

# **LA CROSSE LIGHTNING LACROSSE CLUB BYLAWS—December 2015**

## **ARTICLE I-NAME AND PURPOSE**

### **Section One**

The name of this organization shall be “La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club,” a non-profit private corporation. Throughout the remainder of these bylaws and in certain advertisements and publications we will also be known as “LALA” (La Crosse Area Lacrosse Association).

### **Section Two**

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and to advance the sport of lacrosse in the Coulee Region through ways approved by the Board of Directors of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club.

## **ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section One**

Membership shall be open to any registered family member or associate member subject to the Board of Directors approval. A member is defined as a parent or legal guardian of a registered player, and has one vote for each player, maximum of two votes per family.

### **Section Two**

Any member in good standing shall have the right to vote at annual elections.

### **Section Three**

Associate memberships will be granted to persons, groups or businesses not qualifying under Article II, Section One. Associate members may not vote.

## **ARTICLE III-BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section One**

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- a. Officers of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club (5);
- b. Directors at Large (4)

### **Section Two**

The Executive Committee as defined in Article VI shall fill any vacancy occurring among the Directors prior to an election. Such Director shall then serve the unexpired term of their predecessor.

### **Section Three**

There shall be monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section Four**

Quorum. One half or more of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

#### **Section Five**

The Board of Directors may develop a set of rules and regulations for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club. These rules and regulations, if developed, shall be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS**

#### **Section One**

The officers of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club shall be: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; and the Immediate Past President.

#### **Section Two**

Officers and Directors of the corporation shall serve for a term of one year. Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting. They shall begin their terms of office after the completion of the July Board meeting. *(Note: in this first year, the term shall run through July of 2017)*

### **ARTICLE V—DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

#### **Section One**

The executive power of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

#### **Section Two**

The **PRESIDENT** shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club and shall preside at all meetings of the corporation, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, except the Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint the Chairpersons of all standing committees; subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall render a report on the activities of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club at the annual meeting.

#### **Section Three**

The **VICE-PRESIDENT** shall perform all the duties and exercise all powers of the President in the absence of the President and be responsible for other activities and projects assigned by the President and /or the Board of Directors.

#### **Section Four**

The **TREASURER** shall be the Chief Financial Officer and shall receive all funds and dues paid to the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club. The Treasurer shall deposit such funds and dues in the name of the corporation in such financial institutions as the Board shall designate from time to time. The Board annually shall set a maximum disbursement that may be made without Board approval. The Treasurer shall pay all bills for the corporation after these bills have been certified and approved by the President. The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept in suitable form, detailed accounts of the assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation. The books shall be open at all times for examination or audit by the

auditors or such representatives of the Board of Directors as it may designate from time to time. The Treasurer shall render a report at each Board Meeting and general meeting, and shall submit an annual report. All expenditures voted by the Board of Directors should be listed in the Annual Treasurers Report.

#### **Section Five**

The **SECRETARY** shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The records shall be open at all times to reasonable inspection of any member of the Lightning Lacrosse Club. In the absence of the Secretary, the President shall appoint a temporary recording secretary. A copy of all minutes shall be sent to the President.

#### **Section Six**

The **PAST-PRESIDENT** shall serve as an advisor to the President in any way deemed necessary by the President. He or she shall serve as the parliamentarian at all meetings. If for any reason the person serving as the Past-President cannot fulfill those duties, the Executive Board shall have the authority to appoint a person to fill the Past-President position from a pool of any past officer of the Club.

#### **Section Seven**

The **DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE** shall be representatives of the corporation and their interests to the Board of Directors. They are to be a liaison between the Board, Coaches and the general membership. The Directors-at-Large of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club shall be: High School Representative; Youth Representative; Coaching Director; and Fundraising Chairman.

### **ARTICLE VI—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Section One**

There shall be an Executive Committee whose membership shall consist of the officers of the corporation.

#### **Section Two**

The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers of the Board of Directors during the interim between meetings of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section Three**

All actions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification of the Board of Directors of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club.

### **ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES**

There shall be such standing committees as are necessary for the conduct of business and programs of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club. The President shall appoint the chairperson of each committee with the approval of the Board of Directors as soon as possible after taking office. The President shall serve as ex-officio to all committees.

## **ARTICLE VIII—NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **Section One**

There shall be a nominating committee appointed by the Board. It shall consist of at least three members. These Committee members shall be from the general membership. The Committee shall select its own chairperson.

### **Section Two**

The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for officers and directors. Nomination may be made from the floor. No name shall be presented at an annual meeting by the nominating committee or as a nomination from the floor until or unless the nominee has consented to serve if elected.

### **Section Three**

The nominating committee shall function through the year to name candidates for any vacancies among the officers and to submit them to the Board of Directors for election by the Board to fill the unexpired terms.

## **ARTICLE IX—ELECTION OF BOARD**

### **Section One**

There shall be an annual meeting of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club. The election of the board members and officers will be by a vote of the members during the annual meeting.

### **Section Two**

If members are unable to attend the annual meeting in person, they may vote by absentee ballot. This ballot shall be requested by the member, and the ballot will be mailed to them by the Club officer. This absentee ballot must then be returned to and received by the Club officer by the date of the annual meeting, and will not be opened until the meeting election is conducted.

## **ARTICLE X—EXECUTION OF PAPERS**

### **Section One**

The President or his or her representative shall sign all documents made, accepted or executed by the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club.

### **Section Two**

The Treasurer or the President shall sign all checks drawn against funds of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club.

## **ARTICLE XI-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the corporation and be monitored by the Past-President who shall serve as Parliamentarian. These rules shall be followed unless otherwise dictated within other bylaws or policies.

## **ARTICLE XII—FUNDS**

### **Section One**

The Board of Directors prior to the start of each season shall set membership fees.

### **Section Two**

All fund raising activities must have the approval of the Board of Directors prior to any activities taking place. Liabilities arising from unauthorized projects are not the responsibility of the corporation.

### **Section Three**

The proceeds from all fund raising and membership dues shall be expended only as authorized by the Board of Directors.

### **Section Four**

The Board shall set expenditure limits annually. All checks drawn against the Club account greater than \$250.00 must be signed by two (2) officers. All other expenditures, including electronic transactions, must also be approved by two (2) officers.

### **Section Five**

The Executive Committee is authorized to make minor commitments and expenditures.

## **ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the La Crosse Lightning Lacrosse Club, provided that the amendments shall have been approved by a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board, and that notice shall have been sent to the entire membership a minimum of two weeks prior to the date set for the meeting at which the amendment is to be presented. Such amendments shall become effective on approval by membership.

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