



Ninth (9th) APLU GENERAL MEETING (GM)

Wednesday 8 July 2015

8.11pm local time

Novotel Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Minutes

1. Welcome

Mike Slattery (President/Chairperson) welcomed all delegates and observers to the 9th APLU General Meeting (GM). Special welcome was made to FIL Directors, Stan Cockerton (President) and Tom Hayes (Development) who would be making a presentation immediately following the GM including an Olympic up-date for the sport.

2. Present, Apologies, Proxies

Present:

Full Members – Voting Delegates:

Paul Mollison	Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA)
Daniel Zhang	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Louis Hou	Hong Kong Lacrosse Association (HKLA)
Tomohiro Takasaka	Japan Lacrosse Association (JLA)
Hyunjoon Ryan Park	Korea Lacrosse Association (KLA)
John Brockelbank	New Zealand Lacrosse Association (NZALU)

Associate Members – Non Voting Delegates:

Jake Marr	Malaysia Lacrosse Association (MLA)
Craig Beauchamp	Singapore Lacrosse Association (SLA)
Chris Wei	Taiwan Lacrosse Association (TWLA)
Prantarit Nerngchamngong	Thailand Lacrosse Association (TLA)

Executive Board:

Mike Slattery	President
Yas Hayakawa	Vice President
Albert Lai	Director
Won Jae Park	Director
Fiona Clark	Executive Director

Observers:

Raymond Pan	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Marcia Mo	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Joanna Wang	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Cindy Yu	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Curtis Wang	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Karin Hata	Japan Lacrosse Association (JLA)
Jinkyu Rho	Korea Lacrosse Association (KLA)

Jesse Kemp Malaysia Lacrosse Association (MLA)
Branden Sweetser Singapore Lacrosse Association (SLA)
Sarah Lin Taiwan Lacrosse Association (TWLA)

Invited Guests:

Stan Cockerton Federation of International Lacrosse President (FIL)
Tom Hayes Federation of International Lacrosse Development Director (FIL)

Apologies:

Bill Hollins APLU Director
Bijay Mipun Lacrosse Association of India (LAI)

3. Confirmation of Voting Members and explanation of meeting format

The President confirmed the attendees as above. Voting rights were confirmed: Full Members 1 vote each. Vice President (Y. Hayakawa), Director (W. J. Park), Director (A. Lai) 1 vote each. President casting vote (if required). Associate Members and Executive Director no vote but have the right to speak.

4. Confirmation of 8th General Meeting Minutes

Circulated and taken as read. Nil corrections.

Motion: "That the minutes of the 8th APLU General Meeting be accepted."

Proposed: L. Hou (HKLA)

Seconded: J. Brockelbank (NZALU)

CARRIED unanimously.

4a) Business Arising

It was noted that matters had been dealt with in Executive Board meetings since the 2014 GM or have been included on this agenda. Nil other matters.

5. Presentation of President's Report – M. Slattery

As tabled (Appendix A). The President noted that the past 2 years between General Meetings had been a productive period which would strengthen the development of lacrosse in the region. Highlights included:-

- Taiwan and Malaysia Lacrosse Associations being voted into Associate Membership in July 2015.
- An update of the APLU Constitution.
- Generation of APLU funds and the establishment of an APLU bank account.
- Creation of an APLU website.
- The appointment of a Chief Officiating Officer (Ken Shimizu).
- 33 Officials (from 9 countries) appointed for ASPACs 2015.
- International accreditation at ASPACs 2015 for the first time.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Ongoing regional organization discussions with FIL.
 - Ongoing development of a Competition Manual.
 - Invitation to host the 2017 ASPACs with an announcement to be made by the Executive Board by early 2016.
 - Development of the sport in new countries in the Asia Pacific region, including Nepal, Bhutan & Indonesia.

Fellow Directors were acknowledged for their combined efforts, their camaraderie, team-work and results.

Motion: "That the President's Report as presented be adopted."

Moved: M. Slattery (APLU President)

Seconded: L. Hou (HKLA)

CARRIED unanimously.

Motion: "That a formal vote of thanks be recorded to retiring Vice President Yas Hayakawa for his outstanding commitment to the growth and development of the APLU since its inception in 2004."

Moved: M. Slattery (APLU President)

Seconded: W.J. Park (APLU Director)

CARRIED unanimously.

6. Financial Report – A. Lai

As tabled (Appendix B). With the APLU Financial Year being 1 September – 31 August A. Lai provided an interim Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet in Australian dollars (AUD), from 1 September 2014 to 30 June 2015. Summary included:

Income:

- No prior income recorded before 2013.
- Income now generated through profits from the APLU auction, sales of merchandise (at ASPACs 2015) and the introduction of membership fees from 1 September 2015.

Expenditure:

- Merchandise profits/stock in hand unknown at this time.
- Website development costs and update.

The Australian Lacrosse Association was acknowledged for their financial support of EB Conference calls through to 30 June 2015.

It was also noted:

- The APLU was incorporated with ASIC (Australian Securities Investment Commission), as a public company limited by guarantee, on 19 November 2014.
- Income under AUD250K does not require auditing under the rules of ASIC, however these requirements shall be further reviewed by the end of year. (A. Lai).
- A further report up to year ending shall be provided to members in October 2015.

Motion: "That the Financial Statements as presented be adopted."

Moved A. Lai (APLU Finance Director)

Seconded P. Mollison (ALA)

CARRIED. Unanimous

Membership Subscriptions:

A proposal was put to the members that membership subscriptions be collected commencing 1 September 2015 financial year, and this be a reduced amount from that determined in 2013 but not yet initiated.

Motion: That effective from 1 September 2015 for a 2-year period there be a US\$250 membership subscription for Full Members, and US\$125 for Associate Members."

Moved: A. Lai (APLU Finance Director)

Seconded: L. Hou (HKLA)

5 in favour: 1 against (NZALU).

CARRIED.

7. Presentation of Member's Reports.

Written reports were requested for tabling by 30 June 2015. Delegates were provided the opportunity to verbally summarize their key activities since September 2013 with follow-up written reports to be received by a revised date of 31 August 2015.

Hong Kong Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. (Appendix C). Highlights included:

- Board of 7 Directors, an Executive Committee, and six sub-committees.
- September 2014 launch of the HKLA High Performance Program.
- The HK Open was introduced as a new initiative in 2015 over the Easter holiday, and this is likely to become an annual event.

- Membership is approx. 400 players (250 men & 150 women).
- More human resources are required at the administrative level.
- Future activities include:
 - Participation in the U19 Men's World Championship in Canada in 2016 for the first time.
 - Establishing a Junior Academy in 2016.
 - Developing more competition opportunities with China and Taiwan.

New Zealand Lacrosse Union:

Written report tabled. (Appendix D). Highlights included:

- Expansion of the junior program through the high schools (9 in Auckland).
- An increase in club membership in Auckland (main centre of activity), and growth in the Wellington and Waikato regions. Maintaining numbers however remains the biggest issue particularly juniors to seniors. Membership: 231 Seniors: 380 Juniors.
- An increased focus on developing Officials.
- 2014 & 2015 NZ hosted ANZAC games with Australia.
- A NZ Men's team competed in the FIL Men's World Series in Denver in 2014. The success of this team in placing 12th out of 38 teams was its highest finish ever.
- A lack of government funding and sponsorship remains the greatest barrier to participation in International competition.
- 3 NZ Umpires to officiate at the FIL Women's U19 World Championship in Scotland.
- Development of a High Performance Academy for Women.
- Participation in some of the Australian National Championships at junior & senior level.
- Umpiring, Coaching & Accreditation courses being conducted nationally for women.

China Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. (Appendix E). Highlights included:

- Participation in the 2014 & 2015 Hong Kong Lacrosse Open.
- Participation in the FIL Men's World Series in Denver in 2014 for the first time.
- The establishment of a High School Women's team in Beijing in 2014.
- Assisting the on-going development of lacrosse in Wuhan City and Shenzhen City.
- Hosting the first Shanghai Women's lacrosse League game in Shanghai in 2014 & the first Men's league game in 2015.
- Establishing the first Men's U19 lacrosse team in May 2015 for participation in 2016 in Canada.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Maintaining existing numbers and increasing numbers.
 - Establishing a Beijing Lacrosse League.
 - Developing an Official's program.
 - Developing a Coaching program.
 - Sourcing sponsorship opportunities.

Japan Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- A membership increase from 14,911 in 2012 to 15,769 in 2015 with an increase also in teams from 416 to 419. JLA was congratulated on its growth in numbers.
- Key area for growth is in primary schools.
- Club structure needs to be maintained and expanded to new areas.
- All international representation (7 national teams) to be maintained through the JLA HP program.
- Increased marketing and branding opportunities, and social media, to allow for the sport to gain further exposure and to spread to the wider community.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Establishing a Coaching License Program.
 - Actively increasing regional competition opportunities: Taiwan to visit Japan in November 2015: Korea in March 2016.

Korea Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- In 2014 6 domestic Leagues, and in 2015 the addition of a men's college team.
- 17 High Schools (schools (an increase from 13 in 2013), 7 college, 3 club teams.
- Internationally Korea participated in the 2014 JLA Friendship Games for men and women, the FIL Men's World Series in Denver, and in 2015 the ASPAC Championship in Thailand and the FIL Women's U19 World Championship in Scotland.

Thailand Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- An increase in numbers since 2010 with a 2nd university now playing.
- Equipment drive undertaken with Vietnam and Indonesia.
- Hosting the 2015 ASPAC Championship.
- ASPAC finances US\$22,000 was covered by the TLA Denver fund and non-profit development with beneficiaries.
- Future initiatives include:
 - 2016 plan a full field league competition.
 - Referee development.
 - The establishment of a TLA headquarters.

Malaysia Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- Program is still in its infancy having become a FIL Associate Member in July 2014 and an APLU Associate Member in July 2015.
- A men's team participated in ASPACs 2015 for the first time.
- The sport is recognized in 3 Malaysian States.
- The game has been exposed to approx. 300 local men, women and children.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Obtaining recognition as the NSO for lacrosse in Malaysia.
 - Introducing lacrosse into 2 universities, Herriot Watt and the International School System in 2016.

Singapore Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- A youth category of membership was created in 2011 with 200 boys and 19 girls. Adult numbers are 30 men and 14 women (currently still developmental).
- Created Singapore Lacrosse League for men.
- In competition SLA has hosted Thailand, Shanghai and a team from Perth (Western Australia).
- New university program developed with Anderson College.
- Internationally hosted the 2015 Singapore Spectacular which included a youth match.
- A men's team travelled to Hong Kong, Bangkok and Perth in September 2014.
- Raised in excess of US\$6,000 with sales of merchandise.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Monthly clinics (at no cost) at Singapore's new national stadium.
 - Equipment drive to help establish college programs.
 - Conducting various clinics during 2015/16 and in Malaysia (2 colleges for girls only).
 - Establishing a Coaching Academy.
 - Referee development.
 - Promotion of more junior college programs.
 - Assisting Taiwan and Indonesia develop their lacrosse programs.

Taiwan Lacrosse Association:

Summary of activities included:

- Becoming a FIL Associate Member in December 2014.
- Becoming an APLU Associate Member in July 2015.
- 23 players > 1 high school and 1 college. Hope to increase numbers by end of year.
- Future activities include:
 - Accreditation of a female umpire.
 - Publishing a rule book by the end of 2015
 - Developing coaching with the assistance of two Coaches from Hong Kong.
 - Growing numbers at all levels of the sport with a focus on engaging Development Officers.

8. ASPAC Championship Guidelines.

A draft set of ASPAC Championship Guidelines has been compiled by F. Clark (ED) These shall be reviewed by the APLU EB and then circulated to members for comment/approval for implementation in 2017.

9. ASPAC Championship 2017

An Expression of Interest document was circulated to Members on 10 June 2015 with the GM agenda. This outlined minimal detailed requirements for inclusion in submissions. Timelines were further determined at this GM, and the following proposed dates agreed to by the Members:

DATES	ACTIVITY
31 July 2015	ED to re-send EOI to Members to host ASPAC 2017
30 September 2015	APLU Members to submit an EOI by no later than this date to the EB.
30 November 2015	Review of submissions by the APLU/EB.
31 December 2015	Announcement of successful Host Member for 2017.

10. New Country Development initiatives in the Region – Bhutan & Indonesia.

Prantarit (Payu) Nerngchamngong (TLA) provided a verbal report on development initiatives in Bhutan and Indonesia. Since Thailand's development in 2010 the importance of developing regional competition with countries in close proximity to Thailand was recognized, i.e. Vietnam, Indonesia and furthest west to Bhutan. The potential for development exists in these countries with people already on the ground (10-15 in Jakarta/3 with experience, 2 in Vietnam, i.e. a high school friend who will be working there and a Vietnamese American who will be living there full time). Two meetings have been held in Bangkok, and starter kits (20 sets of equipment) have been provided by the TLA. Help however is required beyond the capabilities of the TLA. Payu is to send a proposal to other countries for their support for both financial and human resources. It was noted that Indonesia faces additional challenges due to its geography and the potential lack of an established base in its capital, Jakarta.

11. Regional Organization

M. Slattery noted that discussions are continuing with the FIL in regards to regional organization and members shall be kept up-dated with outcomes.

12. Election of Officers and the Executive Board

All positions were declared vacant. With the current structure not allowing for off-set rotational terms of office for Directors, and therefore no transition, the incoming EB shall address this subject after 1 September 2015 and make constitutional recommendations accordingly to its membership.

12.1 President

President M. Slattery vacated the Chair and Director A. Lai conducted the election for President. There was one nomination (by ALA) for this position, Mike Slattery (Australia), who was duly elected unopposed for a further 3-year term. Congratulations were extended to Mike.

12.2 Vice President

There was one nomination (by JLA) for this position, Tomohiro Takasaka (Japan), who was duly elected unopposed for a 3-year term. Congratulations were extended to Tak.

12.3 Members of the Executive Board (3)

There were 3 nominations for the 3 positions:-

Won Jae Park (Korea) nominated by KLA

Albert Lai (Hong Kong) nominated by HKLA and

Bill Hollins (New Zealand) nominated by NZALU.

All elected unopposed for a further 3-year term.

Congratulations were extended to Won Jae, Albert & Bill.

12.4 Executive Director

This is an appointed position by the APLU President for the term of office of the President with ratification by the Union.

13. Vote to confer Full Membership – Thailand Lacrosse Association (TLA)

The TLA was admitted into APLU Associate Membership in June 2013, and in June 2015 applied for Full Membership.

Motion: “That Full Membership to the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union be conferred upon the Thailand Lacrosse Association.”

Moved M. Slattery (President)

Seconded L. Hou (HKLA).

Carried. Unanimous.

Thailand was welcomed as the seventh (7th) Full APLU Member.

14. Next General Meeting

Date & venue to be made in accordance with host country of ASPACs 2017.

15. Close of Meeting

M. Slattery thanked delegates and observers for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.21pm.