

**Minutes of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) General Assembly
meeting held on July 14th and 15th 2010 at the Chancellors Conference Centre,
Armitage Centre, Manchester, England**

1. Opening Remarks

President Feffie Barnhill (FB) opened the 2nd General Assembly of the Federation of International Lacrosse and welcomed all the Delegates Observers.

Particular reference was made to the membership having been increased since the last meeting with the new Associate Members being Mexico, Belgium, Guatemala, Serbia, Thailand and Turkey.

FB introduced the members of the Board and then invited each member in turn to introduce themselves.

FB and Dorothy Hirsch (DH), Administration Assistant, then explained the logistics arrangements for the meeting which commenced today and would continue tomorrow.

2. Minutes of the 2008 General Assembly

Acceptance the minutes proposed by Canada, seconded by Japan and agreed unanimously.

3. Finance Report

Ron Balls (RB) presented the Finance Report with the main points being:

Funds transfer to FIL from ILF	\$150,662
Funds transfer from IFWLA	\$ 26,984
Of these funds \$67,396 were held on behalf of Lacrosse Without Borders and \$25,000 ring fenced for Development purposes through the Project World Lacrosse initiative.	

Income for the year ending 31st December 2009 was \$134,194, noting that this included some advance payment of 2010 subscriptions, and expenditure \$95,227 with a gross surplus of \$38,967. Income had been boosted by the Participation Fees for WC2010.

4. Development Report

Tom Hayes (TH) presented the Development Report, which had previously been distributed, detailing the clinics that had taken place and equipment grants that had been made over the past year. TH also outlined the development plans for the coming years.

5. Men's Sector Report

Jack Emmer (JE) outlined the activities of the Men's sector noting that most items would be covered in detail as later agenda items covering proposed Rule changes, Bye Law changes and the events schedule.

6. Women's Sector Report

Shelley Maher (SM) outlined the activities of the Women's Sector, noting that most items that would be considered as later agenda items covering proposed Rule changes, Bye Law changes and the events schedule, had been discussed at the Women's Sector meeting held earlier and specific recommendations from that meeting would be made later.

7. Election of Directors

The nominations for the Board of:

Finance Director	Ron Balls
Men's Director	Jack Emmer

were both agreed unanimously.

8. World Championships 2010 – Logistical Arrangements

David Shuttleworth, English Lacrosse Chief Executive, and Sarah Oglesby, WC2010 Event Director, outlined the background to the organization of the Championships and advised all present of the logistical arrangements for FIL delegates and observers.

9. Olympic Pathway

Tom Hayes outlined the steps taken so far in respect of Olympic recognition, the key ones being:

Unification of the separate international federations into one unified body (creation of FIL in 2008 with dissolution of the IFWLA and ILF)

Acceptance of the WADA code in respect of Anti-Doping (completed 2010)

The next steps would be to seek application for membership of Sportaccord (previously known as the General Association of International Sports Federations) and then consider application to the World Games organization.

The recommendation to seek application to join Sportaccord was proposed by USA, seconded by Ireland and carried with all voting in favor with the exception of two abstentions being noted

At this point the meeting adjourned until the following day.

10. Documentation Proposals

RB reviewed the documentation that had been sent out covering

Document Changes letter
Constitution
By Laws
Policies
Roles and Responsibilities

Australia had a number of detailed points to raise, mainly of a correctional and consistency nature. It was agreed that these would be documented and sent to the FIL Secretariat for action.

After explanation, clarification and discussion all document changes were agreed. The detail of these is given in the addendum associated with these minutes.

[Note : these have been received, changes sent to the membership and agreed by postal vote in March 2011 – RB]

It was noted that the Annual Report template (By Laws Appendix C) required some attention.

11. WC2010 – Iroquois Nationals

RB explained the position regarding the non-appearance so far of the Iroquois Nationals and the arrangements that had been put in place to cover this in the WC2010 Playing Schedule. He thanked those countries who had been involved in the discussions and in particular Germany for stepping up to the Blue Division.

12. Future Championships

RB outlined the overall schedule of events and the plan bid dates for future events.

A presentation was given by Czech Lacrosse (Petr Chmelar) for the 2011 Men's Indoor Championships and Shelley Maher, on behalf of the Organizing Committee for the 2011 Women's U19 Championships. Handouts related to the Men's U19 Championship in 2012 were distributed.

SM explained that the bid process for the 2013 Women's World Cup had been extended and would not be completed until the end of the year / early 2011.

13. World Championships 2014 – Denver, USA (WC2014)

Steve Stenersen and Bill Schoonmaker gave a very informative presentation and the pack was made available to members.

14. Rule Changes - Men

JE reviewed the proposed changes explaining that these were a mix of corrections, clarifications, minor changes and major changes.

All proposed changes were agreed except those relating to Team Time Outs and The Face Off – Set. Details of all changes and the voting are shown in the addendum to these minutes

15. Rule Changes – Women

SM reviewed the proposed changes advising that these had all been considered at the Women's Sector meeting.

All proposed changes were agreed. Details of all changes and the voting are shown in the addendum to these minutes

16. Finance – 5 Year Budget

RB presented the budget and explained that this covered the current year and a Four Year projection. This enabled the full range of events to be included within the cycle. It was noted that budget showed a deficit in years 2011 and 2012 reflecting the position that the major single source of revenue was the Men's World Championship.

Steve Stenersen kindly advised that the US Lacrosse donation of \$20,000, for development purposes, would be continued in 2011.

Following questions from the floor and clarifications acceptance of the budget was proposed by Ireland, seconded by Australia and carried unanimously.

17. Competition

General

Acceptance of the Code of Conduct documentation, previously distributed, was proposed by England seconded by New Zealand and carried unanimously.

Acceptance of the WADA By Laws Appendix, previously distributed, was proposed by USA seconded by Wales and carried unanimously.

It was noted that further consideration needed to be given to how the Registered Testing Pool would operate.

Men

The recommendations from the Men's Sector were all agreed and these and the voting results are detailed in the Addendum.

The proposal from Australia for cost sharing, amongst participants, of Officials transportation to events was rejected. There were 2 votes for and 18 against.

Women

The recommendations from the Women's Sector, which embraced the new World Event By Laws, previously distributed, were all agreed, with the exception of:

Officials Cost Sharing (amongst participants)
Method of selection of the World Team

The details and voting results are detailed in the Addendum.

With regard to the matter of eligibility “Prior Qualification” (those who played before July 2010 would be exempt), the proposal was defeated with 2 votes for and 18 against.

18. Strategic Plan

Stan Cockerton outlined the Strategic Plan and sought membership input for any changes

19. 2012 General Assembly

President Feffie Barnhill closed the meeting by thanking all members for attending making very valuable contributions. Feffie advised that current planning was that the next General Assembly would be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands in association with the 2012 European Championships.

RB / 20-8-2011

Addendum

Full Member Country	Vote Paddle	Women's Sector	Notes
Australia			
Austria			
Bermuda			
Canada			
Czech Republic			
Denmark			
England			Sue Redfern voting for England
France			Arrived 11:00
Finland			
Germany			
Hong Kong			
Ireland			
Iroquois Nat. / Haudenosaunee			Bob Leary voting for Iroquois Nat & Haudenosaunee
Italy			Arrived 11:15. Robert Corna voting.
Japan			
Korea			
Latvia			
Netherlands			
New Zealand			
Scotland			
Slovakia			
Spain			
Sweden			
USA			
Wales			

23 voters present. 18 women's votes present.

VOTING: 14-July-10

Elections

Position	Nominee	Result
<i>Director of Finance</i>	Ron Balls	14-7-10 vote: Unanimous - ELECTED
<i>Director of Men's Lacrosse</i>	Jack Emmer	14-7-10 vote: Unanimous – ELECTED

Item	Moved	2nd	Result
Accept 2008 Minutes	Canada (Begg)	Japan (Tak)	Aye: Unanimous
Support FIL Board's recommendation to join SportAccord	USA (Stenersen)	Ireland (Moran)	Aye: 15 Nay: 0 Abstain: 2
Adjourn (4:35)	Canada (Begg)	USA (Stenersen)	Aye: unanimous

VOTING: 15-July-10

1. Constitution

Issue	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
<i>Membership</i> : encouragement to Associate Members and likely new Associate Members to attend the General Assembly (GA).	USA	Scotland	20	0	0
<i>Budget</i> : a 2-5 year period (rather than 2years).					
<i>Sectors / Sector voting</i> : clarification of the current sectors and proposals for sector voting criteria.					
<i>Financial</i> : subscriptions and fees to be paid within 90 days from notification.					
<i>Anti Doping</i> : re-titled from Drug Abuse.					
<i>Disputes</i> : expanded to cover points previously included in the Bylaws. Flexibility of use of an independent panel as appropriate.					
<i>Dispute Resolution</i> : process to apply only to matters, which cannot be resolved by the GA.					

2. Bylaws

Issue	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
<i>Membership Subscriptions</i> : applicable from January 1 st following membership acceptance or status change.	Ireland	Scotland	20	0	0

<i>Committee Membership:</i> flexibility to allow committee members to come from Associate Members and chairs from other than Full Members on Board.					
<i>Agreement.</i>					
<i>Flexibility in Committee Members terms of office,</i> at Board discretion, to allow rotation and continuity.					
<i>Committees:</i> Budget Committee renamed Finance Committee.					
<i>Disputes:</i> now covered in the Constitution.					
<i>Anti Doping:</i> duplications with the appendix covering the WADA position removed. APPENDIX C					
<i>Postal / Electronic (e-mail) Voting:</i> inclusion of postal / electronic voting with a 30 day response period. 15 days for FIL Board response.					
<i>Appendix A - Membership Criteria:</i> status and benefits of Allied Organisations. (Currently 1 only. From Canada: No vote, may attend GA, may speak if OK w/ President, no playing rights)					

3. Policies

Issue	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
<i>Contents:</i> contents page added and items revised in a more logical order.					
<i>Attendance at GAs:</i> Delegate / Observer to be advised 30 days in advance.					
<i>Sectors:</i> current sectors listed and reference to the Constitution for criteria.					
<i>Drug Exemption (Medical Certification):</i> removed now covered by WADA Bylaw appendix.					
<i>Administrative Assistant:</i> providing support in a number of areas.	England	Iroquois	20	0	0
<i>Rule Changes:</i> error relating to time periods for women corrected (reference to 1 year should have been to 2 years). Process for men's and women's rule changes aligned.					
<i>Flags and Banners:</i> cost of replacement in event of loss the responsibility of event hosting NGB.					
<i>Committee Chair and member appointments</i> (recommendation of relevant Director to the Board) to take place in the three month period following a GA.					

<i>Appendix A Meeting Standing Orders: matters for the agenda 60 days out (rather than 90) and final notice of GA and papers 30 days out (rather than 60). Nominations 60 days out (rather than 3 months).</i>					
APPENDIX B – add “Spirit of Lacrosse” award for officials Re-name HONORABLE MENTIONS in Men’s Sector to “President’s Team”					

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Issue	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
<i>Board of Directors: flexibility of timing of Board meetings.</i>	Scotland	Australia	20	0	0
<i>Responsibilities: flexibility to modify subscriptions but not increase.</i>					
<i>General responsibilities: references to support of the Administration Assistant.</i>					
<i>Finance: changed from “Budget” to “Finance” Committee, 2-5 year operating budget.</i>					
<i>Committee composition: Chairs from Full Members, others from Full or Associate unless otherwise agreed by the Board.</i>					
<i>Men’s and Women’s Rules Committee membership extended by up to 3 additional people. These to be from other than the “Officiating” community to provide a more balanced and wider view on the Rules deliberations.</i>					
<i>Rule Changes: correction of error and alignment of men’s and women’s processes.</i>					
<i>Finance Committee: may include other than Board members.</i>					
Question: Which committee(s) check equipment? Answer: Rules Committee(s)					

Rule Changes:

Men’s

Issue	Yes	No	Abstain
CORRECTIONS	22	0	0
4.1 THE SPECIAL SUBSTITUTION AREA			
4.2 ILLEGAL STICK AFTER KICKED GOAL			
4.3 ILLEGAL STICK CANCELS A GOAL			
4.4 THE BUTT-END OF THE CROSSE’S HANDLE			
4.5 MISTAKES			
CLARIFICATIONS	22	0	0

3.1	THE WARM-UP			
3.2	THE FACE-OFF			
3.3	TECHNICAL FOUL CANCELLED			
3.4	THE END OF THE STALLING WARNING			
3.5	SIMULTANEOUS FOULS BEFORE "POSSESSION"			
3.6	SECOND FOUL DURING PLAY-ON			
3.7	CLARIFICATION OF "TIME-OFF..... SHALL BE ADDED....."			
3.8	GROUND PIPES AS PART OF THE GOAL			
MINOR CHANGES				
2.1	HANGING STRINGS			
2.2	EXPULSION FOUL PROCEDURE	22	0	0
2.3	THE SCORERS			
2.4	IN-HOME - STARTING ATTACK PLAYER (with HK re-wording)	21	0	1
2.5	FACE-OFF NOT AT THE CENTRE	22	0	0
MAJOR CHANGES				
1.1	FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT SEEN BY THE CBO	22	0	0
1.2	THE NOMINATED DEFENDER	22	0	0
1.3	JEWELLERY	21	1	0
1.4	THE NATURE OF AN EXPULSION FOUL	22	0	0
1.5	TEAM TIME-OUT	7	14	0
1.6	THE FACE-OFF - SET	10	7	3
1.7	MINIMUM STICK WIDTH	14	4	3

Women's

Issue	Yes	No	Abstain
1.1			
1.2.			
1.3			
1.4			
1.5			
1.7			
1.8			
1.9			
1. 10			
1.11			
24	17	0	1
	18	0	0

Finance:

Item / Moved / 2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
5 Year Budget approval / Ireland / Australia	22	0	0

Competition:

Item / Moved / 2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Code of Conduct / England / New Zealand	22	0	0
WADA / USA / Wales	22	0	0

Other:

Item	Yes	No	Abstain
WOMEN – Women’s Event Bylaws WITH EXCEPTION OF 4.3.1 AND 8.6 (see below)	18	0	0
<p>WOMEN 4.3.1 Cost sharing of officials Discussion points: idea is good, needs more analysis on how to implement w/o bankrupting countries w/ limited resources.</p>	4	13	1
<p>WOMEN 8.6 FIL World Team - Proposed change of method of selection of World Team Moved: Scotland; 2nd: Netherlands</p>	6	9	1
WOMEN – Eligibility. Included 2.1.1.a to accept UK passports for Wales, England, Scotland, (Northern Ireland)	14	0	1
WOMEN – Eligibility criteria sections: 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 3.1.2	11	2	5
WOMEN – ITC wording change from “club” to “country”	17	0	1
WOMEN - 4.3.2 Dispensation at U19 (over age) – on a 2 nd or Subsequent Occasion. Up to 2 requests.	17	0	1
<p>WOMEN – Inclusion of Prior Qualification clause “Individuals who qualified for, and played for, a country under the eligibility criteria operative before the July 2010 changes remain qualified to play for that country in perpetuity and will be treated as a passport holder (i.e. will not be subject to the Limitation on Non-Nationals”.</p>	3	13	2
WOMEN – Officials International accreditation policy	17	0	1
WOMEN – Umpire mandatory fitness tests policy	17	0	1
MEN - Australia proposed shared expenses for officials.	2	18	0
MEN’S CHAMPIONSHIP HANDBOOK			
MEN – Size of Official Party 30→35 (23 players, 12 staff)	22	0	0
MEN – 2(a) Appointment of RIC	22	0	0
MEN – 2(b) Deputy RIC(s) number increases by one @ 21 & 31 teams	22	0	0
MEN – 2(c) RIC travel expenses shared if not from host country	21	0	1
MEN – 2(d) Full board for officials	22	0	0
MEN – 2(e) Officiating Committee to determine how many refs from each country	21	0	1

MEN – 2(f) Allows Officiating Committee to select a max of 5% of officials for an event who would not otherwise be selected by the member NGB. The selections to be agreed by the Men’s Director.	22	0	0
DISCUSSION ITEMS			
4.2(?) - change to “Board of Directors” not as defined in the Constitution.			
POLICIES – App A. Official language is English. Official written language is American English.			
POLICIES – App C. Annual Report Template: Needs to be reviewed and revised. Will send out by end of the year.			
Various typos and inconsistencies in Constitution, Bylaws & Policies will be corrected.			

Issue	Moved	2 nd	Yes	No	Abstain
Support Board’s recommendation to join SportAccord	USA	Ireland	15	0	2
Adjourn GA (4:35pm 15-July-10)	Canada	Hong Kong	Unanimous		

Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) General | Assembly 14th / 15th July 2010 - Attendance

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

Administration Assistant Dorothy Hirsch (part of meeting)
 Development Officer Joe Gold (part of meeting)

Country & Assoc.	Delegate	Observer
Argentina Lacrosse Association	Brian Friedlander	Mariano Nakada
Australian Lacrosse Association Ltd.	Fiona Clark	Gary Brown
OlaxV – Austrian Lacrosse Association	Kurt Rothleitner	Stefan Erber
Belgium: Belgian Lacrosse Federation (BLF)	Jan Van Cauenberge	Koen deClercq
Bermuda Lacrosse Association	Steve Michel	
Canadian Lacrosse Association	Stewart D. Begg	Jason Ryan
Czech Lacrosse Union	Petr Chmelar	
English Lacrosse Association	David Shuttleworth	Sue Redfern
Finland Lacrosse	Antti Salomaa	
French Lacrosse Association	Pierre-Yves Brossard	François Labbé
German Lacrosse Association	Meike Henningsen	Sebastian Hofer
Guatemala Lacrosse Association	Mary Herman	
Hong Kong Lacrosse Association	Albert Lai	Joyce Tai
Irish Lacrosse Foundation	Richard Moran	John Cavanaugh
Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse / Haudenosaunee	Bob Leary	
Italian Federation of Lacrosse	Fabio Antonelli	Robert Corna
Japan Lacrosse Association	Tomohira Hakasaka	Yusuke Sasaki / Yas Hayakawa
Latvia Lacrosse Federation	Gatis Ginters	Arnis Audze
Mexican Lacrosse Federation	Jose Espinosa	Ozzie Diaz / Iliad Rodriguez
The Nederlandse Lacrosse Bond (NLB)	Macgregor Stockdale	Lillian Elekan
New Zealand Lacrosse Association	John Brockelbank	Justin McNally / David Zussman

Country & Assoc.	Delegate	Observer
Norwegian Lacrosse (Norwegian Federation of American Sports)	Cristian Bergan	Tone Sparby
Polish Lacrosse Association	Tomasz Kędzia	Blazej Piotrowski / Bob Bieske
Lacrosse Portugal	Francisco Paulo Santos Fonseca	
Lacrosse Scotland	Jane Claydon	Rob Powell
Korean Lacrosse Association	WonJae Park	Ed Chung
Spanish Lacrosse Association	José Moya	
Sweden Lacrosse	Teckla Jackson	
Swiss Lacrosse Federation	Ian Schoch	
Turkish Lacrosse Federation	Patrick E Dougherty	
US Lacrosse	Steve Stenersen	Ann Carpenetti
Welsh Lacrosse Association	Mary McKnight	Karen Owen