

Burnaby Field Lacrosse Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 13, 2020; held by video/ audio conference

Present: Brad Romano, Rhonda Mason, Debra Webber, Jen Daniel, Nicole Wikjord, Jackie Mason, Simon Gee, Susan Lim, Nick Liu, Trevor Webber, Christine Rei, Bill Patara, Annie Hobson

Guests: Tom Kellet & Susan Kirkby

1. Call to order at 7:06 pm
2. Agenda: adapted to include the registration report (4.3) within the Presidents report (4.1). Agenda approved- motion by Rhonda, 1st- by Debra Webber 2nd- Jen Daniels
3. Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes- motion by Rhonda Mason, 2nd- Nicole Wikjord
4. Reports:
 1. President's Report (with 4.3) - see attached
 2. Treasurer's Report- see attached
 3. Registration Report- see 4.1
 4. Vice President's Report- see attached:
 1. Currently 10 people on executive; acknowledgement of volunteers: Executive, Members at Large, coaches, managers; recognition of many volunteers having more than one role.
5. New Business
 1. Box players mixed with field- Guest Tom Kellet (& Susan Kirkby from Burnaby minor lacrosse). Minor/ box lacrosse youth- as they registered with BCLA, insurance good until end of August; no access to indoor facilities yet. Burnaby minor would like to try some box skills outdoors with our club. Would be a good use of coaches time too.
 2. Recruitment and Retention of Referees/ Umpires- Trevor submitted a recruitment and retention guideline for the club to Executive earlier this year. Officials must be at least 2 years older than youth they are officiating. Rhonda volunteered to help mentor, as she has experience officiating in other sports.
6. Operational Policy Changes- none came forward
7. Election of Officers:
 1. President- Brad Romano nominated by Simon, 2nd- Nicole; Brad accepted. No other nominations. Acclimation
 2. Second Vice President – Bill Patara nominated by Rhonda, 2nd- Simon; Bill accepted. No other nominations. Acclimation.
 3. Third Vice President – Rhonda Mason nominated by Nick, 2nd- Nicole; Rhonda accepted. No other nominations. Acclimation.
 4. Treasurer- Debra Webber nominated by Brad; 2nd- Susan Lim; Debra accepted. No other nominations. Acclimation.
 5. Secretary- Jackie White nominated by Rhonda, 2nd- Jen Daniels; Jackie accepted. No other nominations. Acclimation.

8. Election of Directors at Large:
 1. Nick Liu- nominated by Brad; 2nd- Rhonda; Nick accepted
 2. Jen Daniels- nominated by Nicole; 2nd- Nick. Jen accepted.
 3. Chistina Rei- nominated by Jackie; 2nd- Susan. Christina accepted.
 9. Note of Appointments:
 1. Head Referee- Trevor Webber willing to continue.
 2. Head Coach- no one came forward
 3. Female Youth- no one came forward
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm- motion by Simon, 2nd- Bill

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President's Report: submitted by Brad Romano

Families and Members of the Burnaby Field Lacrosse Club,
The past 4 months have been an unprecedented time for us all. As the club prepares for Field Lacrosse in 2020, it is also important to review where we are as a club over the past 12 months.

Membership in the club was 132 players this past season, equal to 2018.

The 2019/20 Field Lacrosse Season had Devils teams compete in the following divisions:

Women's U12

Women's U19

Youth U7

Youth U9

Youth U11

Youth U13

Youth U15

The club was disappointed that we were unable to host a U8 or U15 Women's team, however, Burnaby players at the U15 level were released and had successful seasons in New West. Similarly our U18 players were released, largely, to North Vancouver and won provincial gold.

On the positive side, the Youth U7 team played for the first time in several years and for the first time ever, several U5 players were able to register and participate with other U5's from around Metro. Special recognition is due to Nick Liu who led several weeks of development for these players both in Burnaby and at other host locations and was given kudos by several clubs.

Financially, due to an error filing documents with the province, the club was not eligible for a 2019 Gaming Grant. The executive took steps to minimize expenditures and operated near break-even for the season keeping a \$XX,XXX reserve intact heading into registration in 2020. The Gaming Grant application for 2020 has been submitted and no issues are expected.

Equipment wise, the club is in good shape and continues to replace outdated and worn goalie gear and long poles as needed.

The club was able to secure extra Sunday field time from the city this past season after another user group returned some of their time. While weeknight practice time is the club's current bottleneck, the Sunday time was welcome and was used for several weeks.

This season was unusual for the number of games cancelled due to referee shortages. While Burnaby is currently short on senior referees (those capable of doing U15 and U18) we have several junior referees and will focus on retention of those officials and continued recruitment at all levels. Having our own senior officials will help ensure that our home games are not

cancelled. Official attrition due to abuse is still an issue and coaches and spectator abuse will not be tolerated at any field in the league. The league is taking steps to give officials the authority to cease play until offending spectators and team officials are removed from the immediate vicinity. While I was not informed of any Burnaby infractions, it remains a high priority for all clubs to ensure that games are fun environments for competitors and officials.

Although the President's Report is supposed to look back on the previous season, I would be remiss if I did not address the COVID-19 situation that we currently face.

Planning is underway to offer programming for field lacrosse, however, the season is unlikely to include any competition for the foreseeable future. Programming will consist of training and skill development. Many families and players will be disappointed by this. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to embrace skill development outside of competition. At our younger age groups, some kids could take a large leap forward in their love of the sport as they gain confidence shooting, passing, and catching outside of a game environment where they may not touch the ball as much. For our senior players, I appreciate that this is likely not the case. I still hope that we can make the season interesting for you and I hope to see you on the field.

Lastly, I would like to thank our past year executive. This group meets once a month, but also came together to ensure that the season ran smoothly. There is no reward for volunteers that equals the amount of hours they contribute to the club. I would also like to recognize Nicole Wikjord who will be stepping down this season after several years on the executive. Nicole's two sons unfortunately do not play with the club any more but Nicole agreed to stay on this past season in spite of that. Nicole was also our 2019 President's Award winner at the BCLA AGM last October in thanks for her many years of service.

Burnaby Field Lacrosse Club (Burnaby Devils) 2019/2020 Season

Vice President's Report

Submitted by Simon Gee

Responsible for reporting activity of the club **volunteers**.

As you know, it takes many people to run a sports club. This year we had another great group of volunteers. Our executive team was one of the larger teams we've had and it really helped to run the season smoothly.

Executive Team

I'd like to acknowledge our executive team and the countless hours they put in overseeing the club's activities.

Our Directors at Large are: Jen Daniels, Kari Ward, Nick Liu and Susan Lim. Nick Liu also helped out with coaching a couple of our younger teams. Susan Lim managed our U15 team as well.

Our registrars Rhonda Manson and Jackie White did a fantastic job handling the registrations, releases, payments and refunds.

Debra Webber came back in her crucial role as club Treasurer handling our finances and gaming grant.

Nicole Wikjord, our fabulous Secretary, also handled our Criminal Record Checks and shorts, uniforms and clothing orders. She was our President's Award winner at the BCLA AGM back in October and it was well deserved. Her kids didn't even play this season, so we really appreciated her staying on and helping us out.

Our President, Brad Romano, led the club through another successful season. As you can imagine, it's an important role with a lot of responsibility. Brad was our Field Allocator and had his hand in just about everything from registrations to budget and finances. As a bonus, we get his lovely wife, Michelle, as well who volunteers many hours with the club.

I am the club Vice President and, like all our Executives, took on many roles. I handled our club website and was Nicole's backup for Criminal Record Checks. I also helped my wife, Susan, co-manage our U15 team.

Other Volunteers, Coaches and Managers

Trevor Webber once again took on the role of Head Referee. It's a very challenging position ensuring all home games have appropriate level referees scheduled. In addition, Trevor received many requests to help cover away games for other clubs that didn't have enough referees.

Coaches are imperative to our kids' success. We had some great coaches again this year committing many hours to develop the kids into better lacrosse players. We were very lucky this year to have some

fabulous coaches for both male and female divisions. I would like to thank the coaches for stepping up and volunteering their time for practices and games for our youth.

Head Coaches for this past season were: Andrew Guindon, Jamie Ward, Diana Launt, Marco Biron, Derek Rigazzi, Tyler Kirkby and Caitlyn Greenlay.

Assistant coaches were: Bill Patara, Nick Liu, Sean Gaster, Mason Gratto, Delbert Donnelly, Giovanni Ferraresso, Derek White, Stephen Rowe, Terry Gordon, Rob Cook, Mike Rippberger, Sergio Fernandes, Derek Rigazzi, Ralph Gabriele, Cristina Rei, Paul Kuhn and Matt Black.

Managers another key role that keeps parents, youth and coaches organized. Managers this past season were: Nicol Bertrand, Carmen Curman, Jackie White, Leila Waslen, Annie Hobson, Laura Garrett, Susan Lim, Simon Gee, Deb Heard, Rozina Krishan and Caitlyn Greenlay.

Thanks to all of our volunteers! We appreciate all that you do to make our club successful!

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation night took place at the February 29th Vancouver Warriors Game. We're looking for some new ideas for next year's event.

Call to Action

We'd love to see more volunteers for the upcoming 2020/2021 season. Things are still uncertain as to how things will be structured in the Covid-19 environment and whether we'll be able to play games and how.

Nonetheless, volunteers are always needed! We have many positions and roles, both executive and non-executive.