



MINUTES OF THE ALA FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD BY TELECONFERENCE ON MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2011

The meeting opened at 5.08 p.m. WST

1. **Welcome:** Fiona Clark, ALA President, welcomed all Member Association Presidents, ALA Directors, Andrew Pratley of the Australian Sports Commission, Nigel Dias of MGI Perth Business Solutions and Observers to the meeting. It was noted that Mr. Fergus Stewart, ALA Election Returning Officer, would be joining the meeting to declare the Election outcome.

2. Present :

Member Associations:

LV	John Harris	LSA	Bob Hewitson
LWA	Fran Maunton	LT	Andrew Lewis
QLA	Pasi Linnosto	NSW	Tim Koodrin (joined the Teleconference at 5.11 p.m. WST)

Observers: Nigel Dias, Auditor, MGI Perth Business Solutions
Andrew Pratley, Sports Partnership Manager, Australian Sports Commission
Graham Sharpe, Board Nominee

ALA Directors: Fiona Clark Jan Jackson
Mike Slattery Lynton Arscott
Diane Harari Vivienne Parker-White

There were no apologies.

3. Confirmation of Voting Members & explanation of meeting format:

Fiona Clark reiterated the voting procedure that only Member Associations have the right to vote.

The voting rights are: LSA, LV, LWA – 4 votes each, NSWLI, LT – 2 votes each, QLA – 1 vote, being a total of 17 votes.

In order for any motion during the AGM to be passed it would require a simple majority.

It was noted that there was a quorum in attendance.

It was noted that ALA Directors do not have a vote at an Annual General Meeting, but do have the right to debate. Observers do not have the right of speech, unless recognised by the Chair, nor to vote.

The meeting was recorded and was conducted according to the ALA Constitution.

4. Confirmation of 3rd ALA Annual General Meeting Minutes:

This meeting was held on 27 November 2010 and no corrections were recorded. It was noted that the recorded corrections to the ALA Annual Report 2010 were undertaken and the final document was circulated to all Member Associations.

Motion: "That the Minutes of the 3rd ALA Annual General Meeting be ratified".

Moved: John Harris, LV **Seconded:** Fran Maunton, LWA **VOTE: Carried Unanimously**

5. Presentation of Board Reports:

- a. **ALA 2011 Annual Report** - It was noted that the document circulated, on 21 November 2011, was a draft document. Fiona Clark thanked Diane Harari, the ALA Marketing Director who was appointed as an Independent Director to the Board in mid-August, as ALA Director of Marketing, for compiling this very professional, historical, inclusive and new look Annual Report.

The following corrections/additions are to be made to the document prior to printing –

- (i) LSA Report: that the list of Men's/Boys Clubs be corrected;
- (ii) LWA Report:
 - Officers
 - Change ALA Rules Co-coordinator to LWA rules co-coordinator
 - Change Finals and Awards Co-ordinator to Ellen Kennedy
 - Results and Awards
 - Division 2 Runner-up: should read Yuhki Murayama (Phoenix)
 - Division 2 MVP Grand final: should read James Kinsella (Wembley)
- (iii) QLA Report: the player numbers are to be added to the report.

The amended draft Annual Report will be circulated once more prior to it going to final print to allow an opportunity for any other corrections.

The Chair laid the Annual Report on the table in its entirety while the matter of the Financial Statement was covered as this forms part of the Annual Report.

- b. **ALA Financial Report 2009/2010** – Fiona Clark extended thanks to MGI Perth, ALA Auditors and to Gail Sedgeway, ALA Bookkeeper.

The following corrections were noted and the Financial Report will be amended as follows –

- (i) In the Directors Statement the dates of appointment for Mike Slattery and Lynton Arscott are to be amended to 27/11/2010 for both individuals.
- (ii) John Harris, LV, requested an amendment to the wording to Note 6 of the Financial Statement – on the 2nd line the word 'he' be replaced with 'he/she' twice.

John Harris, LV, asked if ALA had paid any full-time employee and the answer to that was no. ALA did pay the ALA Bookkeeper on a part-time basis. Also the question was raised as to whether or not the Directors are paid an Honorarium. All ALA Directors, except the Director of Administration, receive an honorarium which is paid in two six monthly payments. For the 2009-2010 periods the honorarium was \$500 per annum and for the 2010-2011 period the honorarium is \$750 per annum. The Director of Administration receives reimbursement for administrative expenses. Directors receiving the honorarium do not claim administrative expenses.

Motion: "That the ALA Financial Statement 2010/2011 be accepted subject to the corrections, as noted above, being implemented".

Moved: John Harris, LV **Seconded:** F. Maunton, LWA **VOTE: Carried Unanimously**

Motion: "That the ALA 2011 Annual Report is accepted in its draft form, subject to the corrections and addition, as noted above, being implemented".

Moved: Fran Maunton, WA

Seconded: B. Hewitson, LSA

VOTE: Carried Unanimously

6. Election of Directors:

At this time in the meeting Fiona Clark introduced and welcomed the ALA Returning Officer, Mr. Fergus Stewart, to the meeting. Fiona extended thanks to Fergus, for acting in this capacity, and to the two Scrutineers for their time. The voting/election procedure has been undertaken according to the relevant sections of the ALA Constitution. ALA received 3 nominations for 2 positions. The nominees were: Jan Jackson, Graham Sharpe and David Fox.

Fergus Stewart, being independent of all nominees, advised that the votes returned by the ALA Member Associations had been tallied, weighted proportionally to MA votes, and checked by the Scrutineers.

The outcome of the vote, in no particular order, was that Jan Jackson and Graham Sharpe were successfully voted on to the ALA Board for a 2 year period. Fiona congratulated the 2 successful candidates.

7. Close of meeting:

Thanks were extended to the Australian Sports Commission and Andrew Pratley, for the ongoing support of Australian Lacrosse.

Mike Slattery, as current ALA Vice President, will undertake the role of Acting President, with the new Board to decide on the positions of President and Vice President at its first Board meeting.

Fiona then made her closing remarks:

“In closing I can only reiterate the remarks I have made in the public arena this past week that I leave office after twenty six continual years of service to the National Board, which has included a five-year tenure on the ALA Board with three years in the Presidential role. Administering at the national level has been tremendously challenging and rewarding, and I trust that I have upheld the importance, the dignity and the integrity of the positions which I have been privileged and proud to have held. I am proud of the direction the ALA has taken; however recognize that with increased resources, both human and financial, we would have achieved greater results.

The underlying notion of continually trying to move the ALA forward, and improve the Association, has inevitably led to an exploration of the ways in which members with different interests can collaborate to achieve shared outcomes, with the ultimate aim for all of us being more players, more competitions, more fun, and more success. Thank you to you, the Presidents, and your Boards, for your support.

I can assure you that I shall maintain an advocacy role for lacrosse, and shall support the ALA operations in all its future endeavours.

To all those with whom I have worked over the years in many capacities I say a big Thank You for your support. The provision of leadership, direction and quality of service to members has been paramount to the various roles I have undertaken, and I could not have done this work without the unwavering support of fellow Directors whose commitment and dedication have enabled the sport to survive and gradually progress.

To my current Board of Directors a big Thank You for your enduring support, your immense contributions to the ALA, and most importantly your friendship and your role as team players ~ I would love to have played with you all **on** the field as well!

I am confident that as I leave office the ALA shall continue its astute leadership and shall continue to play a pivotal role in the future of lacrosse in this country.

I wish the incoming Board all the very best, and particularly the new President. May we all continue to live our lacrosse dreams and enjoy the journey. Thank you for the ride.”

Mike Slattery, on behalf of the Member Associations, fellow Directors, the ASC representation and the Auditors extended thanks to Fiona for her contribution to lacrosse over many years. It was felt that Fiona has exceeded the expectations of the roles held which have been over an extremely long period of time, and together with Fiona’s commitment, enthusiasm, professionalism and passion she has helped to put ALA in a position to go forward.

Vivienne Parker-White reiterated and endorsed Mike’s comments.

John Harris, LV, commented that he cannot recall any period over the past 5 or so years which have been so tumultuous. Situations have arisen, developed and have been resolved. Congratulations were extended to Fiona on her tenacity in the first instance, and common sense in the second. Fiona’s work has been appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

Fran Maunton, LWA, congratulated Fiona on a sensational lacrosse career. Fran has worked closely with Fiona on a number of occasions.

Bob Hewitson, LSA, added that regardless of the differences it has always been a pleasure to work with Fiona and that she has always presented herself very professionally. And wished her all the best for the future.

Fiona thanked everyone for their kind comments and officially closed the meeting.

Meeting closed: 5.55 p.m. WST