Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – April 11th, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. Ann's Resignation

John Doherty notified the Board that Ann has stepped down as V.P. of Field and Minor Field Commissioner. John also told the Board that Terry Lloyd has volunteered to fill both positions.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)
"To appoint Terry Lloyd as the Minor Field Commissioner"
CARRIED

MOTION (Cuthbert, Ladouceur)
"To appoint Terry Lloyd as the V.P. of Field"
CARRIED

2. May Meeting

John told the Board that the next meeting will be on May 9th not May 16th. The reason for the change is that there will be too many people away at the Worlds in Halifax on the 16th.

MOTION (Miller, French)
"*To approve the minutes dated February 21, 2007 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented*"
CARRIED

Executive Director Report

1. Active 2010 Grant
Stan Cockerton told the Board that we have applied for the Active 2010 grant again this year. Stan mentioned that we could potentially receive $50,000 and the grant mainly focused on growing the Women's Box sector and the School Program.

Marketing Director Report

1. Registration Charts
Ron MacSpadyen showed the Board the two registration charts that the interns had created. They showed the flow of when registrations would come in from the club level and the zone level.

2. SAGM Survey results
Ron showed the Board the results from the survey emailed out to participants of the SAGM. The survey showed ratings of different seminars, comments on ways to improve and topic ideas for new seminars.

3. Festival
Ron went over a few points about the Festival for this coming season. The presenting sponsors this year will be Gait, Harrow, Hyper, Toronto Rock, Toshiba & Warrior. Also Iroquois Park will have an additional pad for us to use. The Junior "A" All-Star game will take place on the Thursday night during the Festival. Ron is also looking to reduce the cost of the Opening Ceremonies. Ron also has a meeting with the Town of Whitby April 26th.

4. Zone Mapping
Ron told the Board that some progress has been made on the Zone mapping. He noted that Stats Canada population data will be released in July and hopefully we will have something for discussion at AGM.

5. Stratford Minor Lacrosse
Ron told the Board that Zone 8 has sent an email telling Stratford that they are no longer a member of their Zone. Ron looked to the Board to clarify what Stratford's status is. After discussing the issue Stratford is still a member of the OLA, although they may be in need of some help in their organization. Ron is going to look into the situation further.

6. Hearing Dates
Ron pitched an idea he had about having set hearing dates. He thought that if we had set days that were known in advance for hearings it would streamline the process.

Promotions Director Report

1. Championship/Finalist Banners

Tyler told the Board that Championship and Finalist Banners will be available in the near future. Associations will be allowed to buy them for previous years. Once pricing has been finalized a flyer will be sent out to all Associations with details on purchasing the banners.

2. Golf Tournament

Tyler told the Board that a letter will be sent out with information about the Golf Tournament to OLA members. He said that it should go out in about a week.

Past President Report

1. Toshiba

Chuck Miller told the Board that he should be hearing back on a final decision from Toshiba about the Rogers game of the week at the end of the week.

Minor Report

1. Insurance

Marion Ladouceur had some questions about insurance with regards to an upcoming clinic. She wondered if coverage was different for Pro players while playing for OLA teams.

2. Zone 4

Marion told the Board that she is having a meeting with Zone 4 April 25th to go over issues they are having within the Zone.

Major-Junior Report

1. CLA Transfers

Doug Luey told the Board that there were 30 CLA transfers so far this year. All but three have gone through so far.

2. Australia Exhibition Games

Doug told the Board that the Australia team competing at the Worlds would like to have a few exhibition games versus some Ontario teams. They have asked to be able to play a single game against the Kitchener Kodiaks, Burlington Chiefs and the Wellington Aces.

MOTION (Luey, Martin)

"To approve exhibition games between the Australian Indoor Worlds team and the Kitchener Kodiaks, Burlington Chiefs and Wellington Aces"

CARRIED

Officiating Report

1. RDC Committee

Gary Martin told the Board that the committee will have twelve members this year with two new members.

2. Junior B/Assign by Web

Gary mentioned to the Board that the Junior B are going to try using the assign by Web program this season and see how it goes.

3. Clinics
Gary told the Board that there are still a few more Clinics to take place before the season. Also there will be a makeup Level 3-5 Clinic in Guelph May 5th.

4. Board Referee List
Gary showed the Board the list of Board Referees.

MOTION (Martin, Luey)
"To accept the list of Board Referees as presented"
CARRIED

<u>Development Report</u>
1. Women's Box League
Wendy Cuthbert showed the Board a proposal for a Women's Box League. The Board went over it and added more details to it. The league will be made up of Women aged 22 years and older. Also the league will use OLA certified referees. Each team is allowed to use up to 5 AP players per game as well as have at least one certified coach on the bench. Also we will invite all of the teams that played in the Women's Box League Association to the initial meeting. The team fee will be $298 per team per year.

MOTION (Cuthbert, Miller)
"To sanction the Women's Box League as a pilot. Players are to be Women aged 22 years and older. All games in the league will use OLA certified referees. Only five AP players are to be used in a game and teams must have at least one certified coach on the bench for games."
CARRIED

<u>Promotion Report</u>
1. Golf Tournament
Kathy French told the Board that she is still looking for some sponsors for the Tournament. Also there will be an information send out happening next week for the Golf Tournament.

MOTION (MacDonald, Martin)
"To adjourn meeting"
CARRIED