



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – February 13th, 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. Planning Meeting

John Doherty told the Board that he was very pleased with what was accomplished in Collingwood at the Planning Meeting. He also thanked everyone for being able to attend the weekend meetings.

MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)

“To approve the minutes dated January 27th, 2008 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented”

CARRIED

VP Field Report

1. Tuggy Tournament

Terry Lloyd told the Board that the Tuggy Tournament will run again this year. The Blue Knights are working on an application and it should be available soon.

2. Brogden Cup

Terry told the Board that the Brogden Cup will be played in December this year.

3. Girls Field U11 League Pilot

Terry showed the Board a proposal that was sent to him from Todd Pepper. It was approved by Ontario Women's Lacrosse and sent in by Todd on behalf of OWL. Part of the proposal is that players will receive instruction from Quest for Gold recipients. All teams will pay the standard OLA fees and follow proper OLA registration procedures. It is expected there will be about 10 teams participating at the provincial championship, which will be held in Burlington, Saturday July 5th.

MOTION (Lloyd, Phillips)

"To accept the Girls Field U11 League as a pilot for the 2008 season with a review of the program at the end of the year"

CARRIED

VP Development Report

1. Team Ontario

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that the Team Ontario head coaches and general managers have been selected. For the Pee Wee team, Tony Carvalho is the Head Coach and Kelly Braun is the General Manager. For the Bantam team, Doug Hastie is the Head Coach and Lisa Alton is the General Manager. For the Midget team, Joel Johnson is the Head Coach and Barry Johnson is the General Manager.

VP Junior-Major Report

1. Junior C

Doug Luey gave the Board an update on the latest with Junior 'C'. He noted that the OLA won't be entertaining releases for players in Intermediate wanting to play at higher level of competition in Junior 'C'.

2. Long-term Athlete Development

Doug told the Board that the LTAD model was to be handed in on Friday with all lacrosse updates. It was also noted that Ron MacSpadyen should be on this committee. Ron should be receiving any information with regards to what is going on with the LTAD.

3. Commissioners Meeting

Doug told the Board that next Saturday there will be a Commissioners meeting.

VP Officiating Report

1. RDC Meeting

Kevin MacPherson told the Board that there was a RDC meeting last night. Almost everyone was able to attend even with the bad weather.

VP Promotion Report

1. SAGM Agenda

Kathy French went through the SAGM agenda with the Board. The Board discussed any changes they needed to make to the schedule. The office would update it and release the new version.

2. Online Registration Modules

Kathy asked Ron about the two SAGM modules scheduled about online registration. Ron told the Board that he has talked to both of the presenters and outlined guidelines for their presentations. Ron told them that their purpose is to show the benefits of using a registration program and what it can do for your association. It is not a chance for them to try and sell their specific program that they use.

Promotions Director Report

1. Online Minor Scoreboard

Tyler Dalton told the Board that he and Ron were working together with Jeff Davis to try and create an online ranking/standings page for minor lacrosse. The idea is to help drive traffic to the website and also give members a way of tracking progress through the season. They will be presenting what they have at a module during the SAGM.

New Business

1. NLL Meeting

Stan Cockerton told the Board that the NLL will be meeting with all of the CLA members in Edmonton during their All-Star weekend March 14-16. It will give everyone a chance to discuss a partnership that works for all parties.

2. OLRA Contract

John told the Board that there are some more contract negotiation meetings with the OLRA in the near future.

3. Offence/Defense

Stan told the Board that the committee for this topic had discussed the issue at hand in great length. The Board went over many possible solutions for the Offence/Defense change.

Offence/Defense will be defined as follows: As a tactic, while at even strength, any player, or group of players, leaving the bench and deliberately returning to the bench, (usually by the same gate) without the benefit of participation of play, in both the offensive and defensive zones, during the same shift, is considered to be playing Offence/Defense.

Two indicators for referees to help determine if a team is using this tactic are:

1. If a team changes players without possession of the ball.
2. If players are not returning to the bench using only one door and exiting the bench at one door.

Only referees on the floor will be able to make the call if a team is using the Offence/Defense tactic. First time offense in a game will result in a verbal warning, normally a run by warning. Second time offense, in the same game, will be a 2 minute bench minor penalty. Third time offense will result in a gross misconduct, with ejection from the game, assessed to the head coach (accompanied by a 2 minute bench minor). A further suspension may be assessed as a result of the gross misconduct; discretion will be used.

The new Offence/Defense rule will be used in the Bantam age division and below. The rule will be in affect for Provincials, Invitational Tournaments and recommended that it be used for all other levels of play.

The OLA Board of Directors will appoint representatives to attend the Peterborough, Brampton and Orangeville invitational tournaments to monitor Offence/Defense. These people will report back at the Board of Governors meeting in June. Also the Board will develop a form to explain all aspects of Offence/Defense that will be sent out to all clubs. They will be required to respond back that they are aware of the change and notified all coaches.

MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)

"To approve the new policy on Offence/Defense as described in the minutes"

CARRIED

4. Finances

Stan presented a list to the Board of clubs who still owe fees to the OLA. He mentioned that Akwesasne Major had paid off most of what they owed. They also said they would pay the remainder off what they owed once they had received an invoice for what was still outstanding. Barrie Major and Junior 'B' both still owe fees to the OLA.

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacDonald)

"To suspend both the Barrie Major club and Barrie Junior 'B' club if no acceptable payment plan has been submitted to the OLA office by February 15th, 2008"

CARRIED

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED