



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – April 9th, 2008

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. OLRA

John Doherty told the Board that we have signed a contract with the OLRA for this year. Also Stan, Chuck and Kevin will be meeting with the OLRA's evaluation committee to find out what things they might need.

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)

"To approve the minutes dated February 13th, 2008 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"

CARRIED

2. Letter to Board

John showed the Board a question that we had received. It inquired whether or not the OLA has a policy for bench personal who are HIV positive. The answer was no but Ron would look to see if any other sport organizations have one.

Executive Director Report

1. Building Update

Stan Cockerton told the Board that the move date is still July 1st. He also mentioned that we lost roughly 100 sq. ft of office space do to a balcony on the outside of the building that was not in the original floor plan.

2. Balance Sheet

Stan told the Board that our cash flow is much better thanks to the new insurance billing system. He also mentioned that George would go over the balance sheet in more detail later in the meeting.

3. Planning Meeting

Stan told the Board that people have asked him about other options for the 2009 Planning Meeting. Stan said that if anyone has any ideas they are to put together a proposal with some price quotes.

VP Junior-Major Report

1. CLA Transfers

Doug Luey told the Board that there have been 34 transfers so far and they are all up to date.

2. Senior B Affiliate Players

Doug told the Board Senior B wanted to reword their agreement with Major Series Lacrosse with regards to affiliate players. The Board said it would be fine since it won't affect any of the other leagues. They can make the change in their policy this year as a pilot and then bring it to the AGM in November to put it in the constitution.

VP Minor Report

1. Milton House League

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that Milton lacrosse approached her with a proposal to interlock house league programs with Halton Hills. The idea is to have Milton play games against Halton Hills house league teams due to the low numbers in Milton's program. The Board supported the idea because it may help the development of Milton's house league program. The Board also said it won't entertain the idea of the two programs amalgamating.

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)

"To give Marion Ladouceur the authority to, based on the Board's discussion, to approve the interlock of Milton and Halton Hills house league program of Paperweight to Bantam, as a pilot for 2008 for development purpose"

CARRIED

2. Thunder Bay

Marion told the Board that a Thunder Bay high school was contacted by a group from Sandy Lake to play a game. They were looking for permission from the Board to have this game. The Board needed more details in order to make a decision.

3. Zone 4

Marion received a letter from Zone 4 asking if they would be able to put together an All-Star team to compete in A/B Invitational Tournaments. The Board said no.

4. Winter League

Marion hand out a report on the Winter League she had received. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

5. Zone 9 Special Incident Report

Marion showed the Board a modified Special Incident Report that a few referees created from Zone 9. There are only a few changes to the form but all are to make the form more user friendly.

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)

"To accept the modified form, with the addition of a note on the bottom of the form about rule 62, as a pilot project form within Zone 9, that will be evaluated at the end of the year"

CARRIED

VP Field Report

1. Minor Field

Terry Lloyd told the Board that Minor Field will be starting soon. They have had some problems with field availability and will be playing some games this year on turf. So far there haven't been any problems with residency issues.

2. U15 Girls Field

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that she had been working with Todd Pepper to make the changes needed for the U15 Girls Field Play day proposal. Wendy said that they have changed it to be a clinic program, with a clinic in the morning and scrimmage in the afternoon. It will use some of the Quest for Gold athletes to help with the clinic portion and will meet all registration rules.

MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)

"To approve the program, with the changes made on the proposal, as a pilot for the 2008"

CARRIED

VP Coaching Report

1. Clinic Update

Rick Phillips told the Board that the March 9th Field clinic fell victim to the weather. Because of the snow only 14 people were able to attend. Rick told the Board that at the level 2 clinic in Oshawa, everyone was grouped together for the morning session then separated into box and field in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the change. The Super Clinic in Guelph is full.

2. Proposed Coaching Clinic Format

Rick showed the Board an addendum for a combined coaching clinic that is being looked at by the CLA. Idea behind it is to combine both the technical and theory portions of coaching certification into one day. Rick told the Board that he wanted everyone to be aware of this but nothing has changed in Ontario with regards to coaching clinics this year.

VP Officiating Report

1. Clinic Update

Kevin MacPherson gave the Board an update as to how many referee clinics were still to come. He mentioned that there should be somewhere near 900 officials this year in Ontario.

2. Board of Referee List

Kevin showed the Board of Referee list to the Board. He noted that David Cosmos should be added to the list pending a make up clinic.

MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)

“To approve the Board of Referee list, including David Cosmos pending OLRA approval and the completion of a make up clinic”

CARRIED

VP Development Report

1. Team Ontario

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that the registration for Team Ontario should be up from last year.

2. Quest for Gold

Wendy told the Board that there are 17 athletes this year for Quest for Gold. This year they have baseline testing that has minimum standards they need to complete.

3. Referee Travel Expenses

Wendy told the Board that Sue Powless hadn't received any money for her travel expense yet from Provincials. The Board said that it is to go through the Provincial R.I.C. They are allotted money to distribute to the referees they use in Provincials.

VP Finance Report

1. Barrie

George MacDonald asked the Board what the current financial situation with Barrie was. He was informed that an agreement with Barrie was being negotiated.

New Business

1. John Herd

Stan told the Board that John Herd's final OLA appeal will be sometime next week. Also he has appealed the decision of an OLRA appeal. That now comes to the OLA as an appeal.

2. Invitational Tournaments

John asked for members of the Board to volunteer to go to the first couple of invitational tournaments to view the Offence/Defense transition. Rick will go to Peterborough, Wendy will go to Brampton and Kathy will go to the Orangeville tournament.

3. O/D Paper

John asked Tyler to send out the O/D paper to all clubs with a note mentioning they need to show the document to all coaches in their association. They are to reply back to notify that they have received the paper and have notified their coaches. Also it was determined that having the page available for coaches to sign at the first tournaments of the year would be a good idea too.

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED