



Tenth (10th) APLU GENERAL MEETING (GM)

Sunday 18 June 2017
M-Stay Hotel, Seogwipo, Jeju, Korea

Minutes

1. Welcome

Mike Slattery (President/Chairperson) opened the meeting at 2033 hours and welcomed all delegates and observers to the 10th APLU General Meeting (GM). Special welcome was made to the Korean delegation and thanks expressed for their hosting of the 2017 ASPAC Championship. Don Blacklock, former FIL Past Chair of Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Men's Officiating Committee was also recognized for taking the time to attend this meeting as an invited guest.

2. Present, Apologies, Proxies

Present:

Full Members – Voting Delegates:

Paul Mollison	Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA)
Raymond Pan	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Raymond Fong	Hong Kong Lacrosse Association (HKLA)
Eri Shikanai	Japan Lacrosse Association (JLA)
Hyunjoon Ryan Park	Korea Lacrosse Association (KLA)
John Brockelbank	New Zealand Amateur Lacrosse Association (NZALU)
Sarah Lin	Taiwan Lacrosse Association (TWLA)

Executive Board:

Mike Slattery	President (casting-vote only)
Tomohiro Takasaka	Vice President
Albert Lai	Director
Won Jae Park	Director
Fiona Clark	Executive Director (non-voting)

Observers:

Barton Wheeler	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Ziyan Zeng	China Lacrosse Association (CLA)
Kentaro Shimizu	Japan Lacrosse Association (JLA)
Inwoo Chung	Korea Lacrosse Association (KLA)
Julie Bryan	New Zealand Amateur Lacrosse Association (NZALU)
Tim Kwan	Taiwan Lacrosse Association (TWLA)
Kinson Wan	Taiwan Lacrosse Association (TWLA)

Invited Guests:

Don Blacklock	Past Chair of Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Men's Officiating Committee & APLU ASPAC Assessor 2017
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Apologies:

Bill Hollins	Director
Bijay Mipun	Lacrosse Association of India (LAI)
Khaidar Zorig	Mongolian Lacrosse Federation (MLF)

At the conclusion of introductions each Member was presented with an APLU Membership Certificate.

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 (T. Takasaka), 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 9th General Meeting Minutes

Circulated and taken as read. Nil corrections.

Motion: "That the minutes of the 9th APLU General Meeting be accepted."

Proposed: J. Brockelbank (NZALU)

Seconded: P. Mollison (ALA)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4a) Business Arising

It was noted that matters had been dealt with in Executive Board meetings since the 2015 GM or have been included on this agenda. ED F. Clark was acknowledged for her compilation of the ASPAC Championship Guidelines document which are in use at this 2017 Championship.

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

As tabled. Whilst recognizing that 'Growth' is the key factor to developing lacrosse in the Asia Pacific region the President highlighted the following:

- Acknowledgment of Chief Officiating Officer, Kentaro Shimizu, for his vast amount of work with the Zebra Team and in continuing his development of Officials in the Asia Pacific region
- The efforts of the Taiwan Lacrosse Association and their progress to Full APLU Membership, with particular recognition of Sarah Lin's appointment to the FIL Development Committee
- The Mongolian Lacrosse Federation becoming the APLU's 4th Associate Member and in particular the efforts of Khaidar Zorig
- The excellent organization of the 2017 ASPAC Championship by the KLA with particular mention of the KLA ED Jinkyu Roh
- The unfortunate late withdrawal of both Singapore's men's and women's teams from the 2017 ASPACS and Malaysia's inability to attend due to Ramadan
- The increase in numbers following the APLU on social media including Facebook and the website
- The APLU's on-going working relationship with the FIL and recognition of the work undertaken by Don Blacklock
- Submission to FIL on regionalization and attendance by 3 APLU Directors at the up-coming FIL GA in England in July
- Acknowledgment of the team-work, support and hard-working efforts of the Executive Board
- The holding of regular APLU meetings which had increased to monthly over the past 6 months and the progression of APLU matters across a broad range of issues
- Future initiatives include:
 - Ongoing regional organization discussions with FIL & other regional bodies (ELF).
 - Extending an invitation to host the next ASPACS following outcomes of the 2017 FIL GA
 - Further review and updating of the APLU Constitution
 - Development of the sport in new countries in the Asia Pacific region including Qatar who became the 58th member of FIL in July 2017

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

Moved: M. Slattery (APLU President)

Seconded: A. Lai (APLU Director)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Financial Report – A. Lai

As tabled (Appendix A). A. Lai provided a Profit & Loss Statement & Balance Sheet in Australian dollars (AUD), from 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016 as circulated to Members. Summary included:

- Income mainly derived from Membership Fees
- ASPAC 2015 Registration Fees remain outstanding from the TLA
- Total equity AUD\$7,500 approx.
- The auction at the ASPAC Championship remains the main source of fund-raising income
- A further report up to year ending 31 August 2017 shall be provided to members in October 2017.

Motion: “That the Financial Statements as presented be adopted.”

Moved A. Lai (APLU Finance Director)

Seconded T. Takasaka (APLU Vice President)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Membership Subscriptions:

A recommendation by the EB was put to the members that membership subscriptions for 2017/18 and 2018/19 be maintained at current amounts.

Motion: That effective from 1 September 2017 for a 2-year period there be an annual US\$250 membership subscription for Full Members, and US\$125 for Associate Members.”

Moved: A. Lai (APLU Finance Director)

Seconded: W. J. Park (APLU Director)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Pang (CLA) questioned the financial and membership status of the Thailand Lacrosse Association (TLA). The Chair informed members that the TLA is currently unfinancial with the APLU and as such remains a ‘Member Not In Good Standing.’ This status was also given to the TLA by FIL and discussions are continuing in a bid to resolve the outstanding matters.

7. Presentation of Member’s Reports.

Written reports were requested for tabling by 9 June 2017- Delegates were provided the opportunity to verbally summarize their key activities over the past 24 months.

Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA):

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Membership 6,000
- Most significant growth has been in the number of school children. ‘Quick Stix’ is a new development initiative developed for Primary Schools introduction which is currently being finalised for expected delivery through the ASC Sporting Schools. It is anticipated that once accredited by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) this will result in easier management and increased recognition.
- Competition and Officiating opportunities, both local and international, were listed.

China Lacrosse Association (CLA):

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- A re-structure of the association in 2015 resulted in a new and stronger leadership team
- Approximately 177 players in 3 cities Beijing, Shanghai and Zhuhai– although the game is not spreading geographically
- A new bilingual website has been developed – URL – www.chinalacrosse.com
- CLA is working closely with the HKLA and TWLA
- A Chinese Men’s Team is participating in ASPACs 2017 and two Chinese women are participating in the United Team

- CLA is very proactive with all forms of social media platforms including Twitter, Instagram, We Chat and Facebook
- Future initiatives include:
 - Conducting a 5-day Youth Summer Camp in July/August 2017
 - Hosting a Youth Tournament in Spring/Fall 2018
 - BSU to introduce lacrosse courses to other university students in Beijing from Fall 2017
 - The new organization was acknowledged by the APLU President and the CLA was thanked for their efforts over the past 2 years

Hong Kong Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Administrative structure includes 8 full-time staff and a volunteer Executive Committee supervised by a Board of Directors
- Approximately 450 members
- 4 school sign-ups wanting to start interstate school league by 18 September (not Field lacrosse)
- Development initiatives include a Mixed League with community participation focus not competitive focus – 7 a side, non-contact, mixed gender, ages 20 – 55, 2 x 15minute halves
- Target in growth – 900 active players over the next 3 years
- Targeting the 9 – 12 age group (easier to liaise with Mothers in this age bracket)
- Participation in the 2017 ASPACS – both men and women
- Referee Workshop conducted with 12 participants
- Umpiring Course conducted with 23 participants
- HK participated in the FIL Men’s World Series in Denver in 2016
- HK Men and Women are participating in ASPACs 2017 in Korea
- A Women’s Team will be participating in the FIL Women’s World Cup in July 2017 in England.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Youth Academy – a full time Coach will be hired to run the program targeted at 19 – 25 age group
 - Little League Lacrosse – launch an inter-school League as part of the Youth Program

New Zealand Amateur Lacrosse Union (NZALU):

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Membership numbers: 300 male players (senior and junior) and 700 female players (senior and junior) with the women’s game experiencing a significant growth in numbers
- 5 regional governing bodies, all staffed by volunteers/no paid staff in NZL
- Hosting a Senior National tournament annually in March for both men and women.
- Regular participation in Australian Championships at the senior, U18 and U15 levels, for men and women.
- Participation in a bi-annual ANZAC Day match in April between NZ and Australia
- Participation in the FIL U19 Women’s World Championship in Scotland in 2015
- Participating in ASPACs 2017 in Korea in the women’s competition.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Participation in the FIL Women’s World Cup in July 2017 in England and a U19 Development Team shall compete alongside the World Cup in the World Championship Festival tournament in Guildford.
 - Participation in the FIL Men’s World Series in Israel in 2018

Japan Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Membership numbers total 18,300 (players, coaches, officials and staff; These numbers include high school players although they are not formal members of the JLA

- International Friendship Games are held throughout the country and these provide an international exposure for many Japanese players. Visiting teams were thanked for their attendance including Australia and Hong Kong and a visit is anticipated by Taiwan in November.
- Home stays continue to be encouraged and these promote the Japanese motto 'Lacrosse Makes Friends' whilst providing a cultural exchange opportunity as well as a lacrosse opportunity
- The JLA hopes to have a Men's U19 team compete in the FIL U19 World Championship in Ireland in 2020.
- The JLA has welcomed Officials from around the world to Japan with financial support from the JLA Official's Program which sees 6,000 players take the Officiating exam annually.
- Future initiatives include:
 - Establishing a JLA Academy for further training of instructors
 - Introduction of lacrosse to other universities
 - Increasing junior numbers playing lacrosse
 - Upgrading transparency of JLA organization

Korea Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Approx. 1,050 players in Korea with Men's and Women's teams in High School, Collegiate and Clubs
- 5 League competitions spread over 8 months of the year (May – December)
- An exciting 12 months particularly preparing for, and now hosting the 2017 ASPAC Championship with both a Men's and Women's Korean Team competing
- Looking forward to connecting with all teams during the course of this event.
- A steady growth in women's college teams, high schools and clubs but little progress in the men's growth with some numbers decreasing particularly in college.
- Conducting successful Referee Clinics in 2016
- Participation in the Friendship Games in Japan in 2017
- Future initiatives include:
 - A Women's Team to participate in the 2017 FIL Women's World Cup
 - A Men's Summer League to start September 2017 with 4 teams
 - The development of a club team at the US Army Base in Korea by the end of 2018
 - Provision of support of a League operated by Hankuk University with active collaboration (this University started 4 years ago and has been a very successful program so plan to replicate this success).
 - Preparation of a Men's National Team for 2018 FIL Men's World Series.

Taiwan Lacrosse Association:

Written report tabled. Highlights included:

- Becoming an APLU Associate Member in 2015 and then being admitted into APLU Full Membership in June 2017
- The appointment of Travis Roost as Head Coach and an Officer of the Association
- One university playing lacrosse in Taipei
- Future initiatives include:
 - Participation of a Men's Team in the 2018 FIL Men's World Series in Israel
 - Participation of a U19 Women's Team in the FIL U19 Women's World Championship in 2019 in Canada
 - Targeting 6-12 year old in schools from elementary to university

No reports were submitted by the MLA, SLA, TLA nor LAI.

8. ASPAC Championship Guidelines.

Draft ASPAC Championship Guidelines have been compiled by F. Clark (ED) and circulated to Members for comment. They were implemented on a trial basis for ASPACs 2017. F. Clark was again congratulated on the compilation of the document and the vast amount of work and time undertaken in producing the guidelines.

Motion: "That the ASPAC Championship Guidelines as circulated be adopted."

Moved P. Mollison (ALA)

Seconded R. Pan (CLA)

CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY

Areas for future discussion include:

- Eligibility Criteria – E. Sugai, on behalf of JLA, gave an outline of a proposal for eligibility criteria for members competing in ASPAC Championships. This was briefly discussed however no motion could be put as this matter had not been included on the GM agenda. JLA was acknowledged for their initiative in this area.

Action Outcome: JLA to review and revise its proposal for eligibility criteria and circulate to the APLU EB.

APLU ED to then circulate to the membership and to set a date for an SGM for a formal vote in order for the guideline (if adopted) to be included ahead of the next ASPAC Championship.

9. Officials, Coach and New Country Development Initiatives in the Region

K. Shimizu was recognized for his leadership in the area of Officiating. It was acknowledged that there needs to be ongoing and increasing communication with FIL to maximise officiating development opportunities throughout the Region.

10. International Competition (ASPACs & FIL World Events) and Regional Competition

M. Slattery noted that discussions are continuing with the FIL in regards to regional organization and members shall be kept up-dated with outcomes. A Forum is scheduled for Friday evening 23 June with a presentation by the EB; Country representatives, players, officials, support staff and spectators are all welcome to attend as it is hoped that wide and varied input will provide diverse and robust discussion.

11. Next General Meeting

Date & venue to be considered following the FIL GA in England with discussions on the future of world and regional competition/and the setting of the future APLU calendar.

12. Close of Meeting

M. Slattery thanked delegates and observers for their attendance and encouraged Members to continue communicating with each other to ensure the growth of the sport in the Region. The meeting closed at 2210 hours.

Signed as a true and correct record

President

Date

APPENDIX A

ASIA PACIFIC LACROSSE UNION LTD

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APLU FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR YEAR 1 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 31 AUGUST 2016

PREPARED BY: Albert Lai – Director of APLU

Profit & Loss Statement

AUD

Income	
Membership Fees	<u>\$2,127.99</u>
Total Income	<u>\$2,127.99</u>
Expenditure of Event	
Sundry Expense	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenditure of Event	<u>\$0.00</u>
Gross Profit	\$2,127.99
Other Income	
Interest Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Less: Expenses	
ASIC Registration Fee	\$358.00
Bank Charges	\$120.00
Web Site	<u>\$504.90</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$982.90</u>
Operating Profit	\$1,145.09
Less: Other Expenses	
A/R Write-Off (Bad Debt)	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	(\$354.91)

Notes:

Membership from 8 members: MLA, TLA & LAI pending

Bad Debt: Registration Fee for ASPACs 2015 TLA x 2, MLA x 1

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APLU BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2016

	AUD		AUD
Current Assets		Current Liabilities	
Bank Account	\$9,085.76	ASPAC2017 Registration	\$6,554.37
Cash in Hand	\$510.00	Total Current Liabilities	\$6,554.37
APLU Merchandise	\$4,943.66		
Account Receivable	\$0.00	Long-Term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$14,539.42		
		Equity	
Long-Term Assets	\$0.00	Retained Earnings	\$8,339.96
		Current Year Earnings	(\$354.91)
		Total Equity	\$7,985.05
Total Assets	\$14,539.42	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$14,539.42

Notes:

ASPAC-2017: 6 men's & 4 women's. TBC: JLA & NZLA & CLA women's

End of Appendix A