



## Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) APLU GENERAL MEETING (GM)

**Friday 28 June 2019**  
**Sorabol College, Gyeongju, South Korea**

### 1. Welcome – Mike Slattery (Chairperson/President)

The meeting opened 7.10pm with M. Slattery in the Chair.

### 2. Present/Apologies/Proxies/Invited Guests

An attendance record was circulated ([Appendix A](#))

Delegates and Observers were self-introduced, denoted their member affiliation, and their meeting status of delegate or observer.

An APLU Membership Certificate was presented to Bijay Mipun representing the Lacrosse Association of India, at their first APLU GM.

Special welcome was made to Ron Balls, World Lacrosse Secretary General

### 3. Meeting Procedure

#### 3.1.1. Ratification of Motion 20 May 2019

Background was provided to the motion passed 20 May 2019, and this was ratified at the GM:

**MOTION:** *“That the APLU Full Membership endorse the APLU EB’s progress to date since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and permit the current APLU EB to operate as required until the next APLU GM 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.”*

**Moved:** J. Brockelbank (NZALU): **Seconded** P. Mollison (ALA). **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 3.1.2 Voting Members

The Chair outlined the voting procedure, i.e.: -

- **Full Members:** One (1) voting delegate (Constitution Clause 4.1.1)
- **Associate Members:** One (1) delegate no voting entitlements (Constitution Clause 4.1.2)
- **Affiliate Members:** No voting entitlements. No requirement to provide a delegate (Constitution Clause 4.1.3)
- **Officers:**
  - **President:** Not entitled to a vote but is entitled to one (1) casting vote (Constitutional Clause 5.2). Can carry a maximum of one proxy vote (Constitution Clause 6.3)

- **Vice President:** Entitled to a vote except when acting as Chairperson of the meeting (Constitution Clause 5.3). Can carry a maximum of one proxy vote (Constitution Clause 6.3)
- **Executive Director:** Not entitled to a vote (Constitution Clause 5.4). Can carry a maximum of one proxy vote (Constitution Clause 6.3)
- **Executive Board (3 Directors):** Entitled to a vote and can carry a maximum of one proxy vote (Constitution Clause 6.3)

### **3.1.3 Explanation of Meeting Format**

The Chair outlined the meeting procedure, including the suspension of standing orders for items 5 – 9 for Observers. Standing orders were resumed at item 10 through to conclusion of meeting.

## **4. Confirmation of 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Minutes 2017**

### **4.1 Corrections**

The Minutes were tabled. Nil corrections.

### **4.2 Motion to Accept**

**MOTION: “That the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the APLU 2017 be accepted.”**

**Moved P. Mollison (ALA): Seconded H. R. Park (KLA). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **4.3 Business Arising**

Nil business arising.

## **5. Presentation of President’s Report – Mike Slattery**

President’s Report attached (**Appendix B**). An overview was presented:

- APLU Objectives
- Major successes
- Membership, Competition & Officiating
- World Lacrosse
- Next Steps including
  - the development of an Operational Plan for Year 1 of the Strategic Plan
  - And a re-write of the APLU Constitution. (agenda item 10)
- Strategic Plan 2019 – 2023 (agenda item 8)
- Redefined APLU Objectives
- Mission, Vision and Values
- Specific Objectives
- Strategy Details
- International Competition
  - World Lacrosse events
  - Continental Federation Qualifiers
  - ASPAC Competition
  - Regional Competitions

**6. Finance Director Report – A. Lai**  
Financial Reports attached (**Appendix C**).

**6.1 Balance Sheet – as at 31 August 2017**

**Profit & Loss Statement**

**1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017** – presented:

- Net Profit AUD \$5,877.09
- Total Assets AUD \$14,975.14
- Nil discussion

**MOTION: “That the APLU 2016/17 Financial Report be accepted.”**

**Moved H. R. Park (KLA): Seconded J. Brockelbank (NZALU). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Profit & Loss Statement**

**1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018** – presented:

- Net Profit AUD \$4,112.93
- Total Assets AUD\$23,120.54
- The only income was Membership Fees as no ASPAC competition during this period
- Some of the ‘bad debt’ incurred in 2015 has been recovered

**MOTION: “That the APLU 2017/18 Financial Report be accepted.”**

**Moved A. Luo (CLA): Seconded T. Kwan (TWLA). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Profit & Loss Statement**

**1 September 2018 – 11 June 2019**

- Balance Sheet AUD\$18,000 + cash in hand from ASPACs 2019
- Current liability ASPAC fees will be listed in 2018/19 P&L after 31 August 2019
- By end of this financial year approx. AUD\$20,000 in bank

**MOTION: “That the APLU Financial Report as presented to the 2019 APLU GM be accepted.”**

**Moved E. Leung (HKLA): Seconded T. Kwan (TWLA). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Budget Outline**

There was general agreement that the APLU expend 25% of its reserves for development activities, i.e. AUD \$5,000

**MOTION: “The APLU Executive Board to determine and operate a budget for next financial year 1 September 2019 - 31 August 2020.**

**Moved P. Mollison (ALA): Seconded J. Brockelbank (NZALU): CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.3 Membership Subscriptions**

Membership Fees were due for review at this 2019 GM. The APLU Executive Board recommended that there be no change to the current Membership Fees i.e.: -

- Full Membership: USD\$250
- Associate Membership: USD\$125

There was discussion that

- The Membership fees be increased to allow for a travel subsidy for Director’s travel costs, as currently this limits the potential for some interested members to nominate for the APLU Board. (JLA).

- An increase in the fee structure was also supported in order to assist development projects in the region as the allocated \$5,000 is considered insufficient. (HKLA)
- The Chair noted that other sources of revenue will be investigated by the APLU in lieu of raising the fees.

**MOTION: “That the 2019-2020 & the 2020-2021 Membership Fees be maintained at USD\$250 Full Members, and USD\$125 Associate Members.”**

**Moved: J. Brockelbank (NZALU): Seconded T. Kwan (TWLA). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7. Member’s Reports**

Five Member Reports were received and circulated to members prior to the meeting. These were tabled. Not for discussion. Members who have not submitted their reports were requested to do so following this meeting for circulation to the membership.

## **8. APLU Strategic Plan (draft) 2019 -2023 – Presentation & Overview**

The Chair provided a brief background to the development of the first draft (v.01) of the APLU Strategic Plan. Members are encouraged to provide feedback to the APLU Board by 31 July 2019. An Operational Plan will then be drafted by the APLU Board.

Discussion included: -

- The Plan should include quantifiable measurable data e.g. membership numbers, number of tournaments being conducted in the Region. (MLF)
- Operationally the APLU should include strategies to address members who are not-functioning/inactive. (HKLA). It was noted that some discussions have been held with World Lacrosse in Gyeongju re how to support new members, and to better support existing members.

## **9. International Competition**

### **9.1 World Lacrosse Events**

The current calendar of World Lacrosse events was outlined:

- Men’s and Women’s World Championship (2022 & 2021)
- Men’s u19 (2020) and Women’s u19 World Championships (2019)
- Men’s Indoor World Championship (2019)

### **9.2 Continental Qualifiers**

In 2018 at the World Lacrosse (FIL) GA in Israel, members agreed that there would be Continental Federation Qualifiers for World Event competitions, commencing in 2019 with the Women’s qualifier for 2021, and in 2020 for the Men’s qualifier for 2022.

The Asia Pacific region is the first to host a CQ. Four women’s teams competed for two places in Gyeongju, with Korea and Hong Kong qualifying.

The next CF event shall be hosted by the ELF in Israel in July.

And the final one for 2019 shall be hosted by PALA in November in Florida.

In a document circulated to members 8 September 2018 the World Lacrosse Competition Director outlined the timelines for the men's qualifiers as agreed by members in Israel:

- It was agreed that since the top 10 Nations are pre-qualified they will not need to participate in a qualifying CF event, but this does not preclude them from playing in that CF event.
- For 2022 all nations who need to qualify will have to participate in a CF qualifying event, and this event must be concluded by 31 December 2020.
- It was agreed that each CF will determine its own rules for participation in a qualifying event, but it is likely that World Lacrosse recognized nations will also have to be in membership of that CF by a date stated by the CF.
- For 2022 nations participating in a CF qualifying event will not be able to qualify through to the World Championship if they are not in World Lacrosse membership by 1 January 2020.
- It was agreed that in order to participate in a qualifying event the Member must have an active lacrosse program in place in that nation for that particular event recognized by World Lacrosse. If they do not, then they shall not be included in the CF's allocation for that World Lacrosse event.
- It was agreed that the prescribed formula be used for the allocation of number of nations from each CF to qualify for a World Lacrosse Event. There must be a minimum of 1 Member from each Continental Federation.
- For 2022 Members must have a Men's Field program in place.
- CF Members may be required to confirm their Men's Field program as requested by World Lacrosse by 1 January 2020.
- For 2022 the final calculation of CF allocated nations by World Lacrosse shall be notified to the CF's by no later than 31 January 2020 by the World Lacrosse Competition Director.
- Based on this document and numbers in September 2019 the APLU region, with 12 members playing men's lacrosse, would be allocated six places, including the two members who have pre-qualified (Australia and Japan), therefore leaving another 4 places for qualification.

For the CF Asia Pacific qualifier in 2020 the following was noted: -

- Seven members in the region have expressed an interest in competing in the men's CQ in 2020.
- One of these has agreed they are not ready yet to send a team
- Agreed therefore that there are only 6 teams
- The format for the competition has been agreed to be a round robin 6 team / 5 days
- Two members have pre-qualified, Australia and Japan.
- An EOI for hosting has been circulated to members with a closing date of 31 July 2019.
- The APLU shall notify members by no later than 31 August 2019 of the successful Host with dates.
- 31 December 2020 was the agreed deadline at the 2018 GA for members to have hosted their CF qualifier for 2022.
- By 31 January 2020 allocated number of places for each CF shall be confirmed.
- Pre-qualifiers won't have to play.
- It was suggested that the usual 'June/July' period not be the months for hosting the qualifier because of the World Lacrosse Men's u19 World Championship being hosted in Limerick, Ireland from 9 – 18 July 2020.
- Other consideration for dates centred around religious events such as Ramadan in the Islamic culture, however there was also a consensus that such considerations could be too self-limiting.
- It was anticipated that in the future there could be a CQ every year although no World Lacrosse events have been advised after 2022 at this time.

- There was a question as to whether the APLU is “happy with the status quo or does it want to grow lacrosse in the region as a future consideration.” (HKLA).
- The current landscape at the continental level was provided, with the realisation that other CF’s will also continue to grow and increase their capabilities; reference was made to strategy 4 of the proposed Strategic Plan, i.e. “Develop Regional Membership.”
- There is a desire for lacrosse to be admitted into other world multi-sport Games, apart from The World Games (2021), e.g. Pan American Games, Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games. And participation may be any discipline.
- It was acknowledged that not all members have to/or can play in a World Event, however competition will remain a high priority at the regional and continental level.
- At the World Lacrosse Governance Seminar held in Gyeongju the World Lacrosse Director of Sport Development, TJ Buchanan, emphasised that “members must have a solid infrastructure to sustain growth within countries, therefore it is important to build internal growth.”

### **9.3 ASPACS**

With ASPACs having been held every 2 years there are no plans at present for this to change, so there was general agreement that the next ASPACs will be in 2021 for both men and women.

### **10. Application for Membership - – Philippines Lacrosse Association (PLA)**

The Chair reported that the PLA had satisfied requirements for Associate Membership, including the submission of Director’s names, By Laws and Strategic Plan as circulated to members. This Plan was summarized with key highlights being:

- University of Makati – Men’s and Women’s program
- La Carlota Youth Organization – Youth program
- Seven Strategic Priorities for development and participation

**MOTION: “That Associate Membership to the Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union be conferred upon the Philippines Lacrosse Association.”**

**Moved: J. Brockelbank (NZALU): Seconded: P. Mollison (ALA). CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **11. Notice of intent to amend the APLU Constitution**

The Chair reported that the current APLU Constitution is being amended. Pro bono expert legal advice has been sought. Key changes will include tenure and rotation of Director appointments. This draft Constitution shall be circulated to members early July for consideration with feedback by 31 July. Next steps will then be the calling of an SGM for a vote by the membership.

### **12. Election of Directors**

Nominations were called for prior to the GM and were also permitted from the floor. A. Lai (Director) conducted the election of Directors.

#### **12.1 President**

There was one nomination for this position, Mike Slattery, nominated by ALA. M. Slattery was duly re-elected unopposed. Congratulations were extended to M. Slattery by acclamation.

#### **12.2 Vice President**

There was one nomination for this position, Albert Lai, nominated by HKLA and endorsed by the ALA (resident in Australia). A. Lai was duly re-elected to the Board unopposed. Congratulations were extended to A. Lai by acclamation.

### **12.3 Directors**

There were three nominations for three positions. Bill Hollins, nominated by NZALU, and Won Jae Park, nominated by KLA, were duly re-elected unopposed.

Eri Sugai, nominated by JLA, was elected unopposed. Congratulations were extended to B. Hollins, W. J. Park and E. Sugai by acclamation.

Thanks were extended to A. Lai in his role as Returning Officer and for his conduct of the nominations.

Congratulations were also extended to the incoming Board by M. Slattery.

Retiring Vice President, Tomohiro Takasaka, was thanked and recognized for his wisdom and good guidance during his 4-year term of office since 2015.

Retiring Executive Director, Fiona Clark, was also thanked and acknowledged for her hard-working efforts and great initiatives. When F. Clark was elected World Lacrosse Competition Director in 2018 she tendered her notice of resignation effective 30 June 2019. The appointment of the ED is made by the President.

Both T. Takasaka and F. Clark were applauded by the members for their contribution of service to the APLU.

### **13. Close of Meeting**

Delegates and Observers were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

**Signed as a true and correct record**



**President**

**21 August 2019**

**ATTACHMENTS (under separate cover)**

- **APPENDIX A – Attendance Record**
- **APPENDIX B – President’s Report**
- **APPENDIX C – Financial Reports**

**End of Minutes**