



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – May 9, 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 (Bomhof, Ladouceur)

"To approve the minutes dated April 11, 2012 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"

CARRIED

2. Adrenaline All Canada Games

This is a CLA non-sanctioned event to which national coaches are involved, which gives it false credibility. The CLA Statement that was released stating that it is a non-sanctioned CLA event was posted on the OLA website.

3. 2012 Ontario Lacrosse Festival

The Manitoba Midget Team and New Brunswick Pee Wee team withdrew from the Nationals at the 2012 Ontario Lacrosse Festival.

VP Finance

1. Online banking

Stan reported to the board that the OLA can now accept and send e-transactions.

VP Junior to Major Report

1. Helmet facemask rule

A notification needs to be sent out to all the league commissioners from junior to major regarding the helmet facemask rule. This notification will include that if you are not complying with the rule then players will be ejected from the game. You can return to the game if you have the complying facemask.

2. Affiliation List

Affiliation denials

- 1) Norwood Senior B to Peterborough Junior C
- 2) Norwood Senior B to Peterborough Minor
- 3) Oakville Senior B to Brampton Junior B
- 4) Burlington Junior A Oakville Junior B
- 5) K-W Junior A to Owen Sound Junior B
- 6) Gloucester Junior B to Peterborough Junior C
- 7) London Junior B to Wilmot Junior C
- 8) Orillia Junior B to Barrie Minor

The following regulations explain these affiliation denials.

R7.01(a)

Major, Senior, and Junior clubs will have an automatic affiliation with all teams in a lower classification in its residence centre.

R7.01(b)

All Jr. to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional, currently unaffiliated team from outside their residence centre, but said team must be in a lower classification.

MOTION (Bomhof, Ladouceur)

"To approve the affiliation denials"

CARRIED

VP Minor Report

1. Appeal Hearings

Marion reported to the board that there was 2 appeal hearings held before the meeting tonight and both were denied.

2. Code of Conduct

Marion reported to the board that she received a code of conduct form to sign and has asked the board for advice. The board listened to the scenario and agreed that it isn't a code of conduct violation but rather that the zone involved has to host an appeal hearing in order to deal with the situation properly.

3. Minor Lacrosse Division Exception

Marion reported to the board that she has received a request for an exception for a child to play in a lower division than their age. The mother of this child has requested that her daughter play on a Tyke rep team instead in her age division of Novice because of her size compared to the other children. The board decided to decline this request for insurance purposes.

VP Field Report

1. 7 on 7 League

Joe reported to the board that the 7 on 7 league is completed and ready to go to the CLA.

2. Field Provincials

Joe reported to the board that the Field Lacrosse Provincials are approaching fast and everything seems to be coming together well.

3. Provincial Medals

OLA is responsible for gold champions and gold finalist medals.
Minor Field is going to be purchasing the bronze medals.

VP Officiating Report

1. 2012 Board of Referee List

Frank reviewed with the board the temporary referee staff and provisional referee staff.

MOTION (Lawrence, MacDonald)

"Accept the 2012 Board of Referee List"

CARRIED

Note – needs to take a referee makeup clinic

Robert Francis, Ghislain Sonier

2. Referee Numbers

Frank reported to the board that they have decreased by 285 referees. Frank stated that they are examining the zones that the numbers are down in and making sure that the zones aren't short referees.

3. Referee Clinics

Frank reported to the board that the clinicians are doing a great job relating to the referee attendees.

4. Chin strap issue

Frank stated that a notification will be sent out about the chin strap issue taking place in Junior to Major Lacrosse.

5. Equipment Strip Down

Frank reported to the board that the following is how Ontario Lacrosse Referees are calling the equipment strip down during a fight:

If a player removes their helmet and gloves this is acceptable.

Taking the jersey and other upper equipment off is a gross penalty.

6. 2012 Referee Clinic Organizer

MOTION (Lawrence, Bomhof)

“Accept to reimburse a referee clinic fee to Peter Flocks replacement for the 2012 referee clinics and provide him with a \$100 gift card to the Keg”

CARRIED

7. Goalie Equipment Ruling

Frank reported to the board that the goalie equipment ruling is as follows:

“If the goalie is illegal based on the CLA categories:

Number 1, Tyke & Novice

Number 2, Pee Wee

Number 3, Bantam & Up

A minor penalty and a game misconduct will be assessed for a goaltender using illegal equipment. (CLA Box Lacrosse Rule Book Rule 12 item (i))

8. Policy change proposal

Frank reported to the board that there \$5 will be added onto the referee registration fee for the upkeep of the online referee system next year.

VP Development

1. Team Ontario Appeal

Don has received an appeal from a player who was cut at a Team Ontario Camp. The player couldn't attend one of the Team Ontario Camp's and he was cut from the team.

Team Ontario has a consistent message about how attending each camp is mandatory. The player didn't contact the Team Ontario coach about missing the camp; instead he assumed it would be allowed.

MOTION (Orth, Ladouceur)

"Allow the request for the appeal on the exclusion"

DEFEATED

VP Promotion Report

1. Club Compliance

Lynn reported to the board that four more clubs are in compliance. More clubs are now asking what they need to do to be in compliance.

2. Tobacco Products

Lynn reported to the board that the tobacco products motion has been enforced and been communicated through minor and to the referees.

3. Toronto Maple Leafs Hockey Camp

Ron and or Lynn will contact the Toronto Maple Leafs contact regarding their hockey club and inquire how the services of the OLA can be involved.

4. SAGM Questionnaire

Lynn reported to the board that an SAGM questionnaire has been distributed and Matt is collecting the responses by the end of this week.

5. Festival Volunteer Job Description

Lynn reported to the board that Matt has posted the Festival volunteer job description on both the OLA website and the Festival website.

6. Last Chance Coaching Clinics

Lynn stated to the board that for the future we shouldn't be hosting clinics more than two weeks out from the certification deadline as the turn around for coaching cards to be stamped is too close. (June 1)

New Business

1. Crooked Arrows Movie

Ron will be contacting the Crooked Arrows Movie contact in order secure advertisements for Ontario Lacrosse publications. The Canadian Premiere of the Crooked Arrows movie next week with OLA board and staff in attendance.

MOTION (MacDonald, Lawrence)

"To adjourn the meeting"

CARRIED