



## Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – February 16, 2011

### **Attendance**

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

### **Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

### **President's Report**

#### **1. Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION (MacPherson, Orth)**

*"To approve the minutes dated January 30, 2011 of the Board of Directors Meeting as amended"*

**CARRIED**

#### **2. R18.04**

Doug Luey told the Board that there is a governor in the Junior C league who would like to referee in Junior this year. This needs to be approved by the Board of Directors and come as a recommendation from the RDC.

#### **3. House League Tournament Proposal**

Marion Ladouceur showed a proposal she received for a house league tournament. She feels that we need to look at something like this to help develop the house league system. There are issues with running this tournament. Coaches don't need to be certified for house league and not all of them operate the same way. Marion feels we

should explore this tier but all of the rules must be defined before we go forward with it. The Board supports this idea but at this time we aren't ready to approve a proposal at this time. Marion will inform the group who put forth the proposal.

## **VP Finance Report**

### **1. Budget**

George MacDonald told the Board that he is currently working on the budget for the SAGM.

## **VP Major-Junior Report**

### **1. CLA Negotiation List**

Doug told the Board there were 59 duplications in Junior on the CLA Negotiation list. He mentioned there is nothing documented to address this issue. Doug stressed how we need to create an OLA policy for this issue.

### **2. Webcast**

Doug told the Board that the Major Series have approved a proposal to webcast their games. The same group may possibly take over stats as well. They need 2 OLA game passes to help accommodate this.

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

*"To give Gary Mark and Vintage Lax an OLA Game pass for the 2011 season"*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Rule 55**

Doug told the Board that Rule 55 verbiage in the rulebook is wrong.

## **VP Minor**

### **1. Thunder Bay Provincials**

Marion told the Board about the many things that Thunder Bay have been doing to promote lacrosse in their community. They would like to bring 4 teams to the Ontario Lacrosse Festival. Marion would like to waive the OLA Provincial Entry fee for 2011.

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

*"To waive the OLA Provincial entry fee for Thunder Bay for 2011"*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Thunder Bay Coaching**

Marion told the Board that Thunder Bay would like to run a coaching clinic. They have 7 people ready to take level 2.

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

*"To reduce the minimum number of required people to hold a coaching clinic to 7 for Thunder Bay in 2011"*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Minimum Suspension Guidelines**

Marion told the Board that this document was created to make all suspensions similar across the province. The Board discussed a few of the items on the list. It was suggested that the word minimum be removed, that 3 games be suggested for both Match Penalty and Gross Misconduct penalties and add discipline hearing to Gross Misconduct (Racial/Sexual).

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

*"To approve the suspension guidelines for minor lacrosse as amended"*

**CARRIED**

### **4. Girls in Minor Lacrosse**

Marion took what was passed at the last meeting about girls being able to play in both minor and girls lacrosse to the Girls Box Lacrosse committee. After that meeting they felt what was passed was wrong. The Board discussed the issue again. Allowing this motion does not help to promote the girls box lacrosse program.

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Luey)**

*"That a player when registering must choose between minor box and girls box lacrosse. Permission may be granted to move between the two options by the association"*

**CARRIED**

### **5. Girls Box Committee**

Marion told the Board that the Girls Box Lacrosse committee that girls minor box lacrosse will be governed by the Zones. They would like to host player, referee and coaching clinics and are looking for financial help to run these. Last year the Board gave them \$1,000 that has not been spent. The Board would like this amount back and then would use it towards the clinics. We would also support this with another \$1,000 for 2011.

### **6. Girls Intermediate Lacrosse**

Marion also told the Board that they are working to gear girl's intermediate age division in 2012 would only be 17 to 19.

### **7. Festival Model**

Marion asked if it would be possible to switch the U15 Girls Field provincials with the U19 Girls Field provincials at the Festival. She will ask Ron about it.

### **VP Field Report**

#### **1. Minor Field Update**

Terry Lloyd showed the Board a sheet showing the current dates and teams for Minor Field in 2011.

#### **2. Girls Field Proposal**

Terry went through a proposal he received for a girls field program. They are looking for funding from the Toronto Rock 50-50. The Board is not ready to spend money at this

time but will keep the proposal on file. Stan and Terry will get back to the group who put forth the proposal.

### **VP Development Report**

#### **1. Team Ontario Surveys**

Wendy Cuthbert shared two Team Ontario surveys with the Board. One survey was to parents and another to athletes. There was a lot of positive feedback in both surveys.

#### **2. Quest for Gold**

Wendy told the Board there was a Quest for Gold appeal. This person won the appeal and will receive funding while attending an NCAA school. The OLA is not responsible for what happens in NCAA.

### **VP Promotion Report**

#### **1. SAGM Guest Speaker**

Lynn Orth confirmed that the guest speaker at the SAGM is the MPP Jerry Ouellette.

#### **2. Hall of Fame and Golf Tournament**

Lynn told the Board that she had discussed the idea of combining the Hall of Fame dinner with the OLA Awards Banquet with Chuck Miller. He doesn't think it will be able to fit this year. She also mentioned they are on board for having a better golf tournament. They are unsure of a location and date.

### **VP Officiating Report**

#### **1. Level 3-5**

Kevin MacPherson told the Board that the level 3-5 clinic will be next weekend in Guelph.

#### **2. OLRA President**

Kevin told the Board that the OLRA President will be resigning and a new one will be elected.

### **New Business**

#### **1. December Meeting Correction**

Doug told the Board there was a mistake in the December Board meeting minutes. Wilmot Junior C's residency should be Waterloo, not Kitchener.

#### **MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)**

*"To approve Wilmot Junior C's residency as Waterloo"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (MacDonald, Lloyd)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**