



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

Attendance

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

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President's Report

1. Previous Minutes

Minutes correction:

“To approve the name change of the Ontario Women’s Lacrosse League to the Ontario Women’s Field Lacrosse League”

Correction:

“To approve the name change of Ontario Women’s Lacrosse (OWL) to Ontario Women’s Field Lacrosse (OWFL)”

MOTION (Phillips, Orth)

“To approve the minutes dated February 15th, 2012 of the Board of Directors Meeting as amended”

CARRIED

2) Masters lacrosse

On March 4th, 2012 the Ontario Lacrosse Association Masters Lacrosse League voted to leave the Ontario Lacrosse Association and have chosen not to be members of the OLA and not to be an OLA sanctioned Lacrosse entity in Ontario.

3) Mileage

Due to the rising price in gas/fuel the Ontario Lacrosse Association has decided to raise the mileage expense claim to 35 cents per kilometre.

MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)

"To increase to 35 cents per kilometre for mileage"

CARRIED

4) CLA Meeting - Restructuring for non-profit organizations

John attended a meeting two weeks ago regarding the restructuring of the OLA that has been mandated by the Canadian Government. The CLA has hired a consultant to assist them through a new five year strategic plan regarding their non-profit restructuring. This restructuring will affect the Board of Directors structure and voting structure. It will operate similar to a corporate business like methodology. The restructuring of non-profit charitable groups is a federal act that is mandated for October 2014 but could affect the OLA as soon as this fall.

VP Junior to Major Report

1. Transfers

Jim reported to the board that transfers are still ongoing and that one transfer appeal is currently in progress. Jim brought to the attention of Marion that he received a transfer for a minor age player (15 years old) coming from Owen Sound and going to Edmonton.

2. Junior "A" OLA Constitution Amendment

MOTION (Bomhof, Hiltz)

*"To create the following OLA Constitution Amendment **R6.39 (g)**; If a team assigns a residential player to a lower category team, that player/s will be considered an affiliated player with the assigning team and therefore may play up as an affiliated player with the higher category team that assigned him. These players will not be allowed to play up with the higher category team affiliated with the lower category team he is assigned to. This will also allow the assigned player/s to play with the higher category [assigning team] as an affiliated player in the playoffs."*

CARRIED

VP Minor Report

1. Welland Minor Lacrosse Meeting

Marion reported to the board that she had a meeting with Welland Minor Lacrosse last week regarding their association. They currently have no constitution and have added two more members to their executive board to make it five members. There seems to be a lack of commitment in this association. The zone director will be attending their meetings for the rest of the season in order to help them get organized.

2. Appeal Hearings

Marion reported to the board that there were five minor appeal hearings recently and that four were denied. Each hearing included a scenario where each kid plays Edge lacrosse.

3. Mouth Guards

Marion asked the board to do some research into what happens when a minor player says that they can't wear a mouth guard due to dental reasons (braces). Can this player get a letter saying that they can't wear a mouth guard?

VP Field Report

1. Women's Field Lacrosse

Stan mentioned to Joe that there needs to be more focus put onto Women's lacrosse as it is a strategic priority. Joe stated that he will be meeting with Stephen Taylor and Marissa (Women's field sector chair) about improving the focus on Women's field lacrosse.

VP Coaching Report

1. Coaching Clinics - Manitoulin Island

Rick reported to the board that John Phillips went up to Manitoulin Island to conduct coaching clinics. The feedback from Manitoulin Island is that there needs to be more organization within the association which will progress over time. The passion for Lacrosse is clearly evident within the association.

2. NCCP Online Information delay

Rick reported to the board that the information delay has now been brought down from five months to three months for how long it takes for the coaching certification to be online from the time that a person sends in their workbook to the OLA.

3. Heritage Grant

Stan mentioned to Rick and Marion to ask Ross at the CLA about acquiring funding through a heritage grant regarding Manitoulin North Shore Lacrosse Association.

4. "The locker"

Rick reported to the board that there has been a problem with the inputting of coaching workbooks into the online NCCP database called "The Locker." There has been a few coaching workbooks that have been inputted as "Lacrosse" instead of "Community Coaching Development Box." Rick says that before any club registrar tells a person that they aren't qualified to coach we should be checking with Peter's database to see if we have received their workbook and when we sent it to the CLA.

5. Women's Coaching Program

Rick reported to the board that he has exchanged several emails with Stephen Taylor regarding the Women's Lacrosse coaching program. Rick stated that in order for the women's coaching program to improve to the CLA Standards it will be important to develop a new program in 2013. The primary focus of this program will be entry level coaching (community development field). Joe's meeting with Marissa and Stephen will involve this topic of planning for the future of the women's coaching program.

VP Officiating Report

1. Field Lacrosse Season

Frank reported to the board that he is experiencing difficulty acquiring referees for minor field lacrosse games on the weekends, as many referees referee high school field lacrosse during the week and don't want to referee on weekends.

2. Referee Clinics

Frank reported to the board that the referee clinics are going well and that he will require one more projector for the upcoming clinics. The OLA will be purchasing a projector as it is more cost effective to do. Frank reported to the board that the referee clinics and Team Ontario tryouts are conflicting in dates as the clinics are a month later than they usually are.

3. SAGM Referee Clinics

Frank stated that he is pleased with the turnout at the clinics. The board clinic is scheduled to be at the SAGM for the next five years.

4. R16.09

Frank reported to the board that this regulation needs to be reviewed as it was recently brought up at a hearing.

"Players, coaches, managers, training staff, club management or executive will be suspended indefinitely for striking or any other physical attack on a referee or O.L.A. official and/or other bench personnel in any manner. Any person suspended under this regulation shall be ordered to appear before the O.L.A. Discipline Committee to state his/her case. The referee or official's written report shall be forwarded to the O.L.A. immediately following such an incident. A copy of referees report would be forwarded to the team by the office within 24 hours. Based on the written report, the O.L.A. Discipline Committee will decide on the referee /official appearing at the hearing"

5. Goalie Equipment Ruling

Frank stated the following goalie equipment ruling:

Goalies must wear Category 1, 2, or 3 based on their age group. If they don't conform to this ruling then they must leave the game with a chance to return if they have the appropriate equipment.

* A motion needs to be made to get this into written documentation.

6. Provincials RIC's

Frank reported to the board that the list of RIC's for the Provincials were approved and that there would be one RIC per division with pad monitors.

7. National RIC's

Frank reported to the board that the list of RIC's for the Nationals were approved and that there would be a discussion regarding an honorarium for the referees at the Nationals to be funded by the CLA.

VP Development Report

1. Quest for Gold

Athletes have been sent notification of their funding via a minister letter on April 5th 2012. Ontario card value for 2011-2012 is \$5,300. More athletes successful at getting an Ontario card this year which is why the Ontario card is down from last year's amount of \$6028.

2. Team Ontario

448 players registered for the camps. Camps started this past weekend. Feedback from parents has been excellent (no player cuts have been made yet) Camps continue this weekend.

VP Promotion Report

1. SAGM Participation

Lynn told the board that there was approximately 250-300 that attended for the main speaker including lunch.

2. SAGM Feedback

Lynn reported to the board that the new format was well received, as well as being able to get the materials after the SAGM on the website regarding the modules.

3. Insurance

Lynn requested that the directors and officials liability rider and form be included in the OLA Insurance Handbook and website.

4. Chewing Tobacco

Lynn told the board that use of chewing tobacco by players and coaches is increasingly becoming a problem in the arena.

MOTION (Orth, Ladouceur)

"Change the rule MR10.12 to state; No coach, manager, club official, player or game official shall be allowed to smoke or use any tobacco products in the player's bench, penalty box or dressing room. Penalty – removal from the game plus subject to additional Corporation discipline"

CARRIED

5. Clubs Supporting Other Clubs

Lynn requested that the board take a close look to see what clubs are supporting other clubs financially as some minor associations are funding some junior teams.

6. Club Compliance Module

Lynn reported to the board that only 25 of 65 OLA Minor Clubs have sent in something regarding their club compliance. Currently seven are within compliance. Lynn said they she will have to ask the zone directors if they have received any compliance files from their clubs.

MOTION (Orth, Ladouceur)

“Ask for a copy of AGM attendance and minutes along with financial statements from each minor association for the 2012 season to the OLA by December 31st”

CARRIED

New Business

1. Edge

If a player wants to go play for their edge coach and it isn't in their home centre and they want a release to go play there this isn't allowed as the OLA is the top priority not Edge. The board needs to find out what private sector companies need to be addressed regarding this same issue.

2. OLA Code of Conduct Violation Form

MOTION (Ladouceur, Bomhof)

“Accept the new OLA of Code of Conduct Violation Form”

CARRIED

3. Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM)

Stan reported to the board that the 2013 SAGM will be on February 22nd, 23rd and 24th, at the Delta Meadowvale, which is a week earlier than previous years. The board approved these dates.

4. AGM Location

Stan reported to the board that the 2013 AGM will be on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th at the Marriot in Niagara Falls. Stan asked the board whether they wished to stay at the Marriot in Niagara Falls for 2014 and 2015. The board's decision was to return to hold the AGM at the Marriot for 2014 and 2015.

MOTION (Phillips, Hiltz)

“To adjourn meeting”

CARRIED