

GLOUCESTER LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2014, 7:00pm at Earl Armstrong Arena

In attendance for the Executive:

Mike McKay, President;
Greg Rampley, Vice-President Operations and Scheduler
Angela Lamoureux, Director of House League
Reese Adeney, Culture Keeper
Jeff Hartley, Director Player/Coach Development and GM Jr C
Jim Fowles, Vice-President - Finance;
Leasa Kay, Registrar;
Ann Maurice, Director of Girls Lacrosse;
Kylia White, Tournament Director
Jill Gagnier, Director Winter Lacrosse;
Yolaine Richer, Executive Secretary
Doug Nahirney, Equip Mgr.
Dave Smith, Lifetime Member

Absent:

Laura Hudson-Grant, Past President
Aaron McCaffrey, Director Competitive;
Steph Brunet, Initiation Coordinator
Carol Brazeau, Purchasing/Apparel
Dominique Hartley, RIC

1. Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by the GLA President.

Mike McKay introduced himself and made the introduction of the present Executive Board.

Mike spoke briefly on the date change do to the event that was happening at parliament hill and then proceeded to thank everyone for coming.

2. Awards Presentation

Mike McKay, President, made the presentation of the GLA Awards:

- House League Coach of the Year – Mark Smith
- Competitive Coach of the Year – Laurent Gagnier
- GLA Volunteer of the Year – Kylia White

3. Reports

Reports Overview by the president – Mike McKay

- Mike mentioned that our biggest assets to have as an association are the volunteers. We have a number of dedicated volunteers but we need more parents to get involved. Mike also mentioned that we have a very successful year.
- The Presidents report, VP Finance report, VP Operations report and VP Programs report will be posted to the GLA website shortly after the AGM.

Report by the VP Finance – Jim Fowles

- Jim mentioned that the account was very healthy but some of this money was needed to spend on renewing equipment and jerseys. The plan is to have a steady level in the account for unforeseen expenses.

Report by the VP Operations – Greg Rampley

Greg spoke on the operations of the Association:

- The 2014 season saw the adoption of a new web management system (LeagueToolbox) complete with content management and online payment features.
- The GLA also selected Lacroix Sports as the Official Supplier for all of the GLA's Equipment and Apparel needs for the 2014 & 2015 seasons.
- The GLA executive created a new position, Culture Keeper, to undertake activities & communications that serve to develop, strengthen and/or maintain a positive, character-building youth sports experience for all athletes in the GLA.
- Looking forward, the GLA has a significant number of “catch-up” equipment purchases that need to be made early in the 2015 planning season (House League jersey's, Competitive jersey's, goalie equipment, etc) in order to get back on an annual cycle of retiring and replacing association supplied equipment.

Report by VP Programs – Mike McKay

We need to get more parents involved and we are looking at development for the coaches and the players.

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: what are our objectives to improve the coaching staff. RESPONSE: It has been a discussion at our executive meetings, we want to

QUESTION FROM THE FLOOR: what is the growth – are we losing as many as we are getting new players. Leasa confirmed that the numbers average out.

4. Constitutional Amendments

Eight (8) submissions for constitutional amendments were received.

- i. Constitution Amendment to Article 14 (new) AWARDS. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording by Mike, seconded by Jeff, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- ii. Constitution Amendment to Article 14 (new) CULTURE KEEPER. The wording for the new position was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- iii. Constitution Amendment to Article 14 – Director of Girl’s Lacrosse new wording. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- iv. Constitution Amendment to Article 14 – Director of Winter Lacrosse – wording for a new position. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- v. Constitution Amendment to Article 14 adding wording. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- vi. Constitution Amendment to Article 7 para 4 - Vice President Operations new wording. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition.
- vii. Constitution Amendment to Article 7 para 3 – Vice President Programmes new wording. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**
- viii. Constitution Amendment to Article Executive Secretary – update by removing wording. The new wording was read. Motion to accept the wording, seconded, all in favour with no opposition. **Motion carried.**

5. Election of the New Board of Directors

- a) President – Greg Rampley (Acclaimed)
- b) VP Programs – Vacant
- c) VP Operations – Vacant
- d) VP Finances – Vacant

Note: No nominations for the positions of Vice President Finance, Vice-President Programs, and Vice-President Operations were received by the September 30th, 2014 deadline prior to the AGM. As a result, the 2015 GLA board will seek for volunteers for those positions on an interim basis with full voting privileges to be held until the next AGM.

6. Closing Remarks & Draw for free registration

Meeting was turned over to Greg Rampley – new President. Greg thanked Mike McKay for the great job he did as President and also thanks the past Management Committee.

Greg's comments and thoughts for the 2015 GLA season:

Four key areas to focus on

a. Player Development

- *Redesign programs to be in-line with Lacrosse Canada LTAD guidelines and goals*
- *Invest in player's experience, developmental instruction & recreational opportunities*

b. Coach Development

- *Develop a long-term coach development (LTCD) strategy in-line with LTAD guidelines and goals*
- *Invest in coaches experience, training & tools so that they are better equipped to provide a positive, character-building youth sports experience*

c. Planning

- *Needs to be done earlier and requires a holistic approach that considers impacts on all club programs*
- *Make better use of committees outlined in the constitution*

d. Culture

- *We need to create an atmosphere of success, professionalism and fun that improves returning players and sees more parents getting involved*
- *Consider framing the GLA as a "Club" rather than an "Association"*

Idea's for 2015

- *Work on the development of players, coaches – use mini camps operated by both internal and external experts to run camps to enhance skill development opportunities available to members and expose coaches to new ideas/experts.*
- *Use video of games and practices to help on coach development, promotions and oversight.*
- *Pay House League Conveners to improve oversight of the House League program.*
- *NEW PROGRAMS - pickup lacrosse, camps (both 1/2 day and week-long Summer or March Break)*
- *Change the BBQ to May and in June to have a Banquet with awards*
- *Expand our Try Lacrosse Program in an effort to expand our membership.*

7. Draw for a free 2015 registration – winner Todd Morrison (there were 10 ballots)

Greg thanked everyone for coming. **Motion to adjourn me made by Mike, seconded by Leasa, all in favour.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm