



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – September 9th, 2012

Attendance

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Frank Lawrence	V.P. Officiating
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Dave Vernon	Junior B
Charlie Simpson	Junior C
Christina Douglas	Senior Women's Box
Glen Flippance	Senior 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
Laurie Hanson	Zone 9
Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director

Regrets

Don Edgerton	Zone 8
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Dean McLeod	Junior A
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
Chuck Miller	Past President
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major – Administration
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Jim Brady	Major
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. CLA Directive - Fighting in Lacrosse

John reported to the board that the CLA is starting talks on a CLA Directive to eliminate fighting in Canadian Lacrosse. It affects the image of our sport and we need it to stop. There is an understanding that is more of an issue in men's senior lacrosse than elsewhere. John asked Marion to do some research regarding fighting in minor lacrosse and where it currently stands.

2. Hall of Fame Golf Tournament

John referred to the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament Flyer in the Board Package and asked for the Board of Governors support at the tournament,.

3. CLA Doping Control

John reported to the board that there has been an email sent out by the CLA to inform member associations that there could be random drug testing at CLA National Championships. John stated that we need to be aware of this if the CLA does go ahead with it.

4. AGM Package

John referred to the AGM Package in the Board Package that included the following:

- 1) AGM Notice
- 2) Box & Field Fees
- 3) Award Nomination Forms
- 4) Board Nomination Forms
- 5) Board Job Descriptions
- 6) Proposed OLA Rules & Regulations Amendment Form
- 7) OLA Life Membership Nomination Form

5. Previous Minutes

MOTION (Hansen, Bennett-constante)

``To approve the minutes dated, March 4th, 2012 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented``

CARRIED

Junior B Report

1. 2012 Season

Dave reported to the board that the 2012 Junior B season was very successful with minimal suspensions. The costs are as follows: \$73,000 in referee fees, \$31,000 game fees and \$42,000 mileage. The average fee went up \$500 per team. Dave reported that there is a possible transfer of ownership of two teams. The Founders Cup was hosted by Six Nations this year with Six Nations defeating Akwesasne in the finals. The tier 2 trophy was won by Saskatchewan. Dave also reported that Frank Lawrence was the RIC.

Junior C Report

1. 2012 Season

Charlie reported to the board that Clarington won the Junior C Championship defeating Halton Hills in the finals. Charlie reported that overall the season went well except for the brawl incident that was uploaded to You Tube. Charlie stated that the level of play is improved each year.

Senior Women's Box Report

1. 2012 Season

Christina reported to the board that an initiative from the Senior Women's Box Council is to remove all fighting from their game. Christina reported that the level of competitive in 2012 was great and most teams seem to be very evenly matched up. In the 2012 finals Grand River defeated Whitby. It is also noted that Quebec travelled to play in some tournaments this year, which was a first.

Senior Field Report

1. Two New Clubs

MOTION (Flippance, Hiltz)

``Accept Hamilton and Brampton as new field clubs``

CARRIED

2. 2012 Operating Policy

MOTION (Flippance, Ladouceur)

``Accept Ontario Senior Men's Field Lacrosse League 2012 Operating Policy``

CARRIED

3. Barrie's Bond & Return

MOTION (Flippance, Hiltz)

``Accept Barrie's bond for late entry to the league and replenish the bond before they would be allowed to apply to return to the league``

CARRIED

Junior Field Report

1. 2012 Season

Mark was absent; therefore Dave Vernon spoke about the Junior Field Report that was provided to him from Mark. Dave reported to the board that in Junior Field there was 20 teams; 9 A teams and 11 B teams. Two teams returned this year from not operating previously last year which were Mimico and Halton Hills. Three teams that didn't return were Brampton 2, Burlington 2 and Orillia. This was due to their most of their players heading off the Post Secondary Education.

Minor Field Report

1. Minor Field Meeting

Chris was absent; therefore Laurie Hansen spoke on her behalf. Laurie reported to the board that Minor Field will be meeting before the AGM in order to review their operational processes.

Women's Field Report

1. 2012 Season

Stephen Taylor reported to the board that he thought that the Festival went very well this year and that the change to the new facilities was great. Stephen reported that the highlight of the year was that new teams won the provincials. Stephen also reported that the summer games went really well. Moving forward in 2013, Stephen reported that the Senior World Cup is being held in Oshawa. Also that Team Canada will be travelling overseas to play other teams in England. There has been good development for next season with adding two new clubs (Whitby and Wallaceburg) both falling under the Minor Lacrosse Associations.

MOTION (Taylor, Flippance)

"Accept two new clubs (Whitby Minor and Wallaceburg Minor) based on meeting compliance requirements."

CARRIED

2. Club Databases

Stephen Taylor reported to the board that he needs to be receiving each database when it is sent to the CLA.

3. Coaching Requirements

Stephen Taylor reported to the board that Women's Field has approached the CLA with a plan that states assistant coaches can be community development certified for five years for any level they are coaching. The board commented that if we are to change coaching requirements we need to have a consistent approach for all disciplines of lacrosse. (minor, women's field, men's field, etc)

OLRA Report

1. Missing or Late Game Sheets

Dale reported to the board that missing or late game sheets were an issue this year with referees not sending them in on time or at all.

2. Abuse of Officials

Dale reported to the board that abuse of officials was quite prevalent this year and will be addressed before the beginning of the 2013 season.

Zone 4 Report

1. 2012 Season

Vic reported to the board that there was great cooperation in Zone 4 for the 2012 season. A couple of issues in Zone 4 this year were fighting and head shots. Vic reported that this is the number one reason that kids don't come back to play lacrosse. Vic asked the board: "where does the direction need to come from - referees, coaches or both"

Zone 5 Report

1. Increase number of Referees & Girls Box Clubs

Tanya reported to the board that in Zone 5 there was an increase in girl's box clubs by introducing five new clubs. Tanya reported that Ian Garrison was a great RIC for Zone 5 as he recruited many new referees. Tanya reported that Zone 5 is still struggling with incorporation compliance paperwork.

Zone 6 Report

1. Just Play Program through the CLA

Tina reported to the board that Whitby Minor Lacrosse Association is the target club for the "Just Play" program through the CLA. WMLA will be working with VP Technical Officiating Frank Lawrence on this project.

2. Online Registration

Tina reported that Zone 6 is still interested in implementing online registration and will be in talks with OLA Program Director Ron MacSpadyen on this project.

Zone 7 Report

1. Referee Development

Ken reported to the board that Zone 7 seems to be losing referees and needs to work on this for next year. Zone 7 finally has good candidates for a great RIC in this upcoming season. Ken reported that young referees that will stay in the system for a long time is what Zone 7 is lacking.

Zone 9 Report

1. Compliance

Laurie reported to the board that all Zone 9 clubs should be in full compliance by December.

2. Registration

Laurie reported to the board that in 2012 some Zone 9 clubs struggled with some registration issues but the OLA Office helped out with any problems or barriers that we ran into.

Zone 10 Report

1. Compliance

Wendy reported to the board that Zone 10 should be in compliance shortly and is waiting for some constitutions to be completed.

2. Zone RIC

Wendy reported to the board that Zone 10 had another great RIC again this year.

3. Zone Championships

Wendy reported to the board that Zone 10 reintroduced Zone Championships this year with one weekend in Oakville. Players seem to love the festival type atmosphere with banners, trophies and medals handed out.

New Business:

1. Zone 5 illegal player investigations

Marion reported to the board that there is a current investigation into a scenario with illegal players in two clubs in Zone 5.

MOTION (Hansen, Hiltz)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED