



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting – July 11, 2012

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Frank Lawrence	V.P. Officiating
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director

**Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

## **President's Report**

### **1. Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION (Orth, Hiltz)**

*"To approve the minutes dated May 9, 2012 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Goaltender Safety Form**

John reported to the board that up until tonight's meeting there has been five novice goalies approved and seven pee wee goalies approved. This form is a directive from the CLA in order to allow goalies who are much larger than the legal equipment to wear the next category up. The form if approved will have to be on hand at all games. This information has been communicated the VP of Officiating Frank Lawrence.

### **3. CLA Conference Call**

John reported to the board that he will be participating in a conference call with the CLA Committee in the near future regarding strategies to eliminate fighting in lacrosse. A suggestion that was mentioned to bring to the conference call was to add a game misconduct to the fighting penalty. This suggestion needs to keep in mind aggressors and instigators.

## **VP Junior to Major Report**

### **1. Transfers**

Jim reported to the board that transfers were complete as of June 27.

### **2. Reclassifications**

Jim reported to the board that reclassifications were complete as of this past weekend.

## **VP Minor Report**

### **1. OLA Minor Winter Lacrosse**

The board discussed the possibility of OLA Minor Winter Lacrosse. Included in this discussion was whether the registration would be done through the minor associations or through the OLA. Ron mentioned that a potential partnership with the Toronto Rock could be a possibility. The Lacrosse would be for new players to get started in a 6 week short season. The board decided that they would need direction from their members with a vote of whether or not they want to play winter lacrosse.

### **2. Girls Box Program**

Marion reported to the board that the girl's box program has grown significantly this year. This year we've had 11 midgets, 9 bantams, 18 intermediates. The girls pee wee provincials won't be going forward this year as there are only 3 teams who have entered. In the coming board meetings there will need to be a minimum number of teams to run provincials put into writing.

**MOTION (Ladouceur, Hiltz)**

*“There will not be a girls pee wee provincials based on only three teams applying to enter the provincials.”*

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION (Ladouceur, Hiltz)**

*“To defer the decision that there will not be a girls pee wee provincials based on only three teams applying to enter the provincials due to a lack of information, timing, etc.”*

**DEFERRED**

**3. Kingston Pee Wee - Bantam Girls Provincials Appeals**

**MOTION (Ladouceur, Hiltz)**

*“To approve the Kingston Bantam Team for the Provincials.”*

**AMENDMENT (Ladouceur, Hiltz)**

*“To approve Kingston Bantam team with the two novice players”*

**DEFEATED**

Marion reported to the board that the OLA is going to contact the Pee Wee Girls Box Teams and Marion will contact the girl’s box liaison commissioner to try and coordinate something were the girls pee wee teams can still participate in some form of competition.

**4. Provincial Entry/Ratings/Schedule Timelines**

The board reviewed the timelines table included in the board package and agreed that a comprehensive reviewing of deadlines needs to be done. If any changes are to be made for next season then the amendments will have to be together for the end of August.

**5. Sault Ste Marie Request**

Marion asked the board to review the special request in their board package. Marion asked the board if there is a mechanism that would allow a child that has dwarfism to play another year in the pee wee division due to safety concern. The board responded by stating that currently there is no mechanism for this child to play another year in the same division. The parent would need to bring this subject to the AGM to create a mechanism for participation.

**6. Registration Appeals**

Marion reported to the board that the registration appeals were held in conjunction with the minor council meetings. Marion reported to the board that next season they will need to have the appeal meetings on the Friday night prior to the minor council meeting.

**7. Scheduling Format**

Marion reported to the board that the Novice and Pee Wee division has grown tremendously, which has brought about some scheduling format challenges.

## **8. Coaching clinics**

Marion reported to the board that a recommendation from the minor council meeting is that the coaching clinics should be finished two weeks prior to the registration deadline. The minor council would also like a coaching clinic to be run in September.

## **9. MYLAXRankings Website**

Marion reported to the board that members seem to be utilizing the newly implemented MYLAXRankings website.

## **10. Invitational Tournament Templates**

Marion reported to the board that for next season there will be a template for invitational tournaments.

## **11. Letter to the CLA**

Marion reported to the board that a letter will be sent to the CLA regarding Team Quebec wanting to change the national schedule in order to include exhibition games. (See Quebec email handout)

## **VP Field Report**

### **1. 7 on 7 Field Lacrosse Development Program**

Joe reported to the board the details of the 7 on 7 Field Lacrosse Development Program:

- Age group is bantam – U14.
- Must follow the same equipment rules as other men's rules.
- Format will include 3 games in a day and 7-10 teams.
- An endorsement and recommendations from the minor field council that they want to endorse them is necessary
- The season will be before mid October (Sept 15 - Oct 15)

Joe reported to the board that the 7 on 7 development program is interested in hosting referee and coaching clinics for the 7 on 7 rules. The program is interested in taking the 7 on 7 format to high schools.

## **MOTION (Hiltz, Bomhof)**

“To approve the 7 on 7 league for this fall as a pilot program for the U14 age group based on the attached rules”

**CARRIED**

## **VP Officiating Report**

### **1. Regular season**

Frank reported to the board that it was a great regular season for referees.

## **2. "A" Team**

Frank reported to the board that through the support of Marion and OLA office staff we have had referees mentoring referees from associations that need it. They have been answering questions regarding disciplines, fees, match penalties, etc. Two associations that have been mentored are Sarnia and Kingston.

## **3. League Complaints**

Frank reported that the Majors & SR B's have been happy with the refereeing in their league this year. JR A refereeing has been getting a lot of complaints on referees not counting players and the strip down rule.

## **4. Field Nationals Referees Recommendations**

Frank reported to the board the following list of recommendations for Field Lacrosse Referees:

- 1) Michael Drake
- 2) Ian Garrison
- 3) Eric Vaal
- 4) Greg Fancett

## **MOTION (Lawrence, Bomhof)**

*``Accept the above list of four referees named for the Field Nationals``*

## **CARRIED**

\* Noted Joe Hiltz abstained from voting on the motion.

## **5. Box Lacrosse Referees Recommendations**

### **Founders Cup**

- 1) Mel Van Every
- 2) Andrew Eccelstone
- 3) Ryan Dutkus
- 4) 1<sup>st</sup> alternative or extra ref needed - Jeramie Bailey
- 5) Jon Suttcliffe

### **Minto Cup**

- 1) Jon Watson
- 2) Blair Ferguson

### **Presidents Cup**

- 1) Dale sett
- 2) Alternate - Roger Nurse

### **Mann Cup**

- 1) Shawn Grenier
- 2) Jason Wiswell

**MOTION (Lawrence, Bomhof)**

*``Accept a recommendation for the Box Lacrosse Referees for the Founders Cup, Minto Cup, Presidents Cup and Mann Cup list above and will be provided to the RDC upon further conversation``*

**CARRIED**

**6. Women`s Box Lacrosse Referee Recommendations**

Frank will let Stan and John know the recommendations.

**7. Qualifier Referees**

Frank reported to the board that there will be two female referees at the qualifiers.

**VP Development**

Don notified the board that the Team Ontario Jerseys will be allowed to have sponsors on them.

**VP Promotion Report**

**1. Club Compliance**

Lynn reported to the board that she sent out requests for more compliance documents. The count is now at 43 clubs out of 60 not responding to the compliance emails. Unless the deadline is changed in November the club compliance deadline is still January 1<sup>st</sup>. Lynn will be sending out notifications on a weekly basis.

**2. Festival Volunteer**

Lynn reported to the board that an email has been sent out to the board and to staff to ask for volunteer commitment.

**3. SAGM Feedback**

Lynn reported to the board that the SAGM feedback survey didn't receive a lot of responses but overall it was positive.

**MOTION (Hiltz, Bomhof)**

*“To adjourn the meeting”*

**CARRIED**