



**OMLA AGM Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021 6:30 PM Oceanside Place Multi -Purpose Room**

Attendees:

1. **Call to order 11/2/2021 - 6:41 PM**
2. **Adoption of the minutes 2020 AGM (available Oceansidelacrosse.com)** M/SC Jason Hassey/Renee Allan
3. **Reports from current Executive (see attached):**

President – Jason O’Connell

Treasurer – Greer Cummings

Secretary – vacant (Greer Cummings acting)

Registrar – Di Jolly Approximately 80 Box registrations; 40 Field; much coordinating with other associations/BCLA registrars regarding resgistartions with neighbour associations /releases

Vice President 1 – vacant

Vice President 2 – vacant (Greer Cummings acting)

Vice President 3 – Tara MacLeod

Vice President 4 – Jason Hassey Field Lax Skills & Drills

Associate Executive Reports

Equipment Manager – Paula Winnett Equipment Manager -Paula- Require Balls & Goalie Gear

Head Coach - Vacant

Managers Coordinator – Renee Allan

Head Referee – Rick Popplestone

M/SC to accept reports as presented – M Renee Allan SC Rick Popplestone

Need for referees, mentors, competitive coaches; development programs, succession planning re:BCLA advocacy VIMLC/VIYFL coordination/BCLA

4. **New Business**
 - o **Registration** – Be it resolved than family members of executive, associate directors and or coaching (head/assistant) and team manager positions are entitled to receive 50% discount to the first child’s registration for the season(s) of their service
5. **Election of Executive / Directors** (Elections occur by nominations in advance or from the floor, then elected by secret ballot per BYLAW G
 - President – (See [OMLA Operating Policy](#) for role detail) Jason Hassey by acclamation**
 - Treasurer – Greer Cummings remain acclaimed (until replacement can be identified)**
 - Secretary – Greer Cummings remain acclaimed (until replacement can be identified)**
 - Registrar – Diana Jolly to stay - acclaimed**

VP1 – Ryan Minty by acclamation
VP2 – Vacant
VP3 – Tara to stay on by acclamation
VP4 – Vacant
M/SC Renee Allan / Paula Winnett

6. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

a. BYLAW C Notice of Agenda Items for AGM Agenda

- i. To be changed from “~~21 days~~ prior to AGM to 14 days prior...” M/SC Paula Winnett/Greer Cummings

7. Adjournment 7:17 P.M.

Director's Reports

President's Report – Jason O'Connell November 20th 2020 -November 2nd 2021

My Second year holding the president position was challenging as our team was trying to navigate the return play guidelines set out by BC Lacrosse and Avia sport. The biggest goal for our team was to get kids out and get sticks in their hands while following the guidelines, I believe everyone came together and we achieved the goal set out before us and had kids out on the field and on the floor. Though all the changes and uncertainty I was very thankful to be surrounded by an amazing board that were all so talented in their individual gifts to work as a team to get through and continue to work through the challenges of COVID 19. This year registrations were down so we had a group get together to come up with ideas on how to market lacrosse in our community and there were lots of great ideas that we will try to put in motion. Moving forward we will continue to plan for the next box lacrosse season as we hope to see all the restrictions lifted and lacrosse to be back to normal.

Most of all I want to thank all of the volunteers that I got work with over the last season and how wonderful it felt to be a part of such a supportive team. I hope that we continue to give thanks to all the volunteers out there as they put in so many hours that a lot of us do not see and without them our children would not have the opportunity to have these programs available. I hope everyone and their families stays safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Jason O'Connell -President OMLA Oct 20/21

Secretary |VP2 | Treasurer's Report – Greer Cummings

November 2020's OMLA AGM was memorable to be sure, the first ZOOM AGM for this organization, and successful at that. As many of us have pivoted in the time of pandemic, it marked a time of significant transition, not just for the planning and organization of the sport we love on behalf of the youth in our community, but also in the way we learn, communicate, coordinate and co-create new ways of doing things. Several policy revisions were ratified during our November 2020, intended to simplify, clarify and refocus us on our core purpose of supporting and expanding both box and field lacrosse opportunities in our own community and with our regional and provincial partners. Several executive members chose to step back/align themselves with other callings in 202/21, be they family, business, or other pursuits: Colleen Jordan as Secretary, Farrah Lewis as Treasurer and VP, Sharon Todd as registrar, and Ian Todd as VP and fundraising coordinator; we gratefully acknowledge their valuable and significant contributions.

We worked hard with municipal recreation partners and facilities operators to be able to offer fall skills and drills programs for field lacrosse in the U15, U13, U11, U9 & U7 age groups based on carefully considered ViaSport and BCLA guidelines; a good foundation which prepared us well for a modified box season starting in and around March of 2021; giving teams at the mini-tyke/tyke, Pee wee/Bantam & Midget levels the opportunity for some modified play and participation in tournament. Despite some unusual dynamics for both officials and coaches, who all demonstrated much great flexibility and adaptability in modified regulatory and play environments. We were all grateful for some reflection time in September, enabling us to integrate some of the lessons and apply some strategic thinking to our operations planning for the coming year and beyond. Many talented people and opinions gave very generously of their time, wisdom and experience to help us stay focused on our mandate and opportunities.

From a financial perspective, we were successful in restoring community gaming support, as well as relief funding from both the RDN and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Foundation allowing us to ensure practice and programming opportunities for all, as well as provide a solid foundation from which create new development opportunities, partnerships, and dialogues focused on strengthening existing and cultivating new mutually beneficial relationships to ensure continued lax opportunities for our communities' youth.

Respectfully Submitted

Greer Cummings, VP|Secretary|Treasurer 2020|21