



Abbotsford Lacrosse Association



November
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Annual General Meeting

Welcome





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Presidents Report

Thank you all for taking the time to attend this year's Annual General Meeting.

Reflecting on the past season, both in box and field lacrosse, I'm pleased to report that our sport is moving in the right direction. The growth and enthusiasm for lacrosse continue to build in our community, and we are poised for continued success.

This year marked a significant achievement as we successfully merged both field and box associations under the Abbotsford Lacrosse umbrella. there was a significant amount of work that went into updating bylaws and operating policies as the previous documentation was severely outdated. While this was a large undertaking and there are still some details to work through, I am confident that we are on the right path toward a more unified and streamlined organization.

With the help of many volunteers, we held three successful fundraisers this year, which raised over \$13,000! I would like to extend special thanks to Frank Pongrazc, whose support was instrumental in bringing well-deserved recognition to one of our own athletes, Ryan Sheldrake, who placed 4th overall in the draft. Frank led the charge and organized a Junior A game, hosting teams from Langley and Burnaby, which was a highlight of our fundraising season.

This year was also our second supporting the Abbotsford Canucks with 50/50 ticket sales and the "Chuck-a-Puck" event. Although this fundraiser generated great visibility for lacrosse, it



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required a substantial purchase of 250 seats, so we have decided not to continue with it in the 2025 season.

We've had success with our fireworks fundraiser! A huge thank you to Robyn and Bill Raynault & Mystical Distribution for providing this amazing opportunity! We were able to raise \$1256!

Finally, our Bottle Drive and Krispy Kreme fundraiser was a huge success, thanks to the many volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to make it happen. This event brought in considerable funds and exemplified the strong community spirit that drives our organization.

This year, with a bit of sweet talking, we were able to secure city funding to give our box a much-needed facelift, which included updating the boards, replacing the chain link fencing, and leveling the floor. While we still face challenges with floor space capacity throughout the year, we are committed to working with our partners at City Hall to optimize floor time.

We're also excited to offer drop-in Friday nights for all our athletes this box season, an initiative aimed at fostering community pride and enhancing engagement among players in Abbotsford.

I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated executives and volunteers for their support and commitment throughout this past year. Together, we are shaping a promising future for lacrosse in our community.



Vice Presidents Report

Thank you all for joining us at this year's AGM. Reflecting on the past season, I'm proud of the progress and achievements we've made together, and I'm excited to share some highlights.

Skills Camps

We kicked off the season with several successful skills camps, which set a strong foundation for our athletes and created a great start to the year with excitement for all the players. Given their success, we're committed to continuing this tradition—stay tuned for more camps starting in December!

Awards Night

Another milestone this season was our first-ever association wide end-of-season awards night to celebrate our athletes' hard work and achievements.

The event was a huge success, and I want to extend a special thank you to Emmy for collaborating with us to prepare all the delicious food that made the evening especially memorable.

We look forward to making this an annual event for the association.

Jerseys

On the equipment front, we finalized a new jersey design and are thrilled to soon present it to you all! While we still need official sign-off from the league, we're confident that these jerseys will be ready for next season. pinnies to jerseys in the coming seasons to further enhance the athlete experience.



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Swag

Our swag store through MVP was also a highlight, with families proudly sporting Valley Attack and Warriors gear throughout the season. It's inspiring to see our community come together and represent our teams with such pride.

Overall, this has been another year of foundational work that aims to improve the experience for all families involved in Abbotsford lacrosse. We're excited to keep building on these achievements as we look toward the 2025 season. Thank you to all the athletes, families, and volunteers who help make this journey possible!

Stick to school program

Fusion has already gone to Semath Elementary on a grant and went incredibly well! A whole school exposed to lacrosse is a wonderful way to grow the sport. And another one is in the works

There are 8 schools signed up for the Warriors stick to school program! Spreading the good word of lacrosse to schools.

Connecting with Lacrosse roots

Been connecting with the Elders to have a patch approved for our jerseys, giving thanks to the Stolo people. Its in the approval process!

We are also working with the school board to help push lacrosse in schools. Its our national sport lets be proud! It's amazing when you see



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the eyes of children when they learn the roots of lacrosse and its amazing history

Successes and Opportunities

We saw great success with many medals the past box season. We are super proud of our U13 team for their hard work and winning gold in provincials.

Healthy growth in most areas for growth and an opportunity to grow the U7 and U9 program with a wonderful jamboree. Thank you, Tara for all your hard work and amazing ideas, it was a huge success!

An opportunity for growth with in the association in educating newer members bylaws, operating policies and code of conduct. We love to see positivity and support from our parents!



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Registrar Report

Abbotsford Warriors Box

Lacrosse

2024 season

Total Registrations = 136

Total Players = 124 (less

12 who were

released or withdrew)



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Division Breakdowns

Division	# of players	# of Teams	2023 Comparison
U7	11	One Team	13 players
U9	14	One Team	32 players
U11	39	Two Teams	15 players
U13	24	One Team	22 players
U15	16	One Team	19 players
U17	20	One Team	17 players



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Valley Attack Field Lacrosse

2024 season

Registrations = 88
Total Players = 75 (Less 13
Who Were Released or
withdrew)



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Division Breakdown

Division	# of Players	# of Teams	2023 Comparison
U7	4	Combined with U9 (in house development)	4 players
U9	7	Combined with U7 (in house development)	19 players
U11	19	One team	
U13	23	One team	
U15	5	No team fielded (U15s released or playing up at U18)	10 players (all released)
U18	17	One team	U17 – 8 players (2 released) U19 – 22 Players



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Referees 2024 Year End Report

We basically had a good year. I was pretty much at every game from u7 to u17, watching and working with each referee. I was either talking to them in between periods, after games or even on the floor between periods to fix floor positionings with them, and giving them positive feedback as well.

Now I have a very good idea what each official brings, and what more needs to be worked on for next season.

We do have some talented officials here in Abbotsford.

- We went from 10 officials last year to 18 this year.
- We cut down on bringing out of town officials in.
- We already have a small list of kids that want to join next season.
- We have good feedback.

There are a few things that need to be worked on:

- Abuse from coaches and parents from the stands.
- Game management.
- Better understanding the rules.

I would like to thanks Natalie for a great job on allocating officials to the games this year and giving me feedback on each official that she saw.

Frank Pongracz
Head Referee
Abbotsford Minor Lacrosse



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Treasurer Report - Box

Abbotsford Warriors Lacrosse - Box Season
Proposed Annual Budget
October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	Box
	Actual	Budget	Actual	2024-25
				Budget
Revenue				
Registration Fees	33,639	35,000	32,020	41,000
Pro-camp Fees	-	1,500	5,088	5,000
Fundraising	14,574	12,000	20,289	6,500
Miscellaneous	95	65	1,923	
Referee Fees			1,257	
Team Photos			2,800	
Jersey/Pinnie Deposit			9,500	
Team Specific Revenue	12,300	12,500	-	-
Total	60,608	61,065	72,877	52,500
Expenses				
Association BBQ	764	800	-	800
Bank Fees	4	100	43	100
BCLA AGM	-	300	1,079	175
BCLA Registration	5,682	5,700	5,930	8,302
BCLA Form 100B	255	260	-	300
Coach & Referee Clinics	2,175	2,000	2,790	3,000
Equipment	5,562	500	1,096	2,890
Floor Rental	15,920	16,000	15,541	16,000
Fundraising Expenses	7,097	7,000	8,515	2,500
Insurance				600
Pro-camp Fees	3,000	3,000	605	2,500
Teamsnap	1,257	1,200	1,271	1,300
Web Domain			697	700
Miscellaneous	336	205	267	250
Referee Fees	5,295	5,500	5,625	7,313
Society Fees			40	50
Team Photos/Awards	3,120	3,500	4,354	3,220
Uniform/Jersey	4,595	2,500	2,734	2,500
Jersey/Pinnie Return			9,900	
Team Specific Expenses	11,885	12,500	156	
Total	66,948	61,065	60,643	52,500
Net surplus (deficit)	(6,339)	-	12,233	-



Treasurer Report - Field

This year saw some major changes with ALA including the addition of Field Lacrosse.

Valley Attack had applied for a gaming grant and unfortunately, we did not receive it for this season. However, I have made contacts with a group in Abbotsford who will help us a) identify grants that we can apply for and b) assist us with the writing of the grants to ensure success.

I have also made some contacts with other Treasurers in LAX in the lower mainland in an effort to identify regular concerns and how we can address them.

Our biggest challenge this season has been with the team accounts. I will be looking into new banking options as we enter the winter months.

Another challenge has been in written records received. I received information from the previous treasurer that I plan to evaluate over the winter months and complete an analysis of the financials over the past few years.

This year, we saw the introduction of a few new bonds:

- Volunteer Bond
- Fundraising Bond



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The Volunteer Bond was created to encourage families to assist with the teams and with the association as many hands make light work. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and the board is exploring new ways to engage families.

The Fundraising Bond was created with the intention for families to participate in team fundraising. As players get older, families may find it harder to sell items as part of fundraising for the team. This bond was intended to give an option for those who wished to opt-out of fundraising and provide a “donation” to the team to help offset some of the costs.

We have learned that the Fundraising Bond shouldn't be collected at the association level and should be done at the team level. We also learned that more communication needs to be provided to reduce confusion around this item.

The Board is working on creating a year-long schedule of association wide fundraising to assist with operational costs. Keep your eyes out for more information in the following months.

Next year, we are looking at incorporating many of the fees included in your team fees with your registration fees. Team fees will then only be for additional tournaments the teams wish to attend, coaches gifts and team gifts as approved by parents.

Overall, this has been a great year and we are growing and developing some great systems to help us evaluate and respond to our financial needs.



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Field

Budget

	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Actual		2024/25 Budget	2025/26 Budget (10%)
	Field	Field	Variance	Field	Field
Revenue					
1000 Registration Fees	16,800.00	20,770.00	3,970.00	23,325.00	25,657.50
1100 Skills Camp Fees		-	- .00	3,500.00	3,500.00
1200 Fundraising	5,000.00	-	(5,000.00)	5,000.00	5,500.00
1800 Interest		-	- .00		
1900 Miscellaneous		670.00	670.00		
1300 Referee Fees		-	- .00		
1400 Team Photos		-	- .00		
1500 Jersey/Pinnie Deposit	7,000.00	-	(7,000.00)		
5502 Field Rental		32.00	32.00		
1600 Team Specific Revenue			- .00		
Total	28,800.00	21,472.00	(7,328.00)	31,825.00	34,657.50
Expenses					
5000 Marketing & Fundraising	600.00	-	(600.00)	600.00	600.00
1000 Registration Refunds		1,650.00	1,650.00	500.00	500.00
5100 Bank Fees	60.00	10.00	(50.00)	60.00	60.00
5203 BCLAAGM	495.00	-	(495.00)	500.00	500.00
5201 BCLA Registration	3,900.00	-	(3,900.00)	3,410.00	3,751.00
5202 BCLA Form 100B	100.00	-	(100.00)	100.00	110.00
5210 PCFLL	955.00	955.00	- .00	955.00	1,050.50
5212 LMMLC	-	-	- .00	- .00	- .00
5400 Coach & Referee Clinics	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)	200.00	220.00
5501 Equipment	200.00	-	(200.00)	2,000.00	2,200.00
5502 Field Rental	6,500.00	-	(6,500.00)	7,520.00	8,000.00
5510 Floor Rental			- .00		
5503 Hydro		-	- .00		
5508 Office Supplies		25.28	25.28	100.00	100.00
1200 Fundraising Expenses		-	- .00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5504 Insurance	500.00	-	(500.00)	350.00	400.00
1100 Pro-camp Fees		-	- .00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5505 Teamsnap	300.00	-	(300.00)	375.00	400.00
5506 Web Domain	600.00		(600.00)	300.00	300.00
5900 Miscellaneous		-	- .00	100.00	100.00
1300 Referee Fees	1,500.00	575.00	(925.00)	1,650.00	1,815.00
5507 Society Fees	40.00	-	(40.00)	20.00	20.00
5509 Lacrosse Balls		672.00	672.00	600.00	600.00
5511 Equipment Maintenance			- .00	500.00	550.00
5301 Team Photos/Awards	2,960.00		(2,960.00)	3,000.00	3,200.00
5302 Uniform/Jersey	4,460.00	1,312.50	(3,147.50)	3,000.00	3,000.00
5303 Coach Hats		414.40	414.40	500.00	500.00
5513 First Aid Supplies			- .00	400.00	400.00
3000 Tournament Fees		3,500.00	3,500.00	600.00	600.00
5514 Registration Fee			- .00	620.00	720.00
1500 Jersey / Pinnie Deposit	7,000.00		(7,000.00)	- .00	- .00
1600 Team Specific Expenses			- .00	100.00	100.00
Total	31,170.00	9,114.18	(22,055.82)	31,560.00	33,296.50
Net surplus (deficit)	(2,370.00)	12,357.82	14,727.82	265.00	1,361.00



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Allocator - Field

Field Allocator:

We are presently using Abbotsford Senior Secondary School Field. It's a welcome change from the MRC fields.

Looking for ways to utilize field time and maximize

Ref Allocator - Field

In Field Lacrosse the referees are assigned by a central Allocator for U13 - U18. I am responsible for supplying referees for ages U11, U9, U7. At the moment, we only have U11 playing games. Unfortunately, we only have

2 level 1 refs (u11 and lower)

1 level 2 ref (U15 and lower)

1 level 2 (U18 and lower)

We are in desperate need for more refs. If we grow as an association we will need more refs so we don't have to pay travel fees.



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Allocator - Floor

Was able to increase floor time by 1 day by 5 hours bringing it to 4 days of access to ARC

We created a schedule to help enable full utilization of the floor

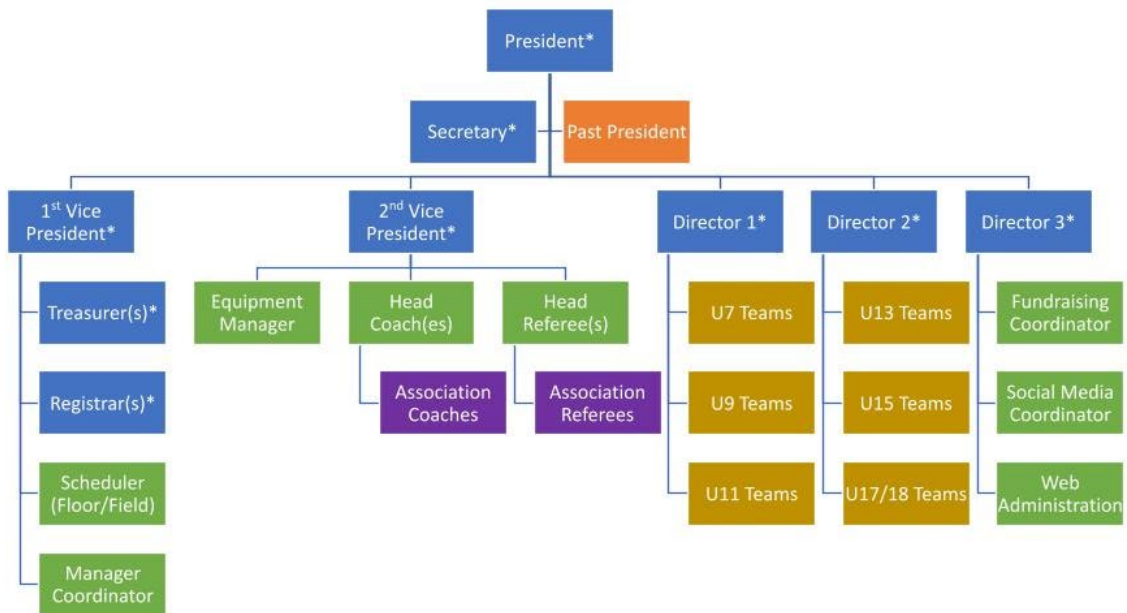
This year's floor time costs will increase by 3.82%

The cost is increasing to \$45.50 per hour

AGREC availability is limited due to pickleball courts and soccer utilization



Organizational Chart



* Indicates voting Board Member

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Jerseys

