



**Minutes for FIL General Assembly  
23rd /24<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Surrey  
Guildford, GU2 7XH, England**

**Large Lecture Theatre**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July      9.00am – 9.30am Registration  
9.30am – 5.00pm**

Call to Order 9:36AM    by Stan Cockerton, President

1. Welcome to all delegates, observers and guests

Quorum declared

24 accredited members and 7 board members = 31 votes

President's Opening Remarks

FIL has been successful over the past year. FIL hired our full-time staff member, which is a positive move for the association, and one of many to come. Financially we are in a much better position due to generous donations from interested donors. Calibre of play has improved over the past twenty years. Thank you to all of our members for their commitment to the game. Congratulations to the organizers of the 2017 Women's Field World Cup Event. The FIL is 58 nations now, and it is remarkable. We still need to grow, but we should be proud of our accomplishments.

IOC perspective: application is in and we are hoping for recognition at some point in the near future.

We must work together and remain positive, this has been our strength in the past and as we grow this will be most important to continue to our growth.

2. CEO introduction and brief comments

- Stan introduced Jim Scherr, the new FIL CEO.
- Jim Scherr, made remarks, gave some background on himself.

NOTE\*: Stan Cockerton reported that Tom Hayes sent his regrets, and has been recovering from some health issues.

3. Review membership changes (since last GA)
  - a. Argentina, Belgium and Taiwan have moved up to Full Membership
  - b. Puerto Rico, Qatar and Greece are now new Associate Members

4. Delegate introductions
  - a. All people attending the meeting introduced themselves and their position
5. Outline of meeting arrangements / logistics
  - Constitution By-law changes 2/3 votes cast to approve
  - All other motions require simple majority cast to approve
  - If speaking full members only – show your voting paddle and name your country
6. Agree on the Agenda
  - Added to the agenda is a vote on a new member approved by European Lacrosse Federation (ELF).

Stan Cockerton declared: Agenda agreed to as amended.

New Member Proposal by Steph Migchelsen, President ELF  
Luxemburg Lacrosse was recognized by the ELF as their 31<sup>st</sup> member at their AGM July 22, 2017.

Discussion

**MOTION BY:** Germany

**SECOND BY:** Japan

“To waive the 30 day rule to accept an Associate Member. “

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Germany

**SECOND BY:** Czech Republic

“That the Federation of International Lacrosse accept Luxemburg as an Associate Member.”

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. Minutes of last General Assembly (July 2016)

**MOTION BY:** Hong Kong

**SECOND BY:** Germany

“To accept the 2016 General Assembly Minutes.”

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. Reports: Ron Balls Olympic Recognition (Sport Accord / AIMS / IWGA)

Ron Balls gave a background report on what has happened up until now.

- The requirements for the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Recognition was given to 2 of 4 applications submitted at the same time as lacrosse, these being International Cheer and Muaythai
- Meeting was held with the IOC in February of 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland attended by Tom Hayes, Ron Balls and Stan Cockerton
  - FIL delegation was told that FIL had a very good application and were in the top 1/3 of sports being considered.
    - Issue: Oceania and lack of countries from Africa
    - Sustainability of the sport itself
    - Does bid process consider the environment

Ron met with the IOC in April with updated documents taking into consideration:

- Athletes' Commission
- Environment
- Sustainability

FIL documents will be put up for review

FIL is now a part of Alliance of Independent Recognized Members of Sport (AIMS).

FIL became a full member of the International Word Games Association (IWGA).

FIL currently has its application in to acquire provisional recognition from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and ultimately become a full recognized member.

### Questions and Answers

Q: Can the application to the IOC be circulated to the members.

A: Yes

Q: Winter vs. Summer – for lacrosse?

A: Lacrosse is going into the summer stream

Q: Cost to belong to IOC?

A: No cost, Olympic recognised Sports receive funding

Q: If lacrosse becomes a demonstration sport are they a recognised sport?

A: Will be a recognised sport but receive no funding

Q: What is the expectation for number of athletes playing in the game of lacrosse – as per the change to 10 aside in the World Games in Poland?

A: Maximum of 15 athletes per team were allowed by IWGA, so the competition committee felt the game structure of 10 aside for the women's field game was appropriate.

## 9. Olympic Vision Committee Ron Balls for Tom Hayes and the OVC Committee

- Initial OVC has been created
- Work to commence, when lacrosse has been given recognition, in the following areas:
  - Lobbying
  - Finance / Fundraising
  - Inclusion
- Jim Scherr, FIL CEO, will be working on a business plan to be presented to the OVC Executive Committee, and then the FIL Board for approval.

**10:48AM – Coffee Break**

**11:15AM - Reconvene**

## 10. Development – Bob DeMarco FIL Development Board Member

### Development Committee appointments

- Rick Mercurio –FIL Development Chairperson
- Wendy Cuthbert – Canada
- Ryan Baker – USA Wheel Chair Development
- Sarah Lin – Taiwan
- Jan van Cauwenberge – Belgium

### Development Awards

- Belgium
- Taiwan
- Luxemburg

### Countries to continue to monitor and develop

Chile	Ecuador	Ghana
Bahamas	Rwanda	South Africa
Mongolia	Georgia	Monaco
United Arab Emirates	Brazil	Honduras
Cuba	India	
Dominican Republic	Pakistan	

### Equipment Grants

Kenya	Qatar	Germany – US Army base
Croatia	Haiti	Ecuador
Puerto Rico	Mongolia	

### Clinics completed

- Croatia

### Clinic to be completed this coming year

Bahamas

Greece

### Educational grants

- Jamaica had two people attend the U.S. Lacrosse Convention

### Balls, Cockerton, Hayes Youth Development Program

Background – funded by a donor to honour Ron Balls, Stan Cockerton and Tom Hayes

- Funding is for youth development
- Program is up and running and information and applications are on the FIL website
- First BCH Youth development clinic was held in Guildford, hosted by English Lacrosse
  - 60 youth participants – 7-12 years old with little or no experience
  - 2 day clinic

### Coaching and Officiating On-line Program

Coaching and Officiating basic program available on-line through the US Lacrosse website

### Development Committee Strategic Planning Meeting April 2017

- Developed a strategic plan, vision,
- Pillars of strategic plan
  - Administrative
  - Athlete development
  - Member development
  - Officiating development
  - Coaching Development
  - Youth Development

### Regional Development

Regional development in Africa

Regional development in Oceania

Regional development in Central and South Caribbean

### **Questions and Answers**

Q. Can use ELF coaches and officials in the development process?

A. Yes, and would be encouraged through more/better communication

Q. Language is an issue, can there be translations

A. Yes

Q. Members / Representatives from other countries. How do we contact these non-member countries?

A. We need a way to grow regional organizations

Q. Why a Latin Regional Association as opposed to Pan-American Regional Association?

A. If we are going to be an Olympic Sport we have to follow the requirements

Rick Mercurio – comment:

Although this is not currently mandated, it would be proactive to appoint a Development Officer for each country and regional association

Bob DeMarco – comment:

England used the model of bringing back players who have graduated to work in development: youth, recruitment, coaching, administrative, referee

### **11. Men's Sector Report- Terence Harding**

- Ron Balls will report on competition
- Tom Sutton – will report on Officiating
- Not a Rule change cycling

Men's Sector wants to establish a new position on the FIL Board of a "Chief Medical Officer".

#### **Job Description**

- Concussion protocol
- WADA
- Medical meeting with athletic therapists to deal with concussion protocol

### **12. Women's Sector Report - Shelley Maher**

- Tomorrow will have a full report
- Will not be doing a discussion on the 2017 Women's Field World Cup
- Will be sending a survey out to all participating countries
- Will have a debrief with English Lacrosse
- Congratulations to English Lacrosse and for operating an excellent tournament with 25 teams competing over 10 days
- 7 countries competed for the very first time
- Diversity has increased
- 2005 we had 10 teams, 2017 we had 25
- Tomorrow will be women's field rules changes
- Officiating – trial rules for the next year for implementation

#### **Q & A**

Q. Can the survey be sent to countries unable to participate due to cost?

A. Yes

Q. If there will be implementation of Medical Officer please advise smaller countries

Q. will there be any discussion tomorrow regarding the cost of the 2017 Women's Field World Cup event?

A. It is recognised that it was an issue, and yes you may voice concerns during the discussion tomorrow

Q. Issue with structure of tournament games

A. Yes, recognize the issue because of the number of countries participating

### **13. Finance Report – Ron Balls**

Auditor – from the U.S.A.

- Joseph A. Sciacca & Company, Certified Public Accountants, P.C.

Reports presented:

- FIL Income and Expenditure Summary Report
- 2016 Financial Statements

Discussion

**MOTION BY: England**  
**SECOND BY: Australia**

*“To appoint Joseph A. Sciacca & Company, Certified Public Accountants, P.C. as the accountant for the year of 2017.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**14. Staff engagement Report by Steve Stenerson**

- a. Search Committee appointed by the Board of Directors:
  - i. Stan Cockerton
  - ii. Steve Stenerson
  - iii. Shelly Maher
- b. SRI , a company based in USA and England, was engaged as the search company
- c. Approximately 75 viable candidates were identified and were narrowed down to 5
- d. Skype interview of 5 candidates in New York City, NY, U.S.A.
- e. Narrowed down to 2 candidates and did in-person interview in Baltimore, Maryland U.S.A. in April 2017
- f. Search Committee decided to recommend Jim Scherr, endorsed by the Board of Directors
- g. Full-time administrative support for the new CEO was also approved by the Board of Directors
- h. Mr. Scherr started his position in June 2017

**15. World Games 2017 – Wroclaw Report Shelly Maher**

Six teams in the World Games

Great Britain	U.S.A.
Australia	Japan
Canada	Poland (Host)

Travelling teams were allocated \$2000 to offset costs for travelling to all teams and \$1000 to Poland

Adjustments to rules were made to accommodate the rules of the World Games organization.

- Tuesday arrival
- Wednesday Opening Ceremonies
- Thurs-Sun games play with a semi-final and final
- 2 pools of 3 teams, round of semi-final and then final games.
- World Games Results will be posted
- Showcase women’s field lacrosse for new observers

**Q & A**

Q. Discussion with countries participating to give them the right representation and media points

A. FIL organizing committee will prepare an information sheet to remind them of the opportunities and best discussion points

Q. Does participation in these games give qualification points for the next World Games in Birmingham, Alabama?

A. Don't know if FIL has been accepted or not, men's or women's or both. Will not know until Q1 2018

Q. Is there a closing ceremony?

A. Closing ceremony for single sport, as well as an overall closing ceremony at 9:00PM on Sunday night

Q. Live streamed games?

A. On the Olympic Channel and we will attempt to get the link on the FIL website

**12:40PM – 2:00PM - Lunch Break**

**2:00PM - Reconvene**

## **16. Proposed Documentation Changes - principles Presented by Ron Balls**

**MOTION BY:** USA

**SECOND BY:** England

"To add to:

6.1 Structure

**6.1.2** Currently these are:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary General / Finance
- d) Development Director
- e) Competition Director
- f) Technical Director

elected by the membership

There are additionally ~~two~~ **three** appointed Board Members:

- a) Olympic Vision Committee Director
- b) Legal Counsel**
- c) Representative, normally the Chair, of the Athletes Commission.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Japan

**SECOND BY:** Hong Kong

"To add to **4. Eligibility Requirements for "Non- Passport" Holders**

### **4.4 Residence**

Minimum of a two-year residency period in the playing country within the last five (5) years.

This does not necessarily have to be a continuous period but a cumulative total period of two (2) years over the previous five (5) years.

**For clarity the 5 year time period is that immediately preceding the championship for which eligibility is being sought.**

AND

### **8. Age Limitations**

#### **8.1 Lower (Minimum) Age.**

The lower limit age that applies to all World Championships and FIL events is 16 years of age as of the day prior to Championship / Event commencement.

#### **8.2 Upper Age for Under 19 Championships**

The upper age limit is that all players must be under 19 as at 31st August of the year before the Championships take place.

~~Reflecting the different start dates of events the Competition Committee may change this date (making it earlier) by up to 10 (ten) weeks and will notify members when Championship dates are confirmed. The 10-week period generally covers the expected time period within which Championships take place.~~

Any considerations outside of this range will be a matter for the FIL Board, or its successor body, to consider."

**MOTION CARRIED**



**MOTION BY:** Australia  
**SECOND BY:** Sweden

“To change **FIL World Event Discipline Procedures**

**In Play - Player Expulsions / Game related incidents**

“3. The Disciplinary Panel for player expulsions will normally comprise of the relevant Board member for the event (~~Women’s Director~~ **Women’s Director for WC2017** ~~for WC2017 and after that the Competition Director [following the Board structure change]~~), relevant Competition Committee Chair (CC) and other Board members as available excluding the President. The Referee-in-Chief (RIC) / Head Technical Delegate (TD) will act as consultant to the Panel.”

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Australia  
**SECOND BY:** Hong Kong

“To change **FIL World Event Discipline Procedures**

**In Play - Player Expulsions / Game related incidents**

“5. The Panel will meet prior to the next game of the player concerned, deliberate and advise the team management of the decision. Any appeal against such decision will be to the FIL President.

Note 1: For clarity, if a player is suspended for the next game and an appeal is lodged if this cannot be heard before the next game then the player is eligible to play in that game.

*Note 2: the onus is on the player / team to make a timely appeal.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Australia  
**SECOND BY:** England

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**Appendix A**

**Discipline Panel Procedures**

“Meeting structure

Complainant or their representative may speak for up to 5 minutes

Accused party or their representative may speak for up to 5 minutes

Note: If either party is a minor (generally U18) they must be accompanied by an adult.

Witnesses (including game Officials where relevant) may be called by either party or the Panel and may speak for up to 3 minutes. *Game Officials may speak for up to 5 minutes.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Canada  
**SECOND BY:** Germany

“To change **FIL World Event Discipline Procedures**

**In Play - Player Expulsions / Game related incidents**  
**Appendix B**  
**Possible Offences**

- g) Inappropriate behaviour under the influence of drugs*
- h) Anti-Social behaviour (homophobia, racism etc.) “*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **17. Review of World Events since last GA**

World Championship 2016 (Men U19)

- USA/Canada/Iroquois Nationals dominant
- Thrilling Final USA 13 Canada 12
- Excellent Organising Committee

World Championship 2017 (Women Senior)

### **18. Future Championships**

World Championship (Men) 2018 - Netanya, Israel

Report Scott Nice – Israel

Why Israel?

- Tourist destination and host of annual sporting tournaments
- Affordable flights
- They have 800 players – mostly youth development
- Volunteer base will be their members of their youth development program

Why Netanya?

- 30 minutes north of Tel Aviv
- On the beach

Venue

- Wingate – national centre for national sport
- Large Campus
- Grass fields
- One entrance one exit – easy for security
- On the beach

Opening night

- Netanya Stadium
- 5-6 years old
- Host to 3 professional teams
- Grass fields

#### Practice facilities

- Shapira Fields
- Tubruq Fields
- Hadassah Neurim Stadium
- Shefayim Field 1

#### Housing (all have air conditioning)

- Bronze \$38-\$49 per person per night
  - dorms
- Silver \$50-\$67 per person per night
  - 2-3 start hotel
- Gold \$84-\$99 per person per night
  - 4-5 Start hotel

Distance between accommodations to playing venues is 10-30min.

#### Meal Plans

- Breakfast included in all rooms
- Lunch & Dinner is \$34 per person per day
- Option to eat at Hotel or the venue

#### Ground Transportation

- Provided by the host
- Departures every 15 minutes
- To from airport to accommodations \$100 per team for 1 bus

#### Day Trips

- Tel Aviv 40 minutes
- Haifa 1 hour
- Jerusalem 1.5 hours

#### Safety & Security

- Highest priority
- Safe and modern country

Every team will have a liaison, stay at hotel with teams, ride on bus.

Training Event prior to the World Championship:

England / Israel July 1-8 – confirmed exhibition games prior to tournament

#### Event Information

- Earliest date for check-in is July 8<sup>th</sup> over 2 weeks.
- There will be a Festival.
- Webcasting – one camera on each field.
- Will be packages for families/friends

**3:35PM - Break**

**3:45PM - Reconvene**

World Under 19 (Women) 2019 Ontario, Canada In Peterborough, Ontario Canada (no report)  
World Indoor 2019 (Men) Langley, BC, Canada. Site Visit 19-28 September (no report)  
Reports will be circulated to members by email.

**World Under 19 (Men) Limerick, Ireland**  
**Report by Michael Kennedy, Ireland**

2020 Men's U19 World Championship  
University of Limerick, Ireland  
Dates: 9-18 July 2020  
[www.2020worldlax.com](http://www.2020worldlax.com)

"Event Ireland" has been established by the Irish government to help with these events.  
Facility: University of Limerick west coast of Ireland

- 5 Synthetic Pitches
- National Strength and conditioning centre
- Indoor 225m jogging track & 60 M sprint track
- 50 metre national swimming pool

Residence at University

- Hold all teams
- Apartment style 6-8 individual rooms in a suite with kitchen facilities

Practice facility

- Many fields/pitches available

Centre of Campus with pubs

[www.2020worldlax.com](http://www.2020worldlax.com)

Shannon Airport is ½ hour away from Limerick

Dublin Airport is about an hour away

Details on Housing and meals will be circulated closer to the event.

## Bid Schedule for FIL Championships

### FIL World Events – Bid dates

Event	Brief Title	"Intent" to Bid Date	Bid Submission Date	Decision Date
Women's World Cup 2021	WC2021	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	January 2018
Men's World Championship 2022	WC2022	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	January 2018
Men's Indoor World Championship 2023	WILC2023	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Mid 2018
Women's Under 19 World Championship 2023	WC2023	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Mid 2018
Men's Under 19 World Championship 2024	WC2024	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Mid 2019

### **19. FIL Men's Officiating – Report Tom Sutton**

Tom Sutton – Chair USA -  
 Dennis Mulroney – Australia  
 Dave Gulet – Canada  
 Peter Davidson – England

- Review and submit report on U19 Men's Field Championship in Coquitlam, 2016
- Salesforce CRM for 2016 was used for data management and will be used and expanded for FIL officiating for items such as:
  - Applications
  - Conflict of interest forms
  - Code of conducts
  - Test scores for fitness and rules
  - Uniform sizing
  - Emergency contacts
- 2018 venue change for the Men's Field Championship – working to coordinate the change and retain RIC's
- Applications out to replace the remaining Deputy position
- Request gone to Canada for a nomination of an individual that may serve as RIC for 2019 Indoor
- Assessor Program – will be changes in administration of the Assessor program
- October 1<sup>st</sup> request for officials for the 2018 event

### **20. FIL Women's Officiating**

Stephen Taylor – Chair

### World Cup Review

#### 63 Officials at 2017 Women's World Cup

- 17 off-field
- New application process
- Salesforce CRM has been used
- Officials were ranked
- Fitness testing done by outside organization
- Rules test / mini-quizzes

### World Games

- Small team of 9 officials and Stephen Taylor
- 1 game a day
- Rule games

### Women's Officiating Community

- Salesforce CRM being used

### Classmarker

- For testing

### Assigning Software

- Used for World Championship and World Games

### Harmonization of Policies (between men's and women's officiating committees)

- Fitness testing universal

### Development Committee

- Looking to work with the Development Committee regarding officiating

### ELF and APLU + Event Support

- Looking to work with the Regional Organizations regarding officiating
- Event support with officials

### 2017-2018 incl. FIL U19 2019 Timeline

- Bring the Rule book up to date
- Applications out January 2018 for officials for U19 Women's Field 2019

### **Presentation**

Mark Coups, President of English Lacrosse  
Presented a volunteer award to Ron Balls

**Adjourn 4:55PM**

## **Monday July 24, 2017**

**9:23AM** Open second day of GA – Stan Cockerton, President

Left the meeting: Italy, Czech Republic, Latvia, Spain  
Quorum Members 20 +Board 7 = 27

### **21. Anti-Doping / WADA updates Report – Terence Harding**

FIL has a part-time employee to work on Anti-Doping activities – Feffie Barnhill

#### **Testing Distribution**

- As presented

#### **Compliance**

- WADA monitors compliance
- Require a Code of Compliance Questionnaire in 2017
- Anticipated results of questionnaire

#### **Future Testing**

- Guidelines for implementation
- Risk assessment for evaluating prioritizing and target testing

#### **Sport Specific Analysis**

- New testing requirements – blood testing may now be required
- Testing for Erythropoiesis stimulating agents (blood or urine)
- Growth hormone (GH) (blood)
- Growth Hormone releasing Factors (GRHFs) (urine)

#### **Recommendations**

- I. Contact for Anti-doping:

“That all member countries have an Anti-Doping contact person”

- II. Medical Practitioner

“Part of your organization structure requires that you have, at least, access to a medical practitioner, who can answer the questions regarding the WADA requirements for TUEs.”

#### **Six Primary Documents**

1. World Anti-Doping Code “The Code”
2. Prohibited List
3. 2015 FIL Anti-Doping Rules
4. International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI)
5. International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions
6. International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI)

## Education

### Athlete Learning Program about Health & Anti-Doping (ALPHA)

- Online education programs
- 17 languages
- Printable certificate upon completion
- Mandatory in the FIL anti-Doping Education Policy (or an equivalent education program from a NADO)

## Registered Testing Pools responsibilities

Top 3 countries from the previous World Championship

## Issues

- Whereabouts Information
- Team whereabouts
- Team Activities

WADA document, Guidelines for implementing an Effective Testing Program, Article 11.2, p70

## **22. Budget 2017 -2021 – Report Ron Balls**

Budget for 2017

**MOTION BY:** Japan

**SECOND BY:** Netherlands

*“To accept the 2017 Budget as presented.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10:20AM - Break**

**10:35AM- Reconvene**

## **22. FIL Strategic Plan – Report by Steve Stenersen, Vice President**

1. To effectively manage the administrative and business affairs of FIL and ensure financial sustainability.
2. To provide a program of events that showcases the sport, provides relevant competition for players and supports development pathways for players, coaches, officials and volunteers.
3. To grow and retain people and country involvement in all forms of lacrosse including players, officials, coaches and administrators.
4. To maintain the rules of international play for all forms of the sport with an emphasis on fair play, inclusion, safety and sustainability.
5. To market lacrosse, and maximize opportunities for exposure and development.



To meet these goals:

- Hired a CEO
- Maximize the value of the World Championship Platform
- IOC Recognition – application submitted
- Increased membership is a strong indicator of success and participation in World Cup Championship
- Increase and quality of referees
- Maintain Rules for all International Championships – 3 disciplines now – are there other disciplines that we should undertake to create another discipline for
- Market lacrosse and maximize our brand and work with our host countries relative to our World Championship Platform

Q. Is there an ability to look at proxy voting?

A. Yes it can be considered, however it has its challenges

Q. Do we need to have wheelchair lacrosse? Is it a requirement to have wheelchair lacrosse to be a part of the Olympics?

A. It is not a requirement to become an Olympic Sport, but the Development Committee have a new member, Ryan Baker, who will be heading up the Wheelchair Lacrosse development.

Q. Is beach lacrosse being considered?

A. It has been played by some members, and their rules will be sent to Stan Cockerton and Bob DeMarco

Q. Should we be applying to Para-Olympics for Wheelchair lacrosse now to help our application to the IOC?

A. There is only one country (U.S.A.) currently playing wheelchair lacrosse, and the Development Committee is working on it.

#### **24. Proposals for reduced numbers of teams at Senior World Championships - Report Ron Balls**

- 2018 all inclusive
- Discussion since 2002 for men's

Discussion.

**MOTION BY:** Germany

**SECOND BY:** Japan

*"The membership agrees that continuation of the present format of Championship events being totally inclusive is not sustainable going forward and that a restriction has to be placed on the number of teams entered."*

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion.



**MOTION BY:** Germany  
**SECOND BY:** U.S.

**"To change By-Law Appendix A**

4.2 Participation in relevant world Events, *subject to the pre-qualification from the previous event, being the event host or through Regional Qualifiers.*"

**MOTION CARRIED**

General Points from the review:

- Timing should stay the same
- Retain finish on a Saturday
- Retain current duration
- Retain Blue Division

### World Events

In considering number of teams:

- Host perspective – the lower the numbers the easier it will be to host
- Board original view was 24
- Competition perspective – preferred number would be either 22 (Blue 6 + 16) or 30 (Blue 6 + 24)
- Members to give direction in terms of number of teams

### Options:

- Setting a precise number (in the range of 12-30)
- Allow members who wish to bid for events to state the number that could be hosted in their bid.

Discussion.

Amending MOTION BY: Australia  
SECOND BY: England  
Amendment to the Amendment

"To delete the minimum 12 teams in the initial motion. "

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** Australia  
**SECOND BY:** England

"The ~~option for the~~ number of teams at a World Event <will> be 12 teams as a minimum with a maximum of 30 teams."

**MOTION CARRIED as Amended**

**12:00 PM - Break**

**12:15 PM - Reconvene**

**MOTION BY:** Canada

**SECOND BY:** USA

“To bring the previous motion “The number of teams at a World Event will be a maximum of 30 teams.” back to the floor. “

Note: Requires a 2/3 majority vote

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion

**MOTION BY:** Netherlands

**SECOND BY:** Hong Kong

Amendment to the motion

“The ~~option for the~~ number of teams for a Senior Field World Event bid <will> be ~~12 teams as a minimum~~ with a maximum of for 30 teams.”

MOTION withdrawn

**MOTION BY:** Ireland

**SECOND BY:** Scotland

*“For all Senior Field World Events submitted bids must demonstrate capacity for 30 participating teams which is the maximum number of participants in any such event.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**1:00PM LUNCH BREAK**

**2:00PM Reconvene**

**25. Rules – report by Shelly Maher**

Shelly Maher requested that the votes for the women’s field rule changes be recorded votes.

Rules changes as per the rule change document attached<sup>i</sup>



**26. Board Member Elections**

Elections to be run by Steve Stenersen, except the election of Vice President, which will be run by Stan Cockerton.

2017 FIL Board Nominees

<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Nominee Name</b>	<b>FIL Member Nominated By</b>
President	Sue Redfern* England	Ron Balls (Board)
Vice President	Steve Stenersen* United States	Ann Carpenetti, US Lacrosse
Secretary General	Ron Balls* England	Stan Cockerton (Board)
Competition Director	Lorna Powell* Scotland	Jane Claydon, Scotland Lacrosse
Competition Director	David Ryan United States	Steve Stenersen (Board)
Technical Director	Terry Harding* Canada	Stan Cockerton (Board)
Technical Director	Don Blacklock England	Mark Coups, English Lacrosse Assn.
Development Director	Bob DeMarco* United States	Ron Balls (Board)
Development Director	Martin Jackson Wales	Gordon Shumack, Welsh Lacrosse

Withdrawn

Development Director Prantarit Nerngchamng Thailand Napputt Assakul, Thailand Lacrosse

NOTE\*Comments from Australia regarding the nomination process were reviewed

NOTE\*ELF supports the APLU comments on how the Board recommends their successors

**Election Results**

**MOTION BY:** Wales

**SECOND BY:** USA

“To nominate Sue Redfern for President of the FIL for a term of two years starting August 1, 2017.”

Votes FOR: 21 AGAINST: ABSTAIN: **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION BY:** England

**SECOND BY:** Canada

“To nominate Steve Stenersen for Vice President for a 1 year term starting August 1, 2017.”

Votes FOR: 22 AGAINST: ABSTAIN: **MOTION CARRIED**



**MOTION BY:** Israel  
**SECOND BY:** Korea

“To nominate Ron Balls to the position of Secretary General for a two year term starting August 1, 2017.”

Votes FOR: 22 AGAINST: ABSTAIN:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Position for Competition Director for a 1 year term starting August 1, 2017.**

Outcome of the secret ballot

Lorna Powell - ELECTED  
David Ryan

**Position for Technical Director for a 2 year term starting August 1, 2017.**

Outcome of the secret ballot

Terry Harding  
Don Blacklock - ELECTED

**Position for Development Director for a 1 year term starting August 1, 2017.**

Outcome of the secret ballot

Bob DeMarco - ELECTED  
Martin Jackson

**MOTION BY:** Wales  
**SECOND BY:** England

“To destroy the voting ballots. “

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Elections Closed by Steve Stenersen.**

**27. Regional Organisations**

2015 /18

**MOTION BY:** Korea  
**SECOND BY:** Australia

“That the: FIL Board form a committee to work with our Allied Members to deal with any issues.”

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 28. Event Hosting / Officiating Costs from 2021

Discussion:

- Differences between costs to men's and women's events
- Travel costs and accommodation/food costs
- Hosts at women's events no longer pay for costs of officials accommodation and food (2 meals per day)
- Participating teams should pay no more than \$3000-\$4000
- Teams not providing officials should pay more

**MOTION BY:** Israel

**SECOND BY:** Hong Kong

"To accept the following for all FIL Events:

1. Host no longer pays for Officials accommodation and food at Women's events.
2. Officials' accommodation and food arranged by the host and paid for by the participant teams (shared cost).
3. Host to arrange and pay for the transport of Officials from the arrival point of the event (nearest airport / railway station) to the Officials event accommodation and return at the end of the event. Note this would not be on an individual basis but groups of Officials (to minimize costs).
4. Officials and or their National Governing Body (NGB) to cover the cost of transport to and from their home / start point to the agreed event arrival point (airport / railway station etc.).
5. The shared cost (Accommodation and Food) to be arranged such that those participating members who do not provide any Officials pay 10% more than those who do provide Officials."

Votes FOR: 13 AGAINST: 6 ABSTAIN:

**MOTION CARRIED**

*\*Request was made for a re-count, motion remained carried.*

## 29. Competition

Eligibility (Men's)

World Indoor Championships (3 Goalkeepers advisory, 18 runners)

To be dealt with by a 'Postal Vote'

Recommendations

- Keep a Blue division
- Keep the same timescales
- Move the number of runners from 16 to 18
- Running clock when there is a 12 goal differential after half time

Dual Passports / Non-national passports

- Passport is a passport
- Heritage players – eligible due to heritage of parents/grandparents

Event / World Rankings

- If there is a reason for not attending

### 30. Report Brad Scibak - Rules Committee

#### Rules Changes for Men's Rules

- 2018 is the rule change year
- August will get the information
- January 10, 2018 is the deadline for proposals

Stan Cockerton thanked Terry Harding on behalf of the FIL for his contribution to the FIL Board and the game of lacrosse.

Stan Cockerton thanked Shelley Maher on behalf of the FIL for her contribution to the FIL Board and game of lacrosse.

Steve Stenerson thanked Stan Cockerton on behalf of the FIL for his contribution to the FIL Board and the game of lacrosse.

#### Closing remarks by Stan Cockerton, FIL President.

Stan thanked the members, Board and Past-Presidents; Feffie Barnhill, Tom Hayes, and Peter Hobbs, for their hard work and support. He wished Sue Redfern, the new FIL President, the new Board and Jim Scherr, FIL CEO, all of the best moving forward.

**MOTION BY:** Australia

**SECOND BY:** Hong Kong

“Motion to Adjourn.”

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjourn 4:15PM**

## FIL General Assembly - Attendance

Total Votes	31
2/3 of votes	21
Simple Majority	16

Full Members	Attending	Voting Delegate	Observer	Observer
Australia	1	Viv White	Paul Mollison	
Belgium	2	Vincent Van Schoenbeek	Caroline Houchard	Jan van Cauwenberge
Canada	3	Doug Luey		
Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)	4	Sarah Lin	Tim Kwan	Kinson Won
Czech Republic	5	Linda Sadlova		
Denmark	6	Nicolai Waldorf		
England	7	Sue Redfern	Mark Coups	
Germany	8	Andreas Rossband	Ake Huebner	
Hong Kong	9	Albert Lai		
Ireland	10	Michael Kennedy	Pete Thomsen	Ause Abdehaq-Braike
Israel	11	Moran Sasson	Scott Neiss	
Italy	12	Nelya Ostafiychuk		
Japan	13	Yusuke Sasaki	Tomohiro Takasaka	
Latvia	14	Gretchen Lasda	Rachel Lasda	
Netherlands	15	Hendrick van Sandick		
New Zealand	16	Damon Jakeman	Hamish Lovett	
Norway	17	Charlotte Stoelen	Kaja Spigseth	
Republic of Korea	18	Wonjae Park	Hyunjoon Ryan Park	
Scotland	19	Georgie Greenwood	Lorna Powell	Rob Powell
Spain	20	Teresa Manero		
Sweden	21	Rebeka Lind	Marcus Lind	
Thailand	22	John Sirisuth		
USA	23	Ann Carpenetti	-	
Wales	24	Nicola John		

Number of Votes	24
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<b>Board &amp; Committee Chairs</b>	Voting
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Stan Cockerton	President	1
Steve Stenersen	Board	2
Ron Balls	Board	3
Shelley Maher	Board	4
Bob DeMarco	Board	5
Howie Borkan	Board	6
Terry Harding	Board	7
Jim Scherr	CEO	
Rick Mercurio	GA Admin support	
Tom Sutton	Committee Chair	
Brad Scibak	Committee Chair	
Wendy Cuthbert	GA Admin support	

Number of Votes	7
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Total Votes	31
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**Associate Members**

Colombia            Mo Dunnigan  
Mexico             Diago Vacdiua

**Allied Members**

ELF                 Steph Migchelsen

Observers            Don Blacklock  
                           Jan Jackson  
                           Beth Stone  
                           Stephen Taylor

Regrets             Tom Hayes, OVC Director

**Attachment**

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<sup>i</sup> Women's Field Rule Changes