



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting – April 12, 2006

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
John Herd	V.P. Officiating
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director

**Regrets**

Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

**MOTION (Miller, Phillips)**

*“To approve the minutes dated, February 15, 2006 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented”*

**CARRIED**

**Executive Report**

Stan Cockerton went over the affiliations for the 2006 season and asked if there were any questions regarding them. There were none.

**MOTION (Herd, Ladouceur)**

*“To accept 2006 Affiliations as presented”*

**CARRIED**

Stan then proceeded to go over the balance sheet.

**MOTION (Phillips, Herd)**

*“To approve balance sheet as presented”*

**CARRIED**

Next on Stan's agenda was the Trillium grant. He announced that we received our first check for it at \$86,000. Stan then talked about the Ministry Base Grant. It will be running under a 3 year cycle now as oppose to a 1 year cycle. Stan explained the benefits and the negatives of the situation, specifically being locked in at the same rate for 3 years. Also Stan announced that the maximum amount we can receive from this grant is \$50,000. Stan proceeded to announce the OLA Appeals / Player Movement Committees.

**MOTION (Phillips, Rudge)**

*"To accept the 2006 OLA Appeals / Player Movement Committees as presented"*

**CARRIED**

**2006 OLA Appeals / Player Movement Committees**

Minor

Chuck Miller

Marion Ladouceur

John Herd

Wendy Cuthbert

Kathy French

Ann Rudge (Minor Field)

Major

John Doherty

Doug Luey

George MacDonald

Rick Phillips

(Ann Rudge if U-19 or Senior Field)

3 of the group members must be present for an appeals hearing. Stan told the board that there were 2 upcoming appeals and possibly a couple more that need to be taken care of. A meeting was setup for next Wednesday, April 19 to hold an Appeals hearing. Next on the agenda was the Barrie U-19 situation. Barrie has appealed their denial into U-19. Stan noted that he would advise U-19 council to review and take another look into Barrie's proposal. Also he told the board that we want recommendations from the council and that they should follow previous precedence with the example being Scarborough and Markham Junior B. Ann Rudge expressed her thoughts on the situation and also read an email she had received recently that was relevant to the situation. Next Stan went into any new business that he had. First on the list was the Automatic Fine System with regards to referees. The board discussed the topic and clarified a few points. Second, was of the OLA involvement at the Worlds in London. Chuck Miller explained that there was a committee looking after the "goody bags" for referees coming to the Championships. Chuck was going to call Tim Hobbs to confirm all of this. Also Stan explained to the board that the OLA will be looking after the country representatives, and be giving each one a small gift.

### **Program/Marketing Director Report**

Ron MacSpadyen started off by explaining that there are currently some problems with the NCCP registration process. He let the board know that we are currently trying to iron out the situation but it may take a little time. Next he announced that the 2006 Approved Vendors list should be confirmed and released in about a week's time. Also he mentioned that for the first time since he has been working with the OLA that there will be digital images taken from around the province at the tournaments and provincials. There are a total of 5 photography companies that will take on this task. Ron explained the positives of this and that it should help to capture some of the excitement of our sport and help to promote it. Ron then started in on the Ontario Lacrosse Festival. He let the board know that the sponsors for the event are almost finalized. A meeting has been setup with Iroquois Park for April 25 to go over things and set things up for the Festival. Also there was a need address that a meeting with the volunteers for the Festival should be set up in the near future too. The next topic on Ron's agenda was a boundary issue with Toronto Beaches. Basically Beaches was given an area that was never in their Zone. Beaches show this area as their own but it really shouldn't be.

### **MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)**

*"To publish the fact that the GTA sector 6 area, High Park, consisting of, South of St. Clair Ave W, West of Dufferin St, North of Lake Ontario and East of the Humber River, is not part of Toronto Beaches."*

### **CARRIED**

Ron then brought up an issue with non-registered members asking for releases. The board discussed this issue fully and a lot of different ideas came up. Nothing was decided as what to do on the situation. There was a recommendation made to Ron, Ann and Marion Ladouceur to hold another meeting to discuss this issue further with regards to non-member fees, membership and releases. From that meeting to hopefully develop a policy on the issue. Also another issue that came up was that Women's field was starting to create rules that were inconsistent with OLA policies.

### **Past President Report**

Chuck Miller showed the board the slides from the presentation for Toshiba. He then showed everyone the Toshiba Budget. He also noted that the Mann Cup will be broadcasted on Rogers on Demand this year.

### **Major-Junior Report**

Doug Luey told the board that there will be some new meetings regarding branding & expanding. He originally had one scheduled but only 5 teams committed and he cancelled it. He noted that he was still trying to collect some outstanding fees from the Majors. As of right now he hasn't done anything with the Senior B league yet. Doug then went through the budget for the Presidents Challenge Golf Tournament and told the Board that it should bring in roughly \$8,000.

### **Minor Report**

Marion Ladouceur notified the board that she would be compiling a list of volunteers for the Festival in the near future. Next Marion went over a few issues that she was dealing with and wanted some discussion from the board. First topic was a name change for teams with combined cities (ie. Barrie-South Simcoe, Sun County). A lot of these names create confusion on a number of fronts. Through discussion a recommendation was made to sit down with these groups and explain the situation and outcomes of what could happen. Marion's next topic was arena use in municipalities without lacrosse. She explained the current situation and got the board updated. At this point, after discussion, the board felt there was no need to get involved. Next, Marion brought up the oversized players form. She explained how doctors were charging outrageous amounts of money to complete the form. Marion then asked if we can treat this on an individual case basis. Through discussion Chuck and Ron helped to answer her concern. Also she noted that the diagrams need some explanations to help make them clearer. Marion then asked about a previous player who had been suspended from 2 years previous. John Doherty told her that the player had been reinstated as of today. Marion ended her report by notifying the board that Minto will not be in operation for 2006. It was noted that Marion should clarify with Minto if they are folding or just taking a leave of absence.

### **Coaching Report**

Rick Phillips started off by giving a review of what happened at the OLA Super Clinic. He mentioned that everything went well. He also noted that the clinic in Sudbury went well too, everyone there was really enthusiastic. He finished by announcing to the board that there will be a Box Tech 2 and Field Tech 2 clinic held in Oshawa April 21 to 23. Box will start the Friday night and finish mid-Saturday and field would start up after that and conclude Sunday.

### **Minor Field Report**

Ann Rudge started up with talks of getting a Tyke Division into the Laurie Montgomery Tournament in Orangeville for 2006.

### **MOTION (Rudge, Ladouceur)**

*"To approve a Tyke Division in minor field for 2006 to be piloted at the Laurie Montgomery Tournament in Orangeville"*

**CARRIED**

Ann then announced that Ontario was in the rotation to host the 2007 Alumni/First Nations National Championships. She told the board that K-W Minor was going to host it. It was brought up that K-W needs to prepare a proposal for this event. This proposal must be submitted to the Board of Directors for review at the next meeting May 17, 2006. Next Ann wanted to clarify a question she had with regards to graduating players from Women's U-15 to U-19. She wanted to know whether or not they had to revert back to their hometown. Lastly it was brought up that there is a Women's Field House League operating in Toronto that is not registered with OLA. Ann was told that this league needs to register all of its members.

### **Officiating Report**

John Herd started off with updating the board on the status of clinics. He said that field clinics were almost complete and that nothing has been done on qualifiers yet. He then talked about the success of this clinic experiment that took place in Mimico. He said that it went incredibly well and heard nothing but good things from parents. How it worked was that they ran a mock game and had new referees in the stands watching. As they watched they would have to pick out the things that the ref was doing right or wrong. John mentioned that in the future this type of clinic may become difficult logistically but should be something to continue to develop.

### **MOTION (Herd, Miller)**

*“To accept Murray Taylor to be the OLA referee assignor through Junior to Major”*

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION (Herd, Luey)**

*“To approve Board of Referee as amended with the provision that referees shown as Make up will only be added after successful completion of clinic. Top Q listed can only be used in extreme circumstances. VP and President are given authority to add any referee who has previously asked to be removed from the list, upon written notification to be reinstated.”*

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION (Herd, Miller)**

*“To accept the OLA Referee Development Committee with the changes made by the Board of Directors”*

**CARRIED**

### **OLA Referee Development Committee**

VP Officiating (Chair)

3 OLA Designates

OLRA President

Head Clinician

Head Supervisor

Provincial R-I-C

Men's Field Representative

Qualifiers R-I-C

Junior – Major Box Lacrosse Assignor

Women's Representative

John then mentioned that Pete Hill still had outstanding intermediates and asked that it to be paid. John then brought up an issue with referees within the Winter League. John Doherty explained that they all must be OLA certified in order to referee games. Next, John notified the board that the field referee assignor resigned. His reasons were lack of cooperation and people bad mouthing him behind his back. The board decided that the RDC should take care of the matter.

The next topic that John brought up was fuel mileage. He voiced his concerns with the system. The next issue that was address was whether or not refs were to have handshakes before the game with coaches in the Juniors and Majors. Stan was going to follow up on that and contact the Commissioners and get an answer. Finally, through discussion John was to create a goalie check procedure for referees to follow.

### **Development Report**

Wendy Cuthbert had a couple minor changes on her report that she noted for everyone to make. Wendy then went over everything in the report.

### **New Business**

Chuck brought up the point that our website needs to improve. Things aren't getting updated quickly enough; like schedules.

### **MOTION (Doherty, Miller)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**