

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE**

7th August 2008, Grand Hotel, Lahti, Finland

Delegates

David Fox	Australia
Daniela Durr	Austria
Joey Harris	Canada
Ondrej Mika	Czech
Martin Baadsga	Denmark
David Shuttleworth	England
Fabio Antonelli	Italy
John Smylie	France
Ken Galluccio	Germany
Richard Moran	Ireland
Duane Jacobs	Iroquois
Tomohiro Takasaka	Japan
Wonjae Park	Korea
Tomasz Kedzia	Poland
Jane Claydon	Scotland
Daniel Svanstromi	Sweden
Ian Schoch	Switzerland
Steve Stenersen	USA
Marge Corbitt	Wales

Observers

Fiona Clarke	Australia
Kurt Rothleitner	Austria
Bill Brydon	Canada
Veronika Brychcinova	Czech
Sallie Barker	England
Robert Corna	Italy
James Carroll	Ireland
Sandy Jamison	Iroquois
Olivia Kim	Korea
Craig Brown	Scotland
Fredrik Forstback	Switzerland
Jack Emmer	USA
Karen Owen	Wales

Guests

Barbara Kumoszkova	Czech Republic
Judith Jacobs	Iroquois
Don Blacklock	England
Jake Curran	USA
Shelley Maher	Australia
Jenny Haynes	England

John Smylie	France
Sandy Jemison	Haudenosaunee
Graham Lester	England
Robert Powell	Scotland
Ian Schoch	Switzerland
Kurt Rothleitner	Austria
Frederick Forsteach	Switzerland
Sue Redfern	England
Marge Garinger	USA
Peter Hobbs	Australia

Transition Board Members

Stan Cockerton	Canada
Feffie Barnhill	USA
Ron Balls	England
Tom Hayes	USA

Apologies

Leighton Beamsley	Australia
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1. Welcome by Steve Stenersen and Sallie Barker

Sallie Barker welcomed all Delegates, Observers and Guests to the inaugural meeting of the General Assembly of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL). She explained that, as members of the Transition Board, she and Steve Stenersen would Co-Chair the meeting until agenda item 4 when they would hand over to the elected officers.

Sallie Barker asked the Delegates from the Countries in attendance to introduce themselves, their Observers and their Guests.

Steve Stenersen explained the process of how the present situation had been reached. Steve outlined the schedule of the seven full meetings that had taken place in various parts of the world since 2004 as the Unification Committee then Transition Board. Steve noted that large amounts of documentation had been sent out to member countries, comments had been returned and they had been fed back into the unification process. Steve Stenersen thanked everyone for the time that had been given to this process.

Sallie Barker outlined the voting procedure.

Steve Stenersen said that yesterday the IFWLA and the ILF had unanimously approved the next step. Fiona Clarke and Peter Hobbs had signed the papers in advance but he invited them to sign the documentation in front of the assembled group for posterity.

The Certificate of Amendment was signed by Fiona Clarke and Peter Hobbs

2. Approval of Constitution of Federation of International Lacrosse

Sallie Barker asked the group to approve the Constitution of Federation of International Lacrosse. A motion to this effect was made by Jack Emmer (US) and seconded by Jane Claydon (Scotland). The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Election of Federation of International Lacrosse Board

Steve Stenersen introduced the proposed new board:

Feffie Barnhill	President
Stan Cockerton	Vice President
Jack Emmer	Men's Director
Tom Hayes	Director of Development
Shelley Maher	Women's Director
Ron Balls	Director of Finance

Steve Stenersen outlined the procedure for the election of the FIL Board. He explained that the Transition Board had concluded that they had to elect the strongest team who would work well together and this was the group that was chosen.

The members of the proposed new Board were asked to leave the room. A motion was made to accept the slate of Board of Director's by David Shuttleworth (England) and seconded by Ken Galluccio (Germany). The slate of the Board of Director's was elected unopposed.

Feffie Barnhill, the newly elected President of the FIL took the Chair. She thanked the Transition Board for the gift of shirts and said the new Board members would be very proud to wear them.

Sallie Barker became the Observer for England and meeting minute taker and Steve Stenersen replaced Jack Emmer as Delegate for USA and Marge Garringer moved to Observer for USA

4. Recognition of IFWLA and ILF Presidents

Feffie Barnhill thanked Peter Hobbs and Fiona Clarke for their vision for the future growth of world lacrosse and their commitment to the unification process.

Stan Cockerton read a brief citation for both Presidents and a presentation was made to each of them from the FIL to thank them for all their hard work during the previous years. Peter Hobbs and Fiona Clarke gave a presentation to FIL from the ILF and IFWLA respectively and wished the new organisation great success in the future.

The Irish representatives joined the meeting.

5. Appointment of Committee Chairs

Feffie Barnhill put forward the names of the proposed Committee Chairs as follows:

Women's Competition	Beth Stone
Men's Competition	Ron Balls
Women's Rules	Susie Ganzenmuller
Men's Rules	Graham Lester
Women's Officiating	Sandy Goldthorpe

Men's Officiating
Communications

Don Blacklock
Bill Rebman

Feffie Barnhill went on to outline the process for selection of Chairs in the future. A motion was made to accept the Committee Chairs by Jack Emmer (USA) and seconded by Jane Claydon (Scotland). This was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of Bylaws

Feffie Barnhill outlined the process of the production of the Bylaws, including the WADA drug policies, which had been sent out by the Transition Board on 8th May. Richard Moran (Ireland) proposed their acceptance and this was seconded by David Shuttleworth (England). They were approved unanimously.

7. Approval of Policies

Feffie Barnhill outlined the process of production of the Policies, which had also been sent out by the Transition Board on 8th May. Ken Galluccio (Germany) proposed their acceptance and this was seconded by David Fox (Australia). They were approved unanimously.

8. Approval of Draft Strategic Plan

Feffie Barnhill explained that the Transition Board had put together the draft Strategic Plan but that one of the first tasks of the new Board, within the next six months, would be to produce the details of the Plan in consultation with the member countries. David Fox (Australia) proposed acceptance of the Strategic Plan and this was seconded by Daniel Svanstrom (Sweden). The Strategic Plan was approved unanimously.

9. Approval of Draft 2009 – 2010 Budget

Stan Cockerton provided feedback from the Transition Board meeting, held that morning, which had considered a request from both the IFWLA and ILF meetings that the subscription levels be reviewed and, if possible, reduced. Stan said that the Board would do this but could not, at this stage, commit to change the current levels as they had formed the basis of the budget. However, at the year end the Board would review the budget and come back to the members.

Daniel Svanstrom (Sweden) proposed acceptance of the draft budget and this was seconded by Wonjae Park (Korea). There were 19 votes for the proposal and 1 against.

The French representative left the meeting.

10. Report from IFWLA

Fiona Clarke, President, IFWLA, provided feedback from the recent successful, three day IFWLA meeting. This included the following:

- Denmark had moved from Associate to Full status
- Austria and Netherlands had become Full members
- The 2008 ILDC Award had been presented to Fiona Clarke
- IFWLA recognition awards had been presented to Jenny Haynes and Shelley Mahar, and to IFWLA members of the Transition Board – Sallie Barker, Heike Marie Ebel and Sue Redfern

- Germany had been awarded the 2011 women's U19 World Championships in Goettingen, subject to a number of conditions being confirmed by 1 October 2008-08
- The FIL Board was asked to set up procedures to deal with a number of urgent issues, prior to 2011, including player eligibility for 2011 event, review of IFWLA World event guidelines and to agree rules change timescales for the 2010 rules book.

11. Report from ILF

Peter Hobbs, President, ILF, provided feedback from the well attended, full meeting of the ILF. This included the following:

- Spain, Latvia and Austria had become Full members
- Bulgaria, France, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Portugal and Costa Rica had become Affiliate members
- Czech Republic had been awarded the Indoor World Championships in 2011 and Finland the 2012 U19 World Championships
- The possibility of running the Heritage Cup in 2013 in conjunction with one of the indoor franchises.
- A progress report had been received from the ELA on the 2010 World Championships in Manchester
- The work of the Referees Group was endorsed in relation to trying to make the game easier through rules changes.

The Swedish Representative left the meeting.

12. Report from Development Committee

Tom Hayes, Chair of the Development Committee, thanked the International Federations for their support for the work of the Committee over the previous years and presented a report on the work of the Committee including the following:

- The website was working well and Ken Galluccio was thanked for his work on this project
- The last meeting of the Committee had been in Philadelphia in January where they had discussed budgets, grants and outreach projects
- They were working with 20 more contacts and hoped to add new members soon
- Clinics had been held in Dusseldorf and Prague and equipment grants had been provided to a number of countries. This included distribution of 750 sticks, 275 pairs of gloves, 300 helmets and 175 pairs of shoulder pads – most of this had been donated by schools in the last four years
- The new Development Committee would consist of Ken Galluccio, Tomohiro Takasaka, Allan Frederick and Denise Wescott

13. Call for Nominations for Committee Members

Feffie Barnhill announced that she would shortly be sending out information calling for nominations for the new Committee members. She reminded the meeting that nominations must be from Full member countries and that each Committee could contain no more than 2 members from the same country. A form would be e-mailed out and put on the website and interested individuals should return their form by 31st

October 2008. Feffie added that the names of those who were not selected to a committee would be retained as they could be asked to join a small project group.

Joey Harris (Canada) asked for information on the roles and responsibilities of these positions and it was agreed that this information would be sent out again to members with the nomination form.

Joey then went on to ask about funding for travel for those nominated to attend the meetings. Feffie responded that there was a small amount of funding in the budget for assistance for people to attend Committee meetings as it was recognised that lack of funding could discourage people from applying and the Board did not want this to happen.

14. Explanation of staff positions

14.1 Admin Officer

Feffie Barnhill explained that the initial budget included the post of Administrative Officer. However, this post would only be filled once funding was available. The aim of the new Board was to secure funding for a part-time post.

14.2 Development Officer

Joe Gold would continue in this role and his salary for next year had been included in the budget. He currently works 15-20 hours per week on lacrosse development projects under the direction of Tom Hayes.

15. Federation of International Lacrosse logo development

Feffie Barnhill explained that this area had not been successful for the Transition Board. Following the initial logo search, only two designs had been submitted and the Transition Board did not like either of these. However, the design of the logo would be a priority for the new Board, especially in the light of the World Cup in 2009, and they would resend to member countries the logo design information. If necessary they might search for a professional company to develop it. There would then be an e-mail/postal vote for the members' decision.

Feffie Barnhill proposed the UN colors as the basic colors for FIL. (PMS 279)

Fiona Clarke asked whether the Transition Board had looked at the elements it wished to see included in the logo design. Feffie Barnhill replied this would be discussed at the first meeting of the Board on Friday.

Feffie Barnhill then explained about the search for a domain name for the FIL website. This would link into the current websites of the IFWLA, ILF and include the information on the ILDC website.

16. Open Discussion

Feffie Barnhill opened the floor for questions and discussion. The following points were raised:

- Entry fees for the men's 2010 World Championship - these would be as agreed at the ILF meeting held on the previous two days and carried forward into FIL.

- What was the relationship between FIL and the Federation of International Intercrosse? As they had been an Allied member of IFWLA and had paid their subscriptions for a year, and the members had passed a motion accepting all IFWLA members as FIL members, they had therefore become Allied members of FIL.
- A proposal was put forward that the rules of Committee membership were changed to allow Affiliate members to become members. It was agreed this would be reviewed for the 2010 meeting of the General Assembly.
- How could Lacrosse become an Olympic sport? The new Board would be taking appropriate action (e.g. adoption of WADA rules and membership of GAISF) but it was recognised that the IOC was trying to decrease the number of team sports (one in, one out!) so it could be a long-term aim.

17. Any Other Business

Stan Cockerton thanked members of the Transition Board for all their hard work in making unification and this meeting a reality. He also thanked US Lacrosse, Canadian Lacrosse and England Lacrosse for their significant financial contributions. US Lacrosse, in particular had provided US\$50,000.

Feffie Barnhill reminded members of the FIL party to be held that evening and asked them to speak to the new Board members so that they could get to know them. She also thanked Sallie Barker for writing the minutes and organising the party.

Feffie Barnhill also asked all present to sign the ceremonial resolutions of Federation of International Lacrosse on the way out, which would be kept for posterity.

A motion to adjourn the General Assembly meeting was made and seconded. The meeting closed at 16.30.