



**ENGLISH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION Ltd.**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**Sunday 5 February 2017**  
**Hilton Hotel, Warwick**

Present: John Neal (Chair), Sallie Barker, Prashant Jobanputra, Hannah Bowe, Jon Stainer, Ben Jessup, Mark Coups (CEO).

In attendance: Sue Livock (President), Neil Edgar (FD), Lindsay Shaerf taking minutes (Office Manager)

By invitation: Jane Powell (National Talent Development Manager), Clare Stoot, David Marsden,

### **1. Apologies**

Melanie Steel, Hamish McInnes

The meeting opened with welcome to the new board members.

### **2. Conflict of interest declarations**

JN explained that there was a conflict of interest with Ron Balls (RB) because of his involvement on the board of the FIL and his role as the Financial Director of FIL. JN had held a conversation with RB as directed from the last board meeting and RB had decided to not seek re-election to the EL board at the SGM.

Discussions were held about how to manage further conflicts of interest with RB. The meeting actioned JN as EL board Chair to communicate with RB about his conflict of interest in relation to these.

### **3. Meet and greet old and new board members**

JN congratulated Sallie Barker on her MBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to Sport and Women's Participation in Sport.

The board members provided the meeting with a brief introduction relating to their skills, qualifications and how they will seek to enhance the work of the board.

### **4. Update on restructuring and Sport England Grant award**

As NE and LS are involved in the restructuring process, MC asked them to leave the room due to the confidential nature of discussions.

MC provided a verbal update on the restructuring of the organisation including timelines, individuals effected and outline costs.

## **5. Update on 2017 World Cup**

A 2017 World Cup overview was provided to the meeting

SB explained that the FIL sent a letter to all countries on 24/12/2016 questioning the budget and entry costs per team. As a result of the correspondence, EL reviewed and revised the event budget.

24 teams are confirmed to participate with 20 teams staying on site, 4 teams off site.

- 1 team are yet to decide if they are competing – deadline set by FIL as 13/02/2017
- JP and MC explained the history relating to the Iroquois and Haudenosaunee teams' entry to the UK.
- The Blue Division (top playing nations) schedule is outlined to be released next week.
- EL have sold 8,000 out of a possible 20,000 tickets available for the WC 2017.

SB and JP mentioned some key dates for upcoming events:

- 18 March at 3.00pm England v Japan test game at Surrey Sports Park
- 13 May – England team fundraising dinner

SB also said they are looking for one more gold level sponsor. The event will have a national profile with tv and media coverage. The current gold level sponsors are:

- FBT apparel maker
- STX equipment
- RPC legal firm

PJ asked for a 1 page marketing pack re: gold sponsor. SB agreed to send a document to him.

## **6. Update on 2018 World Cup**

MC stated that Manchester City Council have communicated to him that the proposed site development for 2018 at Hough End is not being completed in time for the event.

MC has considerable doubts about the event viability in the current World Championship financial model. The board was made aware that there will be considerable reputational damage as a direct result of terminating the 2018 WC in England and this should be considered alongside the financial risks associated with hosting the event when considering its viability.

It was agreed that MC will review the timeline and the financial implications and report back to the board at the next meeting in March. The FIL are aware that there is an ongoing issue and are expecting a decision by March as to whether England will be able to host the 2018 WC.

MC is available to hold offline conversations with new board members to provide a full background to the 2018 WC to assist them in future discussions.

MC was instructed to prepare a paper for the March meeting.

## **7. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last board meeting held on 16 December 2016 were approved by those who were present at that meeting.

## **8. Any other matters arising**

BJ asked about the number of board members in the future on the board. MC explained that he thinks 10 members is sufficient and 12 is the maximum number. 1 other new elect board member is being interviewed and MC will keep the board informed.

### **Future board meetings / events:**

3 March 6.00 – 8.00pm (Surrey Sports Park)

3 or 4 March – attendance at National Schools

21 March 4.00 – 7.00pm (London)

16 May 4.00 – 7.00pm (Manchester)

12 – 22 July 2017 World Cup (Surrey Sports Park)

- VIP drinks reception (date TBC)
- 12 July – opening ceremony and England match at 6.00pm

1 August 6.00 – 7.00pm (Conference call)

7 September 4.00 – 7.00pm (London)

1 October 12.00 – 5.00pm (Warwick) AGM followed by board meeting