

LA CROSSE LIGHTNING LACROSSE CLUB

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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 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 or associate member subject to the Board of Directors approval. A family member is defined as a registered player in a family 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 I. 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 shall fill any vacancy occurring among the Directors prior to an election. Such Director shall 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.

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 Treasurer's 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.

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 Boys Representative; High School Girls Representative; Youth Representative; 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 present at 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 fundraising 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 fundraising and membership dues shall be expended only as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section Four

The Board shall set expenditure limits annually. All expenditures or 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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Quorum Amendment

Article III Section 4

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