



Calgary Hornets Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting

Date: November 25th 2024

Time: 7pm

Location: Brentwood

In Attendance:

President – Owen Jones

Vice President 1 – Jason Johns

Vice President 2 – Ian Glassford

Executive Director – Debbie Goodfellow

Discipline Director – Tom Hawthorne

Equipment Director – Amy Levie

Evaluation Director – Casey Hiebert

Coach Director – Jason Deis

Secretary – Shandelle Thomas

Club Member – Jordan Boissy

Club Member – Gordon Fredine

Club Member – Gio Defrancesco

Club Member – Joshua Fernando

Club Member – Jeff Beniuk

Club Member – Lawrence Wright

Regrets:

Treasurer – Shaun O'Connell

Division Coordinator – Kim Smith

1. Call to Order by Owen at 7:05pm
2. Roll call of membership by Debbie – As per By-law #2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 Quorum was met for the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Calgary Hornets Lacrosse Association with more than 50% of the Board in attendance together with any other members in good standing present. Meeting to proceed.



3. Approve Agenda motion made by Tom H. for the meeting, seconded by Amy L. All in favor. CARRIED
4. Approve Minutes from 2023 Meeting Minutes motion made by Casey H. for the meeting, seconded by Jason J. CARRIED
5. Approve Minutes from 2023 Meeting Minutes motion made by Jason J. for the meeting, seconded by Amy L. CARRIED

6. Annual Report

- The financials were done by an independent third party
- Registration went up
- Growth still coming up from covid and learning more about tournaments that we have been part of and discussion in hosting our own
- Challenges with coaches and developing them to improve them and the game, looking at how we can support them
- Making evaluation process more streamlined and fair for all
- Big change is the legacy on the board and more new faces coming which is nice but there is starting to be a lack of experience that we haven't had in years prior

QUESTION : Development (coach and player), what about player retention.. there is a coach in U9 whom does not support and hype up the players and is not coaching them properly.

ANSWER : Vetting out the coaches and how many years they play, coach, if they are involved in the try it and making it more of a point system. They have coaching clinics with Elev8 that they have to attend. We are lacking in coach applications for head coaches and finding them.

QUESTION : What is the plan for volunteers with other sports and for the young girls to be part of lacrosse,

ANSWER : Knowledge that the season is short and the experience we have for our parents and volunteers with conversation for volunteer appreciation night, trying to give these times to do 'try it' sessions as they navigate other spring sports, volunteers are very important. Girls in lacrosse, we try for CDLA to make it comfortable with young females to play with the Hornets until they feel comfortable to play with Fury if they want to move over and play with just the girls. GIRLS ONLY TRY IT SESSION – You can go to any association try it session.

QUESTION : Grow the games with the Roughnecks, we could use a mailing list to get coaching to come help these camps to bring more coaches in to help out and then bring more players to the game, possibly giving away tickets to Flames, Wranglers, Roughneck games

ANSWER : Not the easiest to deal with and focused on what they need to do and community stuff is a bit harder to come by. They are doing the U7 sponsor again but we are in talks with them about possibly doing more with them.

7. Financial Report

- Shaun will not be coming back and we will need someone to step up and take this position
 - Deferred revenue is the casino/raffle money, we use half the casino money first year and then the rest the second year as we get casinos every 18 months. We make quite a bit of money through casino roughly \$70k and it helped through our rebranding with jerseys etc
 - Casino is very important, please use word of mouth to help recruit volunteers to help with those hours
 - Fees from 2023 to 2024 are slightly down
 - Should be making \$25k from Canada Day and \$80k from Casino 2025, we have withdrew from the GIC and looking to put the money back in plus a bit more. We should have a surplus at the end of the season
 - Other income does include our junior teams (Wranglers & Cardinals) which goes to support their teams throughout the season
- QUESTION : How long do the jerseys last
- ANSWER : Hard to compare to the old jerseys, we would like to get 5 years out of them. Some age groups are harder on them then others and so we may need to anticipate that we may have to replace them sooner. We will have money set aside
- Approve Financial Report motion made by Lawrence Wright to approve financial report, seconded by Joshua Fernando. All in favor. CARRIED
 - Approve 2025 Financials motion made by Gio DeFrancesco to approve Nicholas E or someone else directed by the Board to Review Financials in 2025, seconded by Lawrence Wright. All in favor. CARRIED

8. Special Resolution

- It is RESOLVED that 75% of the Members present at the 2024 Annual General Meeting approved and passed the Special Resolution being:

I hereby certify that the following Special Resolution was passed at a meeting of the Members of CALGARY HORNETS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION on the 25th day of November, 2024.

As per By-law 5.2, Calgary Hornets Lacrosse Association hereby looks to obtain the following borrowing by way of credit cards from ATB described as follows:

- A. Calgary Hornets Lacrosse Association a credit card with a limit up to \$10000;
- B. Calgary Wranglers a credit card with a limit up to \$1000; and
- C. Calgary Cardinals a credit card with a limited up to \$1000.

The above-mentioned borrowing will be secured by a one-year closed GIC term deposit dollar for dollar to be held as collateral.



9. Board of Director Report

- Owen thanked Ian for his time on the board and all the help that he has done for our association and we will be sad to see him go.

QUESTION : When are we opening up registration

ANSWER : We are hoping around December 15th

10. Elections

- Debbie reviewed the commitment requirements for these positions and expectations of confidentiality. For a two year term.

President – MOTION made to nominate Owen Jones for President made by Jason J. seconded by Ian G. All in Favor. CARRIED. Owen Jones was acclaimed as President for a further 2 year term.

Vice President 2 – MOTION made to nominate Lawrence Wright as Vice President 2 made by Jeff Beniuk seconded by Jordan Boissy. All in Favor. CARRIED. Lawrence Wright was elected as Vice-President 2 for a two year term

Treasurer (Finishing off the term, one year left) – No member came forward to fill this position

Secretary – MOTION made to nominate Shandelle Thomas as Secretary made by Casey H, seconded by Lawrence W. All in Favor. CARRIED. Shandelle Thomas was acclaimed as Secretary for a further 2 year term.

Coach Director – MOTION made to nominate Jordan Boissy as Coach Director made by Jason D, seconded by Joshua F. All in Favor. CARRIED. Jordan Boissy was elected Coach Director for a 2 year term.

Director of Division Coordinators – No member came forward to fill this position.

Tournament Director – No member came forward to fill this position.

Junior Director - No member came forward to fill this position.

- Motion to close nominations for the Director positions for 2024-2025 was made by Lawrence W. seconded by Ian G. All in favor. CARRIED.

11. Coordinator Positions

Division Coordinators

Tournament Coordinators

Committee Members

Evaluation Associates (Scheduler, Technical & Admin)

Coach – Admin (2 positions)



12. New Business

QUESTION : Evaluations happened and then we had a practice and a game, will this be the same moving forward

ANSWER : This year will be a bit different as the season will be starting this year earlier due to the CCSD holiday this spring.

QUESTION : How many referees are signed up

ANSWER : We do not know as the ALRA did not attend the ALA this year, but they have put forth a way to make them better. We can ask about pulling a report about knowing how many from our club are refs.

13. Meeting to Adjourn 2024 Hornets Annual General Meeting @ 9:00pm

MOTION was made by Lawrence W. and seconded by Jordan B. All in favor.

CARRIED

Owen Jones – President

Shandelle Thomas – Secretary

