



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Governors Meeting – March 4, 2012

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Frank Lawrence	V.P. Officiating
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major – Administration
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
Dean McLeod	Junior A
Dave Vernon	Junior B
Charlie Simpson	Junior C
Christina Douglas	Senior Women's Box
Glen Flippance	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Stephen Taylor	Women's Field
Dale Sett	OLRA
Vic Emberson	Zone 4
Tanya Thompson	Zone 5
Tina Manning	Zone 6
Ken Jolly	Zone 7
Don Edgerton	Zone 8
Laurie Hanson	Zone 9
Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director

**Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Jim Brady	Major
Trevor Small	Masters

## **President Report**

### **1. Introductions**

John Doherty welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked everyone to introduce who they were as there were a lot of new people at the meeting.

### **2. Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION (Orth, MacDonald)**

*“To approve the minutes dated, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented”*

**CARRIED**

## **2012 Budget**

#### **MOTION (Flippance, Edgerton)**

*“To approve the 2012 Budget”*

**CARRIED**

## **Senior B Report**

### **1. Franchise Suspending Operations**

Sharon McKeachnie told the board that the Oshweken Warriors are suspending operations as of last week. The team asked for a one year leave of absence but there was unanimous vote denying it. If they were to return to the league they would have to apply as a new franchise.

#### **MOTION (McKeachnie, McLeod)**

*“Support decision made by Senior B Council to dismiss operations of the Oshweken Warriors”*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Franchise Name Change**

Sharon told the board that the Senior B Council has accepted the application from the Norwood Champs.

#### **MOTION (McKeachnie, Bomhof)**

*“Support decision made by the Senior B Council to accept the application from the Norwood Champs”*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Schedule**

Sharon told the board that this seasons schedule will be out this week and that it is back to a 7 team league.

## **Junior A Report**

### **1. Junior Commissioners Meeting**

Dean told the board that the Junior Commissioners met yesterday and it was a good meeting.

### **2. U 19 World Juniors Field Lacrosse**

Dean told the board that he thinks that Team Canada shouldn't be participating in the U 19 World Juniors for Field Lacrosse.

### **MOTION (McLeod, Flippance)**

*"Letter to be written to the CLA and to Team Canada (Brodie Merrill, Dave Huntley and Steve Harris) about the U19 Team Canada participation in the U19 World Juniors for Field Lacrosse before the CLA SAGM. (Include in the letter that participating in the World Juniors could jeopardize these players for playing in the Minto Cup)"*

### **CARRIED**

Stephen Taylor told the board that Women's Program went through this with the CLA regarding a tournament this year. He stated that the time scale seems to be wrong in terms of the communication side. The CLA needs to be persuaded to be better at this in terms of communication.

### **3. Letter to Jim Brady**

Dean told the board that a letter was sent to Jim Brady regarding the Majors non-compliance of the constitution. He received a short email back from the Jim with no real response.

### **4. Other Teams in the Minto Cup**

Dean told the board that he received a memo from Doug Luey regarding a meeting in Quebec about starting to think about having other teams join in Minto.

### **5. Akwesasne Outstanding Payments**

Dean told the board that he wants accountability from the OLA regarding what Akwesasne owes, what their bond and debt is.

## **Junior B Report**

### **1. New Trade Deadline**

Dave told the board that the new Junior B trade deadline is the Saturday prior to the end of the season.

Dean recommends the trade deadline for Junior B next season be a month before the end of the season.

### **2. Tournaments**

Dave told the board that there are 6 Junior B tournaments this year.

### **3. Schedule**

Dave told the board that the schedule was finalized yesterday, which will consist of 260 games in 9 weeks and will be sent into the OLA Office this week.

### **4. Rules**

Dave told the board that the Junior B League has adopted Dean McLeod's rule 17 for the CLA box sector stating that the coaches can speak to referees in between periods.

Dean and Frank told the board that Major and all levels of Junior have adopted the rule of speaking to referees between periods.

Stephen told the board that both FIL and the NCAA are talking about implementing the rule of speaking to referees between periods.

### **Junior C Report**

#### **1. Franchise Lost**

Charlie told the board that Nepean is no longer a franchise in the Junior C League.

#### **2. League Update**

Charlie told the board that the Junior C League has brought in convenors for each division and has spent lots of money on point streak.

### **Senior Women's Box Report**

#### **1. Masters Provincials**

Christina provided a handout to the board regarding the Senior Women's Masters Provincials.

#### **MOTION (Douglas, Bomhof)**

*"To accept Masters Provincials for Senior Women's Box"*

**CARRIED**

### **Senior Field Report**

#### **1. New League**

Glen told the board that there are 2 new leagues added.

#### **MOTION (Flippance, Bomhof)**

*"To accept the Hamilton Bengals Senior Men's Field League"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Flippance, Taylor)**

*"To accept the Brampton Excelsiors Senior Men's Field League"*

**CARRIED**

## **Junior Field Report**

### **1. Junior Field Meeting**

Mark told the board that there was a Junior Field Meeting Friday evening.

### **2. New Field Club**

#### **MOTION (Schuetzkowski, Flippance)**

*"To accept the Oakville Junior Field Club into the OLA"*

**CARRIED**

## **Minor Field Report**

### **1. Tournament Updates - Texting**

Chris told the board that Minor Field is implementing the texting system that is used at the festival for their tournaments.

## **Women's Field Report**

### **1. New Executive**

Stephen told the board that they have a new executive this year.

### **2. Schedule**

Stephen told the board that they have a draft schedule and they will be meeting April 15th to review it.

### **3. New Event**

Stephen told the board that there has been an introduction of the North American Cup by FIL that includes Canada, USA and Iroquois (1st, 3rd, 7th) ranked in the world and will take place in mid July in Oshawa.

## **OLRA Report**

### **1. New Agreement**

Dale told the board that there has been a new 2 year agreement signed.  
\$27 - 2012, \$28 - 2013

## **Zone 4 Report**

### **1. Zone 4 Boundaries**

Vic asked the board if North Bay is in Zone 4.

Marion told Vic that as of right now for administrative purposes North Bay will stay under Zone 4.

Ken from Zone 7 has developed a boundary defined area map and will pass this onto to Vic.

## **Zone 5 Report**

### **1. Additions to Zone**

Tanya told the board that Zone 5 has introduced Girls Lacrosse.

### **2. Association Status Change**

Tanya asked the board to approve a motion to take the association Russell off of probation.

### **MOTION (Thompson, Ladouceur)**

*"Take the association Russell off of probation"*

**CARRIED**

## **Zone 7 Report**

### **1. New to the Board of Governors**

Ken introduced himself to the board as he is a new member.

### **2. Additions to Zone**

Ken told the board that the board that Zone 7 has 3 Girls Teams.

## **Zone 8 Report**

### **1. Association Issues**

Don told the board that the Brantford association seems to have some issues and that he will offer to help and hopefully resolve their issues.

## **Zone 9 Report**

### **1. Club Compliance Discussion**

Laurie told the board that she had a good discussion with Six Nations regarding club compliance.

## **Zone 10 Report**

### **1. Registration**

Wendy told the board that registration is going well and that she has been submitting the registrations to the office as they come in.

### **2. Zone Boundaries**

Wendy told the board that she would like to revisit the zone map to make sure that everyone understands their true boundaries and to alleviate troubles with Zone 4.

## **New Business**

### **1. Coaching Screening Selection Process**

Stan Cockerton told the board of governors that the insurance handbook will include a section on coaching screening during the selection process.

## **2. Program for Kids with Special Needs.**

Chris Juniper stated that a program for kids with special needs needed to be developed.

### **MOTION: (Juniper, Hanson)**

*“Develop a proposal for a program for kids with special needs.”*

**CARRIED**

## **3. B8.08 “Divulging financial statements to the OLA”**

Dean McLeod asked the board what members B8.08 in the rules and regulations pertains to.

Marion Ladouceur responded back with stating that it only pertains to minor lacrosse member associations. B3.01 – every minor club is financially accountable, financial statements, holds AGM, transparent organization.

## **4. New Association Application**

Marion stated that she had received a new association application and distributed it to be reviewed by the Board of Governors.

### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Edgerton)**

*“Accept new association application for probationary year for Manitoulin North Shore Lacrosse Association (MNSLA)”*

**CARRIED**

\* **Note:** This is an exception to the rule to allow more than one town to encompass a club for a probationary year.

### **MOTION (Phillips, Hiltz)**

*“To adjourn meeting”*

**CARRIED**