



# SBL Report 2021-2022

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Southern Box Lacrosse (SBL)  
Registered Charity (England) - 1183368

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## TRUSTEES:

Luke Wylie - Chair  
Sam Perry - Secretary  
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## Object:

“To promote community participation in healthy recreation by advancing the sport of Box Lacrosse, and of Lacrosse as a whole, in the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on the South of England.”

## Structure Overview

During the 2021 period, SBL's trustees were also the key volunteers for planning and carrying out operations. As such, our structure remains as a board of trustees, with informal working groups operating underneath, for planning and delivery of objectives.

We still sit in partnership with SEMLA (South of England Men's Lacrosse Association), to meet our objectives and maximise volunteers available.

We had no change to the board and operational structure this year, as we felt that our levels matched the current needs of the organisation, particularly during a time where the pandemic affected our ability to operate our usual sessions.

## Objectives

We identified our objectives for the year as being:

- Launch a Women's program (to run alongside our existing 'mixed' program)
- Utilise the enthusiasm surrounding the European Championships to drive new participants in sessions
- Expand our offering to include 'roadshow' events, where we take Box sessions out to different areas of the South, rather than relying on interested participants coming to our centre in Woking.
- Expand our 'home' bases to include the newly identified facility at the Oxford Academy, Oxford.

## Performance

### Participation

93 registered players since May 2018. Session data has total of unique users at 250 across our lifetime.

SBL has noted that our data collection and player registration methods are very basic and need to be improved to help better track growth. Identification of new players/player groups has been done, but is based on anecdotal information/personal judgement, rather than specific analysis.

Examples of areas identified for the coming 2 years are:

- Universities
- London players (as a mid-week evening offering)
- Women's Game
- Juniors

## Effects of COVID 19

The global pandemic, understandably, had a marked effect on our ability to meet our objectives.

The women's, juniors and league projects were all due to launch between March and June 2020. All were postponed due to government restrictions on sport. Jr section has been placed on hold for now, but the women's program has got firm plans in place for finally being launched in Jan 22.

We were able to hold 3 roadshow events this year, on top of a handful of sessions in our regular facilities. Bristol, Milton Keynes, Oxford and Central London, all were serviced in this period, with the Bristol and MK roadshows providing around 10 brand new participants each.

## Finances

Founding Dept: £7412

Balance (as of Sept 21): £268.07

Single largest area of expenditure (after venue hire) is buying Box-specific equipment to be used by participants, and this trend will likely continue during the next phase of SBL's development. We have sufficient equipment to run our sessions for now, but sizing means that we would struggle to outfit similar numbers of players in junior or womens sessions. As such, more outfield protective equipment will be needed for the organisation to be able to successfully sustain a women's program, and a junior program in the future. SBL is committed to the building of a sustainable domestic game, and this includes the appropriate remuneration for referees, and any other support staff. This year we have been able to ensure that referees are properly compensated for their involvement, which has been a big positive step for the game, but has of course had an impact on finances.

Due to the legacy effects of COVID 19, we were unable to run the Tasko cup last summer as was planned. As such the founding debt is still the financial priority moving forward, however we expect to be able to reduce the total down across this year.

Grant funding is being explored to assist with the costs of Junior and women's sessions.

## Greenlit Projects

### I. Box Lacrosse League

Facility availability during the winter months prevented us playing the league over the timeframe we felt was needed for this project to be a success, and as such we have made an advance booking for the league to run Dec 22-Jan23.

The structure has been adjusted slightly to better suit the growing needs of the community, with it now being planned to be played across the winter break period. This gives better availability for all involved, as there won't be any clashes with the Field Lacrosse season, which is on its winter break.

Full details of how the league will run can be found in the league founding document, which is available upon request.

### II. Women's Offering

Another casualty of COVID 19, the Women's programme project has had its progress slowed this year, however planning has been finalised for an SBL women's team to attend a tournament in April 22. As such we have got a suite of 3 introductory sessions booked in to provide a pathway for brand new players to learn and then compete in this tournament under the SBL banner.

## Additional Information

- Outside of the information provided above, SBL is currently investigating means to engage directly with University teams and their players. A coordinated effort with SEMLA clubs to encourage participation in the game outside of the 'BUCS bubble' would be the preferred and likely more successful approach.

# Southern Box Lacrosse

## Financial Activities

September 2021 - August 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations and legacies	994.86
Sales	3,804.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£4,799.27</b>
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Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	340.63
Computer Costs	137.67
Facility Hire	81.25
Office/General Administrative Expenses	651.24
Other Professional Services	311.00
Refund	160.00
Supplies	732.53
Tournament Entry	819.26
Travel and Accommodation	288.59
Uncategorised Expenditure	136.17
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£3,658.34</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£1,140.93</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£1,140.93</b>