



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – April 10th, 2013

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major
Frank Lawrence	V.P. Officiating
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director

President's Report

1. Facemasks & Helmets

John reported to the board that there have recently been some complaints about the facemasks not fitting helmets. The OLA needs to find out if only certain helmet models fit with the facemasks. The OLA board needs to get clarification from the CLA (12.4.2.2) if it means that any CSA approved hockey helmets.

2. 2014 BCLA Application for Minor Nationals (Peewee, Bantam Midget)

John reported to the board that the OLA will support the BCLA's application for the Boy's Nationals pending the BCLA supports the OLA's bid for the Girl's Nationals.

MOTION (Orth, MacDonald)

"The OLA is responsible for a bid at the CLA SAGM for the Girl's Box Nationals"

CARRIED

3. Minto Cup

The board discussed the Minto Cup format from 2013 to 2016.

4. Previous Minutes

MOTION (Ladouceur, Hiltz)

"To approve the minutes dated January 27th, 2013 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"

CARRIED

VP Finance Report

1. Audit Management letter – Required Tax Filings

George asked the Board to review the Audit Management letter.

MOTION (MacDonald, Orth)

"VP Finance will work with our auditor Shari Stolpmann with regards to the OLA's tax filings."

CARRIED

VP Major Report

1. Unpaid Fees

Jim reported to the board that currently three clubs haven't paid their fees: Brooklin Senior. B, Gloucester Junior. C and Fergus Junior. C. Jim reported that he will notify these teams that they will have to pay their fees by the start of the season or they will be members in bad standing.

2. Sr. Women's Box sign-in sheet

Jim reported to the board that a sign in sheet will need to be implemented for Senior Women's Box Lacrosse games to avoid illegal players playing on the wrong team and can be used to avoid using a new/different game sheet.

3. Reclassifying from Jr. A to Intermediate

Jim reported to the board that a request for reclassification was submitted to him for player to be reclassified to Intermediate from Jr. A. Jim reported to the board that the terms will be noted that the player can only play intermediate.

4. Transfers

Jim reported to the Board that transfers are ongoing.

5. MSL Franchise Relocation

MOTION (Bomhof, Lawrence)

“Accept the move of the Ajax-Pickering Rock to Oakville as recommended by the Major Council and with the support of the all of the Major franchises.”

CARRIED

VP Minor Report

1. 1992 OLA Minutes

Marion asked Matt and Peter to check the storage at the OLA office for minutes from 1992 and older.

VP Coaching Report

1. Women’s Field Coaching Standards

Rick reported to the board that the new Women’s Field Coaching Standards have been distributed again to the Board to communicate to the OLA membership.

2. Letter to Sault Ste. Marie

Rick reported to the board that an email has been sent to the OLA from a concerned parent from Sault Ste. Marie regarding a coach’s conduct at the Mimico tournament in 2012. A letter will to be sent to Sault Ste. Marie Lacrosse Association regarding this email to address their concerns. Also a copy of this email will be sent to our insurance company to make them aware of this situation.

VP Officiating Report

1. Clinics

Frank reported to the Board that the clinics have been implemented very well and that that clinicians have done a really good job.

2. Referee Development Committee Meeting

Frank reported to the Board that the Referee Development Committee meetings have been moved to the second Tuesday of each month.

3. Letter for Referee-in-Chief’s for 2013 OLA provincials

Frank reported to the Board that a letter for referee-in-chiefs for the 2013 OLA provincials will be sent out again to get more responses for the positions.

4. Recruiting Women's Officials for Senior Women's Box Lacrosse

Frank reported to the Board that Senior Women's Box Lacrosse has approached him regarding the need to recruit Women's Officials.

5. National Referee Selections

MOTION (Lawrence, Bomhof)

"Approve two referee selections, Ian Garrison, Jeramie Bailey and an alternate Neil MacDonald"

CARRIED

6. Board & Provisional Referee Approval

Frank has reported to the Board that he will be sending out an email to vote on the Board & Provisional Referee list as he didn't bring the list to this meeting.

VP Development Report

1. Team Ontario Registration

MOTION (Edgerton, Ladouceur)

"Approve a two year pilot program for 2013 & 2014 for Team Ontario registration requirements. Each player registration requires two signatures; one from a parent/guardian/player and one from the club registrar. The top copy needs to be brought as proof of registration to the tryouts."

CARRIED

2. Quest for Gold

Don reported to the Board that the Quest for Gold program has been completed for the 2013 season.

VP Promotion Report

1. Club compliance

Lynn reported to the board that there is currently only four clubs that aren't incorporated. This includes the Native Club's incorporation and whether they need to be incorporated.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Edgerton)

"By April 30th the OLA will need an answer regarding Brockville Minor Lacrosse Association incorporation and if not they will be suspended from operating."

CARRIED

2. 2013 SAGM Evaluations

Lynn reported to the Board that overall the 2013 SAGM evaluations were positive.

New Business

1. Concussion Protocol

Matt provided the Board with concussion protocol information that BC Junior 'A' Lacrosse has recently released and stated the importance that the OLA start developing a concussion protocol for our members for Minor and Junior to Major Lacrosse.

2. OLA Social Media

Matt asked the Board to think about how they can get involved in the OLA social media communications. Examples include tweeting and posting from games across the province with scores, photos and news. Matt will provide some basic training on how the Board can get involved in order to ensure quality communications.

3. OLA Automatic Fine Policy

MOTION (Bomhof, Ladouceur)

``Approve the 2013 automatic fine suspension policy and guidelines with amendments based on the new fighting rule``

CARRIED

MOTION (Ladouceur, Edgerton)

“To adjourn meeting”

CARRIED