



WAIKATO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting MINUTES

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| Date: | Thursday 4 September 2025 |
| Start Time: | Doors open at 6:30pm, start time 7:00pm Closed at 7:48pm |
| Location: | Tamahere Community Centre |

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| Attendees: | <p>Tash Featherstone (WLA Operations Executive) Maree Hill (Treasurer) Penny Cox Carolyn Nicholson Michael Smith Jules Rettkowitz (Secretary) Members to be noted</p> <p>Grant Honeyfield, TA College Michael Gandalf Smith, Lifemember Kylie Stevens, CHS Vicky Marshall, Morrinsville Dean Forman, NZL Board Sharnay Moxey, HBHS Jocelyn Mitchell, Morrinsville College Carolyn Nicholson, Morrinsville Club Margaret Quinford, Hillcrest High Sam Qintal, Kaipuki Club Alice Wheatley-Wilson, Kaipaki Club Richard Banks, CHS/University Donna McDermott, HHS Maree Clarkin, Suburbs Georgia Clarikin-Rush, Suburbs Michael Rush, Suburbs Tracey Gray, TA College Mandy Stichbury, CHS Paula Harvey, CMS Anja Huys, Kaipaki Moshe Malal, RHS Paige Ellis, TAC</p> |
| Apologies: | <p>Leon Green (President) Will Chisholm Axel Bech, NZL Anita Hawkins, Siobion Quindal, Jackie McCann, Jackie Sutton, Dio</p> |

| Action Point / Item / Topic | | |
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| Committee Administration: | | Responsibility |
| 1 | Confirmation of attendance and apologies, proxies | All Committee |
| 2 | Confirmation of previous minutes 1st: Michael Smith 2nd: Carolyn Nicholson | All Committee |

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| 3 | Welcome and opening remarks Leon Green, President | Glen Stitchbury, Boardmember |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report: Presentation of Accounts for year ending Moved: Maree Hill 2nd: Penny Cox | Maree Hill, Treasurer |
| Actions from Previous Meeting | | |
| 5 | Vacancies in Operational Committee and supporting roles Encourage all current members to take these roles back to your community and highlight the opportunity for engagement with WLA and the wider lacrosse community. A vast amount of operational roles that are not being filled. | Julie R Tash, |
| Items for Discussion | | |
| 6 | <p>Future direction of Waikato Lacrosse, focusing on how we can best achieve our constitutional objectives.</p> <p>Currently, many of our volunteers are stretched, supporting both their local clubs and schools alongside Association responsibilities throughout the year. This has created challenges in sustaining growth, ensuring fair competition, and providing clear pathways for players of all ages and skill levels.</p> <p>Our greatest challenge is player retention, particularly the transition from high school into senior and club lacrosse and supporting the next generation of players. While Waikato Lacrosse is not responsible for the organization or operation of senior clubs, if clubs do not address player retention, their competitions—and the local development pathways that feed into them—will be weakened. Additionally, some clubs are highlighting their focus on recruiting high-performance players, which can lead to unbalanced competition and limit opportunities for other players.</p> <p>Our Constitution reminds us that us Waikato Lacrosse exists to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote, develop, and foster lacrosse for the recreation and enjoyment of the public in the Waikato ● Support clubs and schools in delivering lacrosse locally ● Provide opportunities for participation, performance, and long-term engagement in the sport <p>Given these goals, there is a clear opportunity to discuss and develop a Long-Term Development Strategy. Such a strategy would provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structured pathways for new players, young and old, to feel welcome and participate ● Support for high-performance players, while maintaining balanced competition across the region ● Focused pathways and initiatives to retain players transitioning from high school to adult participation ● Opportunities for developing officials and coaches, ensuring all aspects of the sport grow sustainably ● A coordinated calendar that aligns local programs, national tournaments, and international opportunities ● Support for clubs in their local recruitment and development responsibilities, while the Association provides governance, vision, and regional support <p>The outcome of this discussion would be a shared understanding of how Waikato Lacrosse can operate sustainably, grow participation,</p> | |

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| | retain players, develop officials and coaches, and provide clear pathways—from first involvement through to high-performance and lifelong engagement—while maintaining strong competitions for all levels. | |
| Actions to be Taken | | |
| 8 | <p>Election of Officers (to commence their term at conclusion of AGM)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President - 2. Chairperson - 3. Secretary - 4. Treasurer - 5. Additional Officers - <p>No voting required due to no more than one nominee for each position</p> <p>Nominees: Deb Scott, Carolyn Nicholson, Leon Green, Glen Stitchbury, Jules Rettkowicz, Maree Hill, Donna McDermott</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Nomination of Life Members by WLA Board (to be voted by secret ballot)</p> <p>N/A</p> | |
| Any other business | | |
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