



**ENGLISH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION Ltd.  
Special General Meeting  
Sunday 5 February 2017**

Minutes of a Special General Meeting held on Sunday 5 February 2017 at Hilton Hotel, Warwick commencing at 12.00pm.

Attendees: 13 (listing at the end of the Minutes)

**1. Welcome from the Chair**

John Neal (JN) welcomed everybody to the SGM and introductions were made.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from:

Ron Balls

Hamish McInnes

Melanie Steel

**3. Confirmation of attendees / clarification of voting procedures**

It was confirmed that the meeting was quorum and the following was noted:

- David Marsden has a proxy vote for Centurions LC
- Ben Jessup has a proxy vote for Hilcroft LC
- Board members present and able to vote – Sallie Barker, Clare Stoot, John Neal, Mark Coups, David Marsden

**4. Minutes of the 2016 AGM held on 2 October 2016**

The minutes were approved and are to be filed at Companies House by Neil Edgar (NE).

Mark Coups (MC) confirmed that he had responded to the questions raised by Rick Summers at the AGM and he has received no follow up from Mr. Summers. MC has a copy of the questions and answers and it was agreed that these do not need to be included in the minutes of the AGM to be filed at Companies House but should be available on request.

**5. Appointment of Independent Non-Executive Directors (INEDs)**

The meeting was informed that the appointment of the INED's, Prashant Jobanputra, Jon Stainer and Hannah Bowe, was not a voting matter. The meeting was informed that in

accordance with previous appointments CV of the individuals had been made available to the membership prior to the meeting for question and comment, none had been received prior to the SGM. The existing board members confirmed that they approved the appointment of the 3 INEDs for a 3 year term of office and they were formally welcomed onto the board.

## **6. Election of Directors**

Ben Jessup has been proposed by Hilcroft LC and seconded by Reading LC. MC has received the nomination and seconding form signed by both clubs.

A vote was held and the meeting unanimously approved Ben Jessup's appointment as an Elected Director for a 3 year term of appointment.

## **7. Proposed change to ELA Bye Laws and Articles of Association**

The proposed changes to the ELA Byelaws and Articles of Association, circulated to the membership prior to the meeting, was discussed and there were no objections to the proposed changes either made in writing to the meeting or from the attendees.

All the changes to the bye laws and articles of association were approved.

## **8. Other matters arising**

JN confirmed that Ron Balls (RB), David Marsden (DM) and Clare Stoot (CS) would be standing down from the board with immediate effect.

JN formally thanked all 3 directors for their service to the board, which was recognised at the meeting to be considerable and significant. JN informed the meeting that the 3 directors will receive public recognition from the board and English Lacrosse at the 2017 World Cup.

JN also informed the board that they all will continue to play active volunteering roles with DM continuing to chair the Finance Audit and Risk Committee and the 2017 and 2018 boards, CS as National Schools organiser and 2017 World Cup committee member and RB as FIL Finance Director.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

## **Attendance 5 February 2017**

John Neal – Board Chair

David Marsden – Centurions LC / Board Member (appointment terminated at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Clare Stoot – Board Member (appointment terminated at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Mark Coups – Board Member / CEO

Sallie Barker – Board Member

Neil Edgar – EL Finance Manager

Sue Livock – President

Ben Jessup – Hilcroft LC / Elected Board Member (Elected at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Prashant Jobanputra (INED appointed at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Jon Stainer (INED appointed at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Hannah Bowe (INED appointed at SGM on 5 February 2017)

Jane Powell – EL National Talent Development Manager

Lindsay Shaerf – EL Administrator