



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – February 17, 2010

Attendance

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

Regrets

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

OWL Elite U14 Program Presentation

Stephen Taylor and Kallie Briscoe went over the program for the Board. Their mission is to develop more elite athletes at a younger age. Along with that the program would help to develop younger coaches and more elite coaches. The proposal was approved by the OWL council at their last meeting. The target age group is U14 and they are looking for about 24 players. Their focus will be more on practice and structure instead of competing. They will still travel and compete in a few events but it won't be the focus. They estimate that the cost will be \$500 per player.

Previous Minutes

MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)

"To approve the minutes dated January 31, 2010 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"

CARRIED

VP Officiating Report

1. National RICs

MOTION (MacPherson, Orth)

"To approve Kevin MacPherson as the RIC for Pee Wee and Bantam Nationals and Frank Lawrence as the RIC for the Founder's Cup "

CARRIED

Kevin MacPherson will come back to the Board with a National RIC for the Bantam Girls Minor National prior to April 1st.

2. Money Owed to Team Ontario

Kevin told the Board that a referee owes Team Ontario money. He would like to suspend this person for not being a member in good standing. Kevin will send notice to the person that if they don't pay their moneys owed by March 7, 2010 they will be suspended by the OLA.

3. Board Referee Jerseys

Kevin told the Board that the Board referees are looking to get new jerseys. The new ones will have either the OLA or CLA logo on the front and on OLRA logo on the sleeve.

4. 2010 Provincials

Kevin told the Board that they would like to receive an invoice for the provincials this year instead of the cost being deducted.

5. Assign by Web

Kevin told the Board that Assign by Web has closed. He said that the Arbiter system looks to be the best option to replace it. It will be used for the Board referees but a few zones have inquired if they will be able to use it. Kevin will ask about getting a flat rate for everyone. The deadline for deciding what happens with this is a week after the SAGM.

6. Provincial RICs

MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)

"To approve the 2010 Provincial RIC list as presented"

TABLED

VP Development Report

1. Edge Agreement

Marion Ladouceur asked Wendy Cuthbert about the agreement with Edge group. She wanted to know if there was a signature on it. Wendy said it was just done in email but will put it on OLA letterhead and get Edge to sign it.

2. Suspension

Since the last Board of Directors meeting the person who owes money to Team Ontario has not paid.

MOTION (Cuthbert, MacPherson)

"See Appendix A."

CARRIED

The U16 All-star team is still allowed to travel but this person will have to remove himself/herself from the team. Terry will notify the team of this.

3. Team Ontario

Wendy told the Board that the head coaches for Team Ontario have been picked.

MOTION (Cuthbert, MacDonald)

"To approve the Team Ontario Head Coaches as presented for 2010."

CARRIED

Wendy mentioned that the online registration for Team Ontario has started. So far 63 people have signed up with no advertising. She will still to a direct mail for each division.

4. U19 Team Canada

Wendy told the Board about the Women's U19 Team Canada program and how they do not all their players to play for a club team while on the national team.

5. Women's Field Schedule

Wendy told the Board that the women won't change their schedule this year. They will run for 10 straight weeks.

6. Women's Umpires

Wendy told the Board that there are issues with the number of umpires in women's field. Their focus hasn't been on recruiting but developing current umpires. Gord Robertson wants to rectify this and would like the OLA to be more involved in the referee program in women's field. Kevin will call Gord to start the process immediately.

7. OWL Elite U14 Program

The Board discussed the presentation of OWL Elite U14 program. The program would be beneficial to the athletes participating in it. The Board felt that any elite program or all-star team should be running as a Team Ontario program.

MOTION (Phillips, MacPherson)

"To approve the OWL Elite U14 program as a one year pilot with review at the end of the year."

WITHDRAWN

MOTION (Cuthbert, Ladouceur)

"To approve the OWL Elite U14 program as presented."

DEFEATED

MOTION (Cuthbert, Ladouceur)

“To approve the OWL Elite U14 program with the conditions that it become a Team Ontario development program. As well as the program criteria and budget to be developed prior to the program starting by OLA VP of Development, OWL Commissioner, Kallie Briscoe and Stephen Taylor. The program will be a pilot for 2010 and be reviewed at the end of the year.”

CARRIED

8. LTAD Tyke Net Pilot

Wendy told the Board that Whitby will do the LTAD Tyke program this year.

MOTION (Cuthbert, Ladouceur)

“To approve the LTAD Tyke program in Whitby house league upon securing proper nets and getting proper funding.”

CARRIED

Ron MacSpadyen and John Doherty will ask about getting proper nets through the equipment review committee.

VP Coaching Report

1. OLA Coaching Requirements

Rick Phillips went over the one page sheet that Tyler Dalton put together on the OLA coaching requirements discussed at the planning meeting. Also was discussed the idea of adding to the back of the sheet a comparison between the old program and the new program.

2. Coaching Clinics

Rick told the Board that he and Chris are working to finalize all coaching clinic dates and times.

VP Promotion Report

1. SAGM Agenda

Lynn Orth went through and discussed the SAGM agenda with the Board.

2. OWL Policy Paper

Lynn has just seen the OWL Policy paper and decided to table this topic until next meeting. She will go through it and send her thoughts to the Board in an email in the near future. A few issues that have been found are their affiliation system, lack of succession plan, no limit on votes per club, commissioner able to represent a club with a vote and player registration dates.

VP Field Report

1. Tyke Field Game

MOTION (Lloyd, MacPherson)

"To approve the Tyke Field exhibition game at the Toronto Nationals game May 22, 2010."

CARRIED

2. Ottawa Nemesis

Terry told the Board that Nemesis has been sending in things for their member application but haven't completed it yet.

VP Minor Report

1. Women's Box Council Budget

Marion Ladouceur went through the Women's Box Council's budget with the Board. Last year women's associations were paying a flat fee of \$100 and an additional \$40 per team. This year they will only charge the \$40 per team.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Phillips)

"To support the Women's Box Council's promotional initiatives with two instalments of \$500 for 2010 with an evaluation of the program at the end of the season"

CARRIED

2. Sault Ste. Marie

Marion told the Board that Sault Ste. Marie originally said that they were a sole proprietorship and did not need to provide any further information on their operation. Marion asked them to send what they could anyways. Marion is wondering what direction the Board should take with this. Board decided to table this until the next meeting.

3. Life Member

Marion was asked if we could waive the registration fee for all OLA Life Members at the SAGM.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Cuthbert)

"To waive the registration for all OLA Life Members who wish to attend the OLA Semi-Annual General Meeting."

CARRIED

MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED