



## Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – February 1, 2009

### **Attendance**

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

### **Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

### **President's Report**

#### **1. Planning Session**

John Doherty wanted to thank everyone for a productive planning session.

### **Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)**

*"To approve the minutes dated December 11, 2008 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"*

**CARRIED**

### **Marketing Director Report**

#### **1. Ontario Lacrosse Magazine**

Ron MacSpadyen showed the Board a sample of what the new magazine would look like. Right now the toughest part of putting it together has been securing advertising. Ron quickly went through some of the content that will be in the first issue and thanked everyone who helped contribute to it. Doug Luey asked if our members would have the opportunity to advertise in the magazine. Ron mentioned that it wasn't something that he has thought of but is open to the idea.

## **VP Finance Report**

### **1. Clubs with Outstanding Fees**

George MacDonald told the Board that Sharon Hrinco had sent out notices to all of the clubs and associations who had outstanding invoices/monies after December 31, 2008. Since then two have paid and no one else has responded. John told Sharon to send out letters notifying the clubs and associations who haven't responded that they are suspended.

## **VP Major Report**

### **1. Junior C**

Doug Luey gave the Board an update with some issues regarding Junior C. A group from Whitby wants to appeal the decision of being denied into the league. After discussion the Board decided not to hear the appeal because the group doesn't have all of the local support. Doug told the Board about Peterborough's application. He mentioned that he had emails of support from the Junior C clubs but will wait to have them approved at the Board until the next meeting in February. Doug told the Board that this year the cost of officials was high. The high fuel costs last summer may have been one of the reasons but for this season Kevin MacPherson will have the Assigner pay additional attention to the travel of officials for Junior C.

### **MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

*"For Doug Luey and Kevin MacPherson to work together in creating ways to reduce the cost of officials for the Junior C League"*

**CARRIED**

Doug told the Board that the league would like to come off of pilot status and have Barry Trood of Shelburne be commissioner. After discussing the issue the Board decided that the league should remain as a pilot with Doug Luey as acting Commissioner. It was noted that a governor within the league should not be the commissioner. Also the Board will come up with criteria for Junior C to follow and adhere to in order to remove them from pilot status.

### **MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

*"To keep Junior C under pilot status for 2009, for Doug Luey continue to be acting Commissioner and not approve Intermediate age player releases to Junior C clubs. The Board will review their pilot status at the end of the year based on criteria the Board will provide for the league."*

**CARRIED**

## **VP Minor**

### **1. Grassroots Committee**

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that the Grassroots Committee came up with a few goals they would like to achieve this year. One of them involved helping to create successful house league programs. They are going to work on creating a resource kit to help out new associations and guidelines to follow for unique situations. They are hoping to have a house league symposium at the AGM in November and invite people from Parks & Recreation to it.

## **2. Offense/Defense**

The Board reviewed last year's Offense/Defense policy.

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

*"To approve the Offense/Defense policy with first violation resulting in a bench minor penalty and to exclude the Midget age group again for 2009"*

**CARRIED**

Marion and Tyler Dalton will work together to notify everyone. Also Marion will work on polling Midget coaches on Offense/Defense. Kevin and Doug will also run a module on Offense/Defense at the SAGM.

## **3. Intermediate Age**

Marion told the Board that the minor council is looking to change the Intermediate ages. She showed the Board a breakdown of the different ages in Intermediate. Marion will come back to the Board with a recommendation from the Minor Council.

### **Executive Director Report**

#### **1. U16 Fall Field**

Stan Cockerton brought up the topic of U16 Fall Field. They are looking to come off of pilot status this year. The Board decided that it remains under pilot status and the U16 Fall Field falls under Minor Field's portfolio. The Board will also review their policy paper, the success of the league itself and look for a recommendation from the Minor Field Council.

### **MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)**

*"To keep U16 Fall Field under pilot status for 2009"*

**CARRIED**

#### **2. University Field**

Ron gave the Board a brief background on the University Field League. He explained how most of the clubs have outstanding fees for the past couple years.

### **MOTION (MacPherson, MacDonald)**

*"To send the University Field League criteria that they need to comply with before March 31, 2009 in order to remain OLA Members"*

**CARRIED**

Ron MacSpadyen will send the criteria to the league.

## **VP Development Report**

### **1. Girl's Box Lacrosse**

Wendy Cuthbert brought up a motion that was tabled at the last Board meeting. She would like Girl's Box Lacrosse to be removed from pilot status.

### **MOTION (Cuthbert, Ladouceur)**

*"To remove Girls Box Lacrosse from pilot status and be placed under Minor Box Council's portfolio. Also the Women's Box Lacrosse Council will have representation at Minor Council"*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Women's Box Lacrosse Policy Paper**

Wendy will provide the Board with a copy of the Women's Box Lacrosse Policy and Procedures. She would like to have it approved at the next meeting.

### **3. Girls Box Council Past Treasurer**

Wendy told the Board that the Girls Box Lacrosse Council is having trouble getting any past financial information from the former treasurer. Ron will send letter.

### **MOTION (Cuthbert, MacPherson)**

*"The Board requests of the Past Treasurer of Girls Box Council to submit all 2007 & 2008 financial records and bank statements to the Commissioner"*

**CARRIED**

### **4. Team Ontario Pre-ID Selection Camp**

Wendy told the Board that she is working on having a Pre-ID camp for novice age kids. The idea is to try and identify kids at an earlier age. She will have Bob Watson and Chris Driscoll help run the camps. It will be structured more like a camp then a try-out.

### **5. Team Ontario Coaches**

Wendy told the Board that interviews for Team Ontario coaches will start next weekend.

### **6. Quest for Gold**

Wendy told the Board that 32 people were nominated this year for Quest for Gold. 20 of those people have accepted.

### **7. Website**

Wendy asked about getting website stats for the Board to see how much traffic we are getting to the OLA site. Doug brought up a point that if the Junior and Major stats pages were better it would drive more traffic to the website. The office staff and Doug will review the current website stats program to improve it.

## **VP Promotion Report**

### **1. SAGM**

Mary Sticca told the Board that the SAGM agenda should be read in the next week or so. Tyler is working on finalizing it.

## **VP Coaching Report**

### **1. Coaching Clinics**

Rick Phillips told the Board that with the combined clinics this year the fee for coaching clinics will have to change. It hasn't been determined yet as to what the fee should be set at. Right now there are only tentative dates set for clinics.

### **2. House League Clinics**

Rick told the Board that he is working on putting together a few house league coaching clinics. Rick will have more details for the next meeting.

### **3. Online Coaching Clinic Program**

Rick briefly went through the Online Coaching Clinic program that the CLA wants to start running. After going through it he told the Board that he does not recommend Ontario should use it at this time. We will be very interested in hearing from the BCLA on the subject as they are piloting it in BC in 2009.

## **VP Officiating Report**

### **1. RDC Meeting**

Kevin MacPherson told the Board that a policy paper was approved for the Referee Development Committee. Also at the meeting, a job description for the Head of Supervision was created.

### **MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)**

*"To approve the Referee Development Committee policy paper and the Head of Supervision job description"*

**CARRIED**

### **2. New Forms**

Kevin showed the Board two new forms that the OLRA would like to use this year. The first was a referee special incident report. The form was used as a pilot in Zone 9 last year. Also Kevin showed the Board a new referee evaluation report. The report has more space for evaluators to leave more comments for improvement. It has three copies; one for the referee, one for the referee-in-chief and one for the evaluator.

### **MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)**

*"To approve the Special Incident Report and Referee Evaluation Form without the OLRA logo"*

**CARRIED**

## **New Business**

### **1. LTAD**

The LTAD meeting is next weekend. Ron and Wendy are going to work on a list of questions that need answered for the OLA. Also, it was discussed that the OLA needs to have a member on the CLA technical committee.

**MOTION (Cuthbert, Luey)**

*"To formally request that the CLA appoint an OLA representative on the CLA Technical Committee"*

**CARRIED**

**3. Orillia/Barrie**

**MOTION (Luey, Phillips)**

*"To approve the transfer of the Orillia Junior A club to Barrie and the Barrie Junior B club to Orillia pending Junior B approval"*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**