



SBL Report 2022-2023

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

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TRUSTEES:

Luke Wylie - Chair
John Pordum - Secretary
Rob Clark - Treasurer

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 2022/23 period, SBL's trustees remained 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.

Sam Perry stepped away from the board of Trustees in February 2023, but will continue on as a volunteer to run the 'Capitals' house team - continuing his work in organising playing opportunities for UK players abroad.

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
- Provide more match play opportunities
- Launch the a domestic league

Performance

Participation

263 registered players since May 2018. Session data has total of unique users at 315 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)
- Juniors

Finances

Founding Dept: £5306

Balance (as of Sept 23): £3587.00

Coming out of the tail-end of the effects of COVID19, the organisation has been able to resume its fundraising activities, which has seen an increase in both income and expenditure. Although the income has grown greater relative to expense, leaving SBL in a positive financial position going forward. The board took the opportunity to pay down some of the remaining debt owed to founding Trustees, and to fund the purchasing of new equipment to outfit the women's programme.

Greenlit Projects

I. Box Lacrosse League

The domestic league was finally launched after several years of postponement and delays due to COVID19.

The league was a big success in terms of attendance. It gave a swathe of new players an opportunity to get real and consistent experience in the game under supervision of veteran players and officials.

II. Women's Offering

The 'SBL Ravens' launched in earnest this year, finally fulfilling the organisation's desire to have a dedicated women's team in line with the 'open' SBL Capitals. The team participated in the inaugural 'SHE-BOX' tournament in Prague, as well in several other exhibition games over the summer of '23.

This team has provided the blueprint, and the majority of the player-base for the newly announced women's indoor national team that will be competing in the inaugural world indoor championships next summer.

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.

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Financial Activities

September 2022 - August 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations and legacies	3,025.53
Sales	15,741.60
Uncategorised Income	1,190.00
Total Income	£19,957.13
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Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	963.34
Computer Costs	207.33
Facility Hire	3,301.28
Office/General Administrative Expenses	70.83
Other Professional Services	6,458.81
Raising funds	556.08
Refund	267.50
Supplies	1,609.16
Tournament Entry	3,955.18
Travel and Accommodation	247.07
Uncategorised Expenditure	152.22
Total Expenditures	£17,788.80
NET OPERATING INCOME	£2,168.33
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£2,168.33