



NWMLA 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Meeting Date:	November 30, 2022
Location:	Queen's Park Arena
Members in Attendance	Rich Catton, Bill Tyler, Kevin Stewardson, Lynda Callard, Mark Smith, Jason Plante, Karen Poole, Sara-Jayne Milne, Don Ocampo, Michael Ranalletta, Mary Trentadue, Nicole Christensen, Jodie Shebib, Maya Russell, Sam Stephens
Observers	Ron Booth

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm

- a) As per by-law 4.4 enough members were present to make a quorum
- b) Meeting Proof of notice provided, including reference to last year's AGM minutes and list of proposed by-law amendments
- c) Karen Poole selected as Chair – Motion to accept - carried
- d) 2021 AGM minutes reviewed – Motion to accept - carried
- e) 2022 Agenda presented – Motion to accept - carried

Officer Reports

President's Report: Rich Catton

As the 2021/22 lacrosse seasons draws to a close, I would like thank all the NWMLA athletes, parents, referees, and volunteers. As a board we are presently turning the page on 2022, and focused our planning on 2023. Priorities for 2023 include:

- Increasing player registration numbers in field and box lacrosse
- Recruitment of coaches, referees and volunteers

Given the competition for young athletes amongst the different minor sports organisations in New Westminister it is imperative that our board focus on new ways to recruit athletes to our sport especially on the field lacrosse side of the association.

NWMLA Results

Youth Field (2021)	Youth Box
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams: 6 teams • Provincials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U18 Tier 2- Silver, Fair Play Award Tyson Nielsen • U15- Fair Play Award Kael Wickenhauser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams: 19 teams • Provincials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16U A1 Silver • 12U A2 Bronze



Women's Field	Female Box
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams: 5 teams • Provincials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U15 Tier 1- Silver, Fair Play Award Shaely Wallace • U15 Tier 2- Gold, MVP Brooklyn Sverdrup, Fair Play Award Gaby Lyons • U12 Fair Play Award Charlotte MacLeod 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams: 7 teams • Provincials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16U Gold • 14U B Bronze • 12U A Bronze

Team BC & BC Summer Games

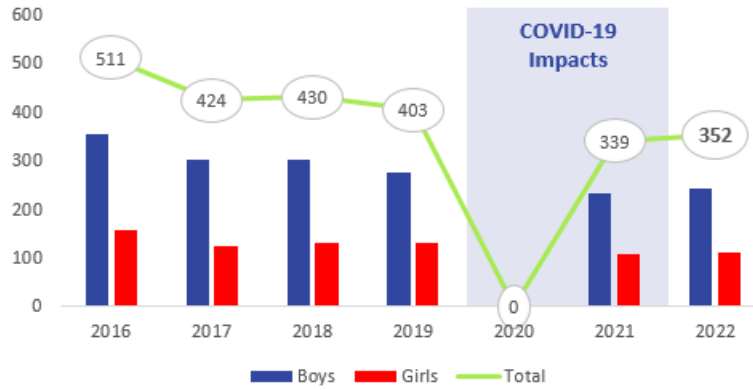
- TEAM BC: Box
 - Youth – U12 Silver Nationals
 - Female – U15 National Silver
- BC Summer Games: Box
 - Zone 4 - Bronze
- BC Summer Games: Field
 - Zone 4 – Bronze

Key Points Moving Forward

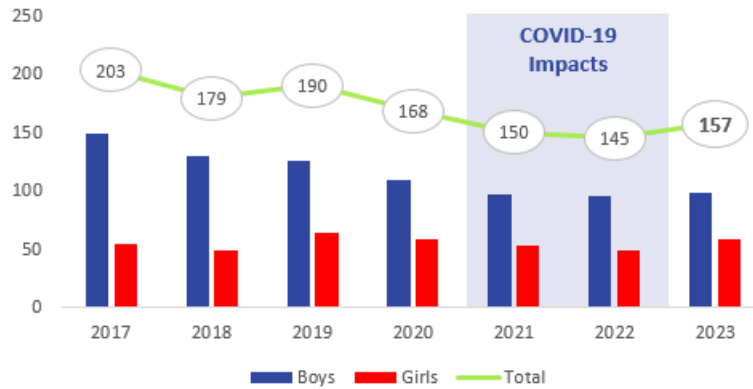
- Recruit and mentor new board members
- Establish a hiring process for our soon to be vacant administrator position
- Establish a hiring process for the vacant Head Coach position
- Work with New West Parks & Rec to get our Sticks In Schools Program back in all the elementary schools
- Through promotion / advertising find ways to increase registration

Registrar's Report: Lynda Callard

NWMLA Box Registrations



NWMLA Field Registrations



VP Youth Box Report: Kevin Stewardson

VP Box Male Report
Kevin Stewardson

Team	# of Teams	Last year
Mini Tyke	6	5
Tyke	5	6
Novice	2	2
PeeWee	2	2
Bantam	2	2
U16	2	2

Key Successes

- **Huge thank you** to the coaches and Division managers for all their hard work
- Special shout out to **Jen Turner** and **Jo Swanson** for running the **Olivia Malcolm Tyke and Mini-tyke Jamboree**
 - **This was a great event that everyone loved**
- 4 teams made **Provincials**
 1. PeeWee B
 2. PeeWee A2- Bronze
 3. Bantam C
 4. U16 A1 – Silver
- **Team BC**
 - 12U: Marcus Tyler, Evan Catton, Charlie Malcom

Key Challenges

- It has been **hard to find coaches and volunteers** since COVID
- **Mini tyke and tyke teams need larger teams** so as to play apples and oranges

VP Youth Field Report: Bill Tyler

VP Field Male Report
Bill Tyler

7 Teams

Team	# of Players	Last year
U5	5	5
U7	10	12 U7/9
U9	13	-
U11 T1	7	20
U11 T2	19	15
U15	14	24
U18	21	19

Key Successes

- Team BC Participants:**
- U14 – Brady Schnurr
 - U15 – Alistair August-McIvor
 - U15 – Jaxon Roy
 - U15 – Myles Gifford
 - U15 – Wren Glanville
 - U15 – Evan Connelly (a)
 - U15 – Owen Christiansen
 - U15 – Sasha Zuk (a)
 - U16 – Reid Hynes MacDonald
 - U18 – Colburn Connelly
 - U18 – Simon Poole
- Separate U7 & U9 teams for the first time in several years
 - Combined U13 Tier 1 team with PoCo, allowing top players to compete at appropriate level
 - Increased number of young Junior age coaches volunteering their time

Key Challenges

- City's redistribution of our practice times created **significant scheduling challenges**
- Not enough players for a U11 team this season



VP Female Box Report: Julie Edgar (Interim)

VP Box Female Report
Julie Edgar

Team	# of Teams	Last year
Tyke	1	1
Novice	1	1
PeeWee	1	1
Bantam	2 Merge with Surrey	2
U16	1	2
Junior	1 Releases from Surrey /Langley	NA

Key Successes

- Bantam merge with Surrey allowed for a Tier 1 and Tier 2 team
- U16: Gold Medal – Adanac Challenge
- U16: Provincial Gold Medal
- PeeWee: Provincial Bronze Medal
- **Team BC 14U**
 - Teya Porter
- **Team BC 17U**
 - Beth Anderson
 - Ashlyn Dhandwar
 - Lexy Stevenson

Key Challenges

- Difficulty finding coaches
- Forming a Junior Team
- Growing numbers at all levels

VP Women's Field Report: Julie Edgar

VP Field Female Report
Julie Edgar

5 teams

Team	# of Players	Last Year
1 U8	2 Released to Burnaby	5
1 U12	16	12
2 U15	29 = 2 teams Releases from Richmond, Burnaby	39 Releases 1 Richmond, 4 Burnaby
1 U19	16 Releases from PoCo, Burnaby, Ridge Meadows	18 Releases 1 Richmond, 2 Burnaby, 11 PoCo

Key Successes

- U15 Tier 2 – Provincial Gold Medal
- U15 Tier 1 – Provincial Silver Medal
- Team BC – 18 New West Players
 - Middle School – 3
 - Freshman – 1
 - Sophomore – 7
 - Junior – 3
 - Senior – 4

Key Challenges

- Finding Coaches
- Referees – New West needs to have 1 per registered team – need to recruit more as most experienced are at college
- Growing the numbers/Registration in U8
- Age/size/skill gaps in U12 (4 years) – keeping first year players engaged and wanting to continue to play
- U19 player registration/commitment



VP Equipment Report: Jason Plante

VP Equipment Jason Plante

Coaches were very accommodating to be able to meet to coordinate gear pickup and drop off.

It was great to see families donating used gear to the association, extremely helpful for new lacrosse players.

As always, I want to [thank Julie Timoffee](#) for all of her hard work organizing and managing the Jersey's for all of the teams.

Key Successes

- Able to work with local equipment companies to meet past Box and Field needs, however some Field Goalie gear arrived well after the season start
- Larger order of gear we made during COVID received prior to the start of the last Box season which turned out to be necessary
- Managed to make-do without some of the typical necessities such as ball bags by using some of the older ones we held onto

Key Challenges

- Equipment Manufacturers remain behind on meeting demand of some equipment
- Challenges with keeping Field Lacrosse Nets in good shape
 - Due to misuse field netting is constantly coming lose
 - Replacement netting has a longer timeline to order
- Smaller sized gear used for rental program is delayed and arriving in limited numbers

VP Scheduling Report: Mark Smith

VP Scheduler (Box) Mark Smith

- A return to regular play for 2022

Key Successes

- Direct access to game schedules with BCLA
- Arena schedule document available to all teams

Key Challenges




- Release, updating and correcting of BCLA on-line game schedule
- Communication

Member at Large (Head Coach) Report: Vacant

- Motion to accept all Officer's Report as read - carried



Treasurer Report: Nicole Christiansen

Report	Link
2022 / 2023 Budget	 Budget
2022 Balance Sheet	 Balance Sheet
2022 Profit & Loss by Program	 Profit Loss

- **Motion made** to accept 2022/23 budget – carried

By-Law Amendments

- Refer to appendix – all proposals to amend select bylaws passed

Election of New Directors

In accordance with bylaws 5.9, 4.1 and 5.3, Directors were elected from the membership and then and then elected into the following officer positions:

President	Rich Catton
Vice President – Youth Box	Kevin Stewardson
Vice President – Female Box	Maya Russell
Vice President – Youth Field	Don Ocampo
Vice President – Women’s Field	Julie Edgar
Vice President – Equipment, Box and Field	Jason Plante
Vice President: Scheduling, Box and Field	Mark Smith
Secretary	Jodie Shebib
Treasurer	Nicole Christiansen
Registrar	Lynda Callard
Member at Large	Sara Jayne Milne



New Business

- Discussion in increasing registration for field and box. Suggestions included:
 - Create opportunities within box season to have practices on the field, run field clinics during tournaments, offer incentives for registration
 - Work with new Marketing coordinator to create awareness / demand
- Female Box Lacrosse 3 v 3 | 5 v 5
 - Discussion on NWMLA playing 3 on 3 for Tyke games. Membership was curious to understand why that is and positioned that player retention may be an issue if the association did not move back to a 5 v 5 format of play
 - Rich Catton explained the benefits associated with 3 v 3 but also shared that there are discussion currently underway with the Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission (LMMLC) regarding that exact issue
 - As a member of the LMMLC, NWMLA must follow their direction on this issue; we will keep membership apprised of how this issue evolves
- Discussion to ensure both NWMLA's Female Box Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse are positioned appropriately within bylaws, policies and procedures. This extended to include a fuller perspective around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
 - **NWMLA committed to forming a DEI committee** that will assess our bylaws, policies and procedures

Motion to adjourn Julie Edgar, seconded Bill Tyler – Carried
Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm

Appendix



Proposed
Amendments 2022