



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting – December 8, 2011

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Don Edgerton	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

**Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching

**President's Report**

**1. Previous Minutes**

**MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)**

*"To approve the minutes dated October 5, 2011 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"*

**CARRIED**

**2. CLA Meetings**

John Doherty told the Board there were a few changes to the CLA Board. He also went over the technical update with regards to the nets.

**3. Women's Field Proposal**

Joe Hiltz told the Board about the proposal from the Ontario Women's Lacrosse council. They would like to host the 2012 North America Challenge in Oshawa, July 13 to 15 2012.

#### **MOTION (Hiltz, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the proposal of hosting the North America Challenge in Oshawa July 13 to 15, 2012"*

**CARRIED**

Joe will inform Cheryl McNeil of our decision and Stan will inform the CLA.

#### **4. Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

##### **MOTION (Hiltz, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the proposed 2012 Board of Directors meeting schedule as presented"*

**CARRIED**

Any revisions can be made at the January planning meeting.

#### **5. Planning Meeting**

John told the Board that the planning meeting will be at the Delta Meadowvale January 28 and 29, 2012. The schedule will be the same as last year. We will review everyone's portfolio and spend a little extra time on them for new Board members.

#### **6. CLA Tech Issues**

Ron told the Board that the new nets would be "CLA Approved" painted on them and can be used when checking if it is approved. The nets will also have the manufacturer's name on it as well. The net change is not about insurance it is to standardize lacrosse nets across the country. Ron also mentioned the Board will receive a memo about the CSA approved helmets and masks. It should be clearer with the memo. Goalie gear must now fall within the specs. Ron will ask the CLA to create a memo on goalie gear so we can forward this to our members. It was also mentioned that there are no longer goalie measurements before games in Junior to Major.

#### **7. CLAX**

John told the Board that we have nothing to do with the CLAX league. There are no repercussions for OLA players playing in this league.

#### **VP Junior to Major Report**

##### **1. Senior B - Sarnia**

Jim Bomhof told the Board that Sarnia was approved as a franchise by the Senior B council.

##### **MOTION (Bomhof, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the Sarnia as Senior B franchise based on the Senior B council's recommendation pending a letter of support from Sarnia Minor lacrosse"*

**CARRIED**

## **2. Wellington Titans**

Jim told the Board that Wellington Senior B would like to move to Oakville. They have letters of support from all of the local clubs and Senior B council has approved it.

### **MOTION (Hiltz, MacPherson)**

*"To approve Wellington's relocation to Oakville pending payment of outstanding monies owed to the OLA by December 31st, 2011"*

**CARRIED**

After the relocation the franchise would be an Oakville franchise in every sense.

## **3. Innisfil Junior C**

Jim told the Board that Innisfil had expressed an interest in playing games in Newmarket. He hasn't heard anything on this issue lately.

## **4. Nepean Junior C**

Jim told the Board that Nepean Junior C has been asking about their bond. Stan advised Jim that all questions regarding bonds should go to George.

## **5. Junior B**

Jim mentioned there is an outstanding issue with compensation between teams from a player movement hearing on May 25.

### **VP Finance Report**

#### **1. St. Catharines Minor Lacrosse**

John told the Board that St. Catharines minor lacrosse has submitted a payment structure for outstanding monies owed.

### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Edgerton)**

*"To approved the outlined payment structure from St. Catharines minor lacrosse as presented"*

**CARRIED**

## **2. Outstanding Accounts**

Stan went through the list of outstanding accounts with the Board. The OLA needs payment by December 31, 2011 or these members will no longer be members in good standing. Any questions about the list should be directed to Fiona in the office.

### **VP Minor Report**

#### **1. North Perth**

Stan told the Board that North Perth minor would like to change their name. This hasn't gone through the Zone first. Marion will inform them of this.

## **2. Ratings**

Marion told the Board that her and Ratings Coordinator Lynn Brandwood have been in discussions with myhockeyrankings.com about using their services for ratings for 2012.

### **3. Girls Box Provincials**

Marion told the Board that the Girls Box Provincials will be combine into one event again, running on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the Festival.

### **4. Festival RIC**

Marion and Ron met with the Festival RICs after the Festival. They have some notes on revamping the RIC model. Ron will send them to Stan and John for their discussions with the OLRA.

### **5. Registration Clinic**

Marion told the Board that the registration was a productive weekend. There were about 25 new registrars in attendance.

### **6. Sault Ste Marie**

Marion told the Board that Sault Ste Marie sent their constitution in to the office.

### **7. Minor Council**

Marion told the Board that there are two new people on the minor council. Jenn Matheson will be the Girls Box Lacrosse Liaison and Mary Sticca will be working on Grassroots/House League. Stan asked for Marion to create a document that clearly outlines the structure of the minor council.

### **8. Festival Model**

Stan asked that the Festival Model be ready before January's planning meeting. This way it can be distribute to the Board to be reviewed. Any issues with it can be addressed before the meeting.

## **VP Field Report**

### **1. Field National**

Stan asked Joe to talk to Marissa about the item in the CLA Minutes.

### **2. OWL**

Joe told the Board that Ontario Women's Lacrosse executive have approved a name change to Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse. The clubs still have to vote on this and it will take place at the SAGM.

### **3. Field Council**

Joe mentioned that he would like to create a Field Council similar to the Minor Council to help development field lacrosse within the province.

### **4. Ross/Victory Cup**

Joe told the Board that Senior Men's field would like the national championship move to a format where the east and west rotate hosting the event.

## **VP Development Report**

### **1. Quest for Gold**

Don told the Board that he needs more information on the Quest for Gold players from the past few years.

### **2. Team Ontario**

Don told the Board that the applications for Team Ontario coaching staffs will be posted on the website in the next couple weeks.

## **VP Promotion Report**

### **1. SAGM**

Lynn told the Board that we need a guest speaker at the SAGM still. She suggested that someone with knowledge on concussions would be a good idea. Don has a person that might be suitable to address the topic and will look into their availability.

### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Orth)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**