



# Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association

Annual General Meeting  
October 30, 2021



Welcome



# Agenda

- President's Report
- Rep Box Report
- House League Report
- Field Report
- Girls Report
- Update from Registrar
- Financial Report
- Publicity Report
- Open Forum
- Awards
- Elections



# President's Report

David Hunter



# President's Report - David Hunter

Rob MacDougall

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# President's Report - David Hunter

## A slow turn towards normality

2020

One week into tryouts lacrosse in Ontario is shut down.

No organized games allowed by region, province and governing body.

RTA (Return To Activity) sessions were able to get kids on to fields with stick in hands.

2021

Spring Field season shifted to Fall

Spring box cancelled by OLA but left open somewhat for later activities

Rep and HL box return to the field, and occasionally indoors in the latter part of the year.

Box season ends with excellent showing in the U17 tournament.

Fall Field saw our U15 and U11s get back into action.

LOLAX back in actions; turning moms into angry scary people since 2017....



# President's Report - David Hunter

## A slow turn towards normality

While the output of the last 2 years was a shadow of what a regular season would bring, the efforts to get there were exaggerated due to having to plan, then replan and then replan again.

I would personally like to acknowledge the teams that made something out of nothing over the last couple of "seasons"



# President's Report - David Hunter

Thank you to:

The Board  
Coaches & Volunteers  
City of Burlington





# President's Report - David Hunter

Thank You for your patience, commitment and  
compassion:

Parents  
&  
Players



# President's Report - David Hunter

## Further Acknowledgements

Going back in time a bit.....

2020 Programs

McDonalds Small Fries

Sponsorship which targeted our youngest age groups with registration subsidies.





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Going back in time a bit.....

2020 Programs

SportChek stick giveaway

Provide new registrations in the  
Peanut and Paperweight divisions  
with a new stick

The SportChek logo, consisting of the word "SPORTCHEK" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the text is a red, stylized arrow pointing to the right, which is part of the brand's graphic identity.

# SPORTCHEK



# President's Report - David Hunter

## Further Acknowledgements

**SPORTCHEK**



**SportChek Stick Giveaway**





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## Further Acknowledgements

2021 Saviours

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program

\$7,500 in recovery assistance to  
BMLA

Assistance to untold number of  
children's sports organizations  
across the country.





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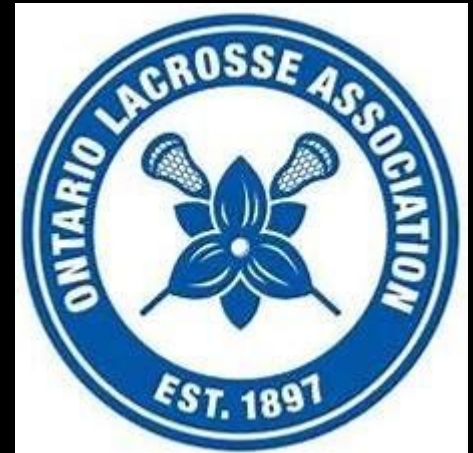
## Further Acknowledgements

2021 Saviours

Toronto Rock

Ontario Lacrosse Association

OLA Zone 9





# President's Report - David Hunter

## Zone 9 News

**All Zone 9 teams have been able to survive the last two years and are looking forward to 2022 as a full and successful return to competitive lacrosse**

**2021 was a voting year**

**Mary Sticca has returned to lead Z9 for another cycle**



Director of Rep Box  
Stephen Tait





## Director of Rep Box - Stephen Tait

- 8 Rep Box teams with 20 or more players each.
- Thanks to our coaches:
- U7-Dan Dawson
- U8 Chris Hietalahti
- U9 Sandy Chapman
- U10 Darren Francis
- U11 Greg Large
- U13 Shawn Cardy
- U15 Duncan Brownell
- U17 Jim Shea



## Director of Rep Box - Stephen Tait

- Intra-Squad/Exhibition games were played
- We provided reversible pinnies as part of the registration to allow for intra squad games.
- Sessions were held outdoors to allow for flexibility around capacity constraints.
- Goal of the program was to continue to develop Burlington players with our club and keep them engaged to the sport.
- Some teams were able to play box exhibition games towards end of the summer.



# Director of Rep Box - Stephen Tait

## Highlights

- U7 (paperweight) team played in two friendly lacrosse tournaments





# Director of Rep Box - Stephen Tait

## Highlights

- U17 Rising Stars Tournament

Burlington invited as a Top 10 program in Ontario  
Team finished, 2 Wins & 3 Losses in a very tough division  
Mimico ended up winning the tournament



U17 RISING STARS - GROUP 1										
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	DIFF	PIM
<u>Mimico Mountaineers</u>	10	10	0	0	0	20	71	25	46	87
<u>Nepean Knights</u>	10	6	3	1	0	13	62	30	32	128
<u>Orangeville Northmen</u>	10	4	6	0	0	8	43	54	-11	136
<u>Burlington Chiefs</u>	5	2	3	0	0	4	21	27	-6	31
<u>Six Nations Warriors</u>	5	1	4	0	0	2	16	33	-17	84



Director of House League  
Darryl Chalmers



# Director of House League - Darryl Chalmers

- 4 House League Box Teams (82 players)
- Huge THANKS to our coaches:
  - U5 - Dan Dawson
  - U7 - Sandy Chapman
  - U9-U11 - Chris Sabourin
  - U13-17 - Kevin Pelissier



- Coaches were amazing as they navigated through an ambiguous season with constant change. Their flexibility and commitment to providing a fantastic season for the players was incredible! -- Thank you all!



# Director of House League - Darryl Chalmers

- All field-based sessions due to COVID arena restrictions & capacity constraints
- Modified 6 week program (June-August)
- Largest cohorts were within the younger age groups with a focus on growing the game at the U5-U7 age levels
- Skills sessions throughout the season
- Intra-squad scrimmages within age cohorts
- Provided dry-fit t-shirts for each player with registration
- Goal of the program: to introduce new players while also developing returning players to keep them engaged and loving the sport of lacrosse.







# Director of House League - Darryl Chalmers







# Director of Field Lacrosse

## Adam Kennedy





# Director of Field Lacrosse - Adam Kennedy

## Girl's Field

- First time Burlington had girls field teams playing competitively in more than a decade.
- Able to run 8-weeks of programming June through early August.
- Three age groups U9/11, U13, U15.
- Three OWFL hosted tournament weekends.
- Seven total exhibition games, including three hosted in Burlington.





# Director of Field Lacrosse - Adam Kennedy

## Rep (Boy's) Field

- OMFLL season moved from usual Spring season to Fall.
- Able to run 5-weeks of programming late-August through September.
- Fielded teams in the U11 and U15 age groups.







# Director of Field Lacrosse - Adam Kennedy

## Successes

- Able to get on the field and play competitively!
- Overcame compressed planning-to-field timeline (12 days for Girls, less than a month for Boys).
- Lots of new players.
- Proved effectiveness of 2020 return to play and 2021 house league programs.





# Director of Field Lacrosse - Adam Kennedy

## Goals for 2022:

- Attempt to sustain momentum.
- Rep Girls: Run teams in U9/11-U17/19.
- Boys: Restore teams in all age groups U9-U17.
- Find a way to incorporate a “try” or “house league” program.





# Director of Field Lacrosse - Adam Kennedy

## Expected Challenges:

- Delays, cancellations or limitations due to COVID.
- Interest in playing.
  - Girls: 2014/2015, 2009/2008, 2007+
  - Boys: 2014/2015, 2010, 2006
- Time - Coaches and volunteers.
- Coordination with box programming.
- Impact of private programming.





# Director of Girls Lacrosse

Jen Bordignon & Steve Hogan







# Director of Girls Lacrosse - Jen Bordignon & Steve Hogan

- Fielded a U17 Rep team
  - Even in a short window, played 7 games - Strong turnout - many returning next year
- Intermediate rebranded to Jr Women's (17-21y)
  - Megan McGrath selected to represent Burlington on the committee
- Not able to run House League this year
  - Moved players to boys or Lolax
- Lolax - 2 teams
  - Session of skills/scrimmage







Registrar  
Courtney Smith



# Registration - Courtney Smith

2021:

Given restrictions of the past 2 years, 2021 was well attended for our programming

- U9 Rep program had a great turn out
- First year for Women's Field & numbers were fantastic (built off last years RTA)
- HL suffered for numbers compared to a 'normal' year, but MANY first time players

Age Group	House League Box (M/F)	Rep Box Boys	Rep Box Girls	Rep Field Men's	Rep Field Woman's	House League Woman's Field
<b>Total</b>	111	166	17	49	52	6
U5	26 (21/5)	-	-	-	-	-
U7	31 (29/2)	17	-	-	-	-
U9	9 (8/1)	42	-	-	-	1
U11	19 (15/4)	37	-	25	15	2
U13	15 (15/0)	24	-	-	22	2
U15	5 (5/0)	26	-	24	14	1
U17	6 (5/1)	20	17	-	-	-
LoLax	23	-	-	-	-	-



# Registration - Courtney Smith

## Outlook to 2022:

- Build on this years success, so many first time players
  - Women's Field, Men's field & Box younger age groups (👉👍 Coaches/Directors)
- Work on rebuilding our Girls Box program
  - Off set girls Box and Field times to allow for more players to do both
  - Bring back the girls only learn-2-play program for Box
- Coaches/Trainers: Registration & Certifications
  - Better communication to get them registered & approved before season starts
- Try-Lax Program should Open latest Jan 1/22
  - Open up program as soon as able, get more kids to try it and bring a friend



# Financial Report

Jamie Sproat

## INCOME & EXPENSES

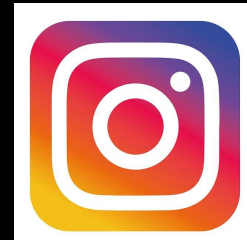
- Grants
  - \$7,500 Jump Start
  - \$1,790 TRAC
  - \$1,500 OLA
  - \$1,000 Zone 9
- Bank fees significantly lower thanks to Credits and E-Transfers
- OLA fees:
  - 2020 OLA Fees restated to reflect refund of \$3,388. Original estimate was \$2,150
- Surplus of \$20k helps recover losses over 2020. Grants are almost 60% of the profit.
- Bank balance now greater than Deferred Revenue

## BALANCE SHEET

- Most 2020 Inventory was used in 2021. Only items remaining are Rep Box Apparel
- Deferred Revenue - Registrations left with BMLA. Reduce substantially, but still a lot left. Thank you to everyone who elected to leave their credits
- Significant improvement to Equity
  - Robust Programs across all sectors
  - Grants



Director of Publicity  
Taylor Hogan





# Director of Publicity - Taylor Hogan

- Manage social media accounts (Twitter, Instagram & Facebook)
- 9 challenges across social media, players participated in during lockdown:
  - Drills, Tricks, Mother's Day
- Growth in followers across all platforms
  - Instagram - 1433 combined followers - interactions, 3.5% growth over last 90 days
  - Twitter - 893 combined followers (BMLA + BMLA Girls)
  - Facebook - 412 followers



## Follow us on:

Instagram - @burlington\_lacrosse, @burlington\_girls\_lax

Facebook - @BurlingtonMinorLacrosse

Twitter - @burlingtonminor @LaxBurlington



# Open Forum

How do we approach the post pandemic era?

## Recruitment

Reaching parents and players who haven't experienced the game before  
Getting those who have set the sport aside for the last couple of years

**GROWING THE GAME!!**

## Events

Is it time to host a tournament?

What can we do better?





Awards



# SHANNON-MIOTTO GIRLS LACROSSE COACHES AWARD

2021 - Recipient(s)

Sian Evans, Natalie Maxwell, Sarah Chapman

This award is named in honour of two dedicated volunteers who supported girls lacrosse in many roles over the years including being a part of the board, organizing house league, and being on the bench. Kary Shannon and Debbie Miotto championed the sport and encouraged others to build a life-long love of the sport. This award was established in 2017 and presented annually to a Coach or Coaches involved in Girls Lacrosse who shows a dedication to the development of players and respect for all those involved in the game



# JORDAN MOXAM SPIRIT AWARD

2021 - Recipient(s)

Alex Braniff

This award is named after a young boy who played lacrosse in the Burlington Minor Lacrosse system. Tragically he passed away of cancer May 2, 2004. This award was first established in 2004 and is presented annually to a peewee player who has played both box and field, and who shows an exceptional desire to play – a love of the game.



# REP COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

2021 - Recipient(s)

Jim Shea

Awarded annually to the Rep Coach who exhibits not only outstanding lacrosse acumen but the understanding that growing the players and the team has lasting benefits beyond the scoresheet and season. The recipient has also represented the players, families, Association and the City of Burlington in a positive, respectful manner to all they interact with over the course of the season.



# GEOFF ELMER “LOVE OF THE GAME” AWARD

2021 - Recipient(s)

Atanas Tchorbadjisky

This award is named after one of the dedicated volunteers within the Burlington Minor Lacrosse Association. Geoff was a driving force in the development of girl's field lacrosse. This award was first established in 2005 and is presented annually to a person volunteering their time and energy to promote and develop girl's lacrosse.



# JOHN DACK MEMORIAL AWARD

2021 - Recipient(s)

Stephen Tait

This award is presented to the volunteer who contributes most to the game of lacrosse in Burlington.



# President's Award

2021 - Recipient(s)

Adam Kennedy

This award is presented annually to a volunteer of the BMLA who shows initiative, leadership, commitment to the Association by going beyond the duties assigned to them at the beginning of the season.





# Elections



# Elected Officers



<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominations</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Dave Hunter (awarded)</b>
<b>VP Girls Lacrosse</b>	<b>Atanas Tchorbadjisky (awarded)</b>
<b>VP Field Lacrosse</b>	<b>Adam Kennedy (awarded)</b>

# President



- Chair all Association, Executive, Board, Annual General and Special Meetings
- Oversee all the Association's business to see that it is conducted as directed by the Board, and report actions at the following meeting.
- Represent the Association at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
- Be the main contact person for all matters dealing with the Ontario Lacrosse Association
- Be an ex-officio member of any committee formed for any purpose
- Have the power, subject to approval of the Executive Officers, to replace an elected or appointed member who, in the opinion of the Executive Officers, has not been fulfilling his or her duties adequately
- Be a signing officer of the BMLA to pay pre-approved budgeted expenses by the Executive Officers
- Work with the Vice President of Lacrosse to ensure that they are prepared to take the president role the following year • Make reasonable attempt to assist at all BMLA sponsored events i.e., Tournaments, Minor Lacrosse Weekend, Banquets, Registration, etc.
- Keep the General Executive informed of all developments and situations within the association
- Inform any players, coach or any other person associated with BMLA activities of any observed code of conduct infraction of any CLA, OLA, OMFLL, OWFL, BMLA or affiliate league
- In conjunction with the Secretary, devise and prepare an agenda for circulation to the Board of Directors in advance of the next meeting.
- Act as a liaison between the BMLA and junior lacrosse programs in the Halton Region • In cases requiring immediate action, the President may take action with or without reference to the Board of Directors, but shall be responsible for the action to the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board

# VP House League



Obtain convenors for each division of the House League

- Settle any disputes concerning House League teams
- Refer any disputes requiring further action to the Disciplinary committee
- Distribute bulletins of concern to convenors for delivery to the coaches and managers of all House League teams
- Work with convenors at all levels to ensure House League teams are balanced prior to a date to be set by the board
- Approve all rosters before the commencement of all playoff series games
- Ensure that convenors pick up and retain all House League game sheets and forward the results to yourself and the Publicity Director on a weekly basis
- Review game sheets and bring any unusual circumstances to the attention of the Board

- By Feb 1st of each year, the VP House League, with the assistance of the Technical Director, shall be responsible for the preparation and review of policy and procedures manuals for the House League Lacrosse program.
- Ensure that all equipment is collected at the end of the season and returned to the Equipment Director
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- Any other duties as assigned by the Executive Officers

# VP Field Lacrosse



- Be the representative at the OMFLL meetings for BMLA
- Act as the OMFLL convenor for home hosting
- Be the OMFLL point of contact for the field season
- Ensure all players and cards are in compliance to OMFLL regulations
- Settle any minor disputes involving Field teams
- Refer any incidents requiring further action to the Disciplinary Committee
- Ensure that all Field coaches receive bulletins and notices from the BMLA, the OLA and the OMFLL and the CLA
- By Feb 1st of each year, the Director of Boys Field, with the assistance of the Technical Director, shall be responsible for the preparation and review of policy and procedures manuals for the Boys Field Lacrosse program
- Ensure that all equipment is collected at the end of the season and returned to the equipment director
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Thank you to all our volunteers!



Thank you for all your support in 2021!!





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Stay Safe.