams a chance to have fun and meaningful competition. While it was a shell shock for the event to run so long for families, we received lots of feedback from families that knowing from the start of the season that their team was entering the event made planning a lot easier than finding out just a week prior. Moose Jaw Lacrosse did a great job not just hosting for the first time in many years, but hosting with a new format, the hard work and effort of their committee and Jill McKee was second to none and ensured the success of the event.

In 2021 I had hoped for our normal Lacrosse season to return, well like every wish that comes true there was some unexpected turns and bumps in the road, but just like we made it through COVID, we made it through 2022 and seeing the excitement of the athletes faces at different events and the pride of the athletes who attend National events more than made up for any road block we faced. I look forward to 2023 where we will have the opportunity to plan properly for the season, and where we will have the opportunity to show the country what a great place Saskatchewan is as we host the 2023 Minor Box National Championships in Regina.

Yours in Lacrosse,

B. Pottle

**Bridget Pottle | Executive Director
Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association**



2021 - 2022 PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT

The 2022 season was back on track after COVID-19.

The Try Lacrosse Program displayed great opportunities for northern communities (7 in total with the most clinics in many years). SLA also had the opportunity to attend each school twice who was committed to the Kinsman Lacrosse League (KLL) was to promote before their season kicked off. In 2022, a total of 42 Try Lacrosse sessions in 19 different communities successfully completed. Thank you, Try Lacrosse Instructors: Brad Cameron, Jeff Shattler and Mike/Emily Auchstaetter for your knowledge passed on too many others.

A total of 37 different coaching clinics completed in 2022. Notable mention, SLA offered an in person female field clinic bringing in a facilitator from Ontario. Overall, the clinics in 2022 was a combination of online combined with in person sessions. Thanks for been patient as Canada Lacrosse has had some issues with workbooks and getting clinics updated and completed. If coaches have not received their certification, please let me know and I will double check to see if certifications are correctly processed. I believe that it was a learning process but having the option of online to do the classroom portion could be very beneficial logistically. However, individuals still need to complete in person portion to get full certification. HUGE shout out to all Canada Games coaches it was a HUGE commitment! Big thanks to SLA Coach Facilitators: Javan Bexson, Brad Cameron, Brad Chappell, Steve Michaluk and Alex Kratz.

A total of 20 officiating completed in 2022 mostly in person with a couple of online sessions. Please note, for 2023 officiating jerseys, an online store is now open until February 5th for your Member Association to put in your orders for the 2023 season. Thanks SLA Ref Facilitators: Devon Hack, Marcus Fisher and Brendan Boyle.

In my many years of lacrosse, this was the first year that I have seen multiple opportunities for athletes to take part in different lacrosse camps-sessions-seasons all year around! This is something that everybody should be extremely proud of. Thank you again for all the support for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the SLA, to give back to the sport that we all love! Thank you to Bridget, the SLA Board of Directors, and the Member Associations! Looking forward to a very prosperous 2023 season!

Sincerely,

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