



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – January 23, 2004

Attendance

Chuck Miller	President
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
John Doherty	V.P. Major
Kathy French	V.P. Promotions
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
Linda Bloff	V.P. Development
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Mike McAuley	Promotions Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Peter Flook	Administration

Regrets

George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

MOTION (Doherty, Martin)

“To approve the minutes of the Board of Directors as presented”

CARRIED

2004 Committees

As per usual, committees for the 2004 season were chosen and voted on. Please find the following committees appointed for the 2004 season.

Discipline - John Doherty, Chuck Miller, Gary Martin, George McDonald,
Ann Rudge

Appeals – Roger MacDonald, Marion Ladouceur, Kathy French, Linda Blogg

Player Movement – Chuck Miller, Stan Cockerton, John Doherty

Minor – Chuck Miller, Ann Rudge, Kathy French

MOTION (French, Rudge)

“To Accept the committees as formed and presented by/to the Board of Director”

CARRIED

Gas Pricing

The price of gas for referees for Junior – Major is going up from 30 cents to 35 cents. This will be honored for two weeks, and then evaluated pending the price of gas.

MOTION (Martin, Doherty)

“To accept the new price of gas for referees as presented”

CARRIED

Helmets

There was talk about Helmets and Face Masks from the CLA. Which masks, chin cups, straps, and helmets were approved. A letter dated May 18th, 2004 from the CLA has approved masks, chin straps and helmets. Please find attached to minutes.

MOTION (Doherty, Blogg)

“To accept the Helmet and Mask handout present to the OLA Board of Directors from the C.L.A. for the 2004 field and box season”

CARRIED

KW Refund

KW is seeking a refund of their expenses from a game which was cancelled on May 13th between KW and Barrie. The game was cancelled due to a referee calling an equipment infraction stating the game was unsafe. They are seeking a full refund of the following:

- a) \$749.00 – bus charge
- b) \$93.00 – referee fee
- c) \$225.00 – player travel
- d) \$210.00 – meals

Total - \$1277.00

MOTION (Doherty, French) 55-04

“To accept the payment to KW Kodiaks Senior B franchise of \$1067.00, which excludes the \$210.00 meal expense for cancelled game May 13th, 2004 in Barrie”

Junior “C” League

Barry Trood is looking for an expansion of a Jr. “C” league. The OLA is recognizing that Shelburne organization is looking at expanding to a Jr. C league. V.P. Major-Jr. will look into that further. A commissioner and an executive are needed in order to start the process. If there is interest from the membership it would be looked at in 2005.

Privacy Policy

The OLA needs to print 2005 forms but a general statement about the privacy policy needs to be in place before this can happen. The OLA would like to start a

committee to form the OLA private policy. We would want to have this done by June 1, 2004

MOTION (Rudge, Martin)

“At the hands of the President and Program Coordinator they’re to administer the privacy policy to go on the 2005 registration form”

CARRIED

Executive Director

Affiliations are now in for the 2004 season. Please check with the ED for further details. It was discussed that the Milton Jr. B has to pick either the midget team or the intermediate team and report back to Stan.

MOTION (Martin, Doherty) 57-04

“To accept the affiliation list as present to the Board of Directors with the exception of Milton Jr. B”

CARRIED

The CLA player transfers are going well. To date we have 33 which have been approved and more will continue to come in. A few suspensions have been dealt with and we would like to move on and forget about it.

The Dustin Sanderson lawsuit case is approaching and Chuck and Stan are to represent the OLA in court.

A new turf policy is in place as per the insurance company. This policy is to ensure that no turf is placed over an ice surface, no matter what is placed in between. This document can be found at, www.ontariolacrosse.com

ACTION #2

Send out the new turf insurance policy to all minor associations and Junior – Major clubs.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Blogg) 58-04

“To accept the OLA financial statement as presented to the Board of Directors”

CARRIED

Technical Report

There was some problem with the coach’s clinic in Zone 9. Some of the instructors did not show up on time, and were inexperienced. This caused some problems, but all have been solved, and everyone can learn for next time. The Pee Wee National team has been selected for the team Ontario. Results can be found at www.ontariolacrosse.com

There is some new information regarding coaching status. Theory 1 is now called, “Introduction to Competition A” and Theory 2 is now called, “Introduction to Competition B”

Chris gave a brief overview on the new CBET information. Should you have any comments or question, please contact him ASAP.

Final registration date is July 2nd. Ron MacSpadyen will be here accepting coach's cards until that date. As well coach's cards will be accepted at the summer games.

Program Director

Ron spoke about the 2004 vendor program. With some confusion last year of who was a vendor, how people got in, etc, Ron has put a new policy in place. Official vendors must wear a tag around their neck. Should the vendors not have this tag, they will no be allowed into the tournament, etc. A vendor agreement, list and a policy will be distributed to all tournament conveners.

Promotions Director

The May issue of Lax Talk is now out. Please feel free to read at your convenience. The 2004 OLA golf tournament is June 10th please get all foursomes into Mike ASAP. 12 hole sponsors have been acquired. 4 Toronto Rock players will be making an appearance, Ken Millin, Steve Toll, Blaine Manning and Chris Driscoll.

V.P. Minor

The OLA Awards should be ordered for the provincials this year. Comp rooms for Provincial Championships should be booked if not already booked. Where are the rooms, how many are there? These rooms are for referees and tournament staff. The Entry fee for the 2004 "A" provincials are \$750 compared to \$700 last year.

V.P. Field

The 2004 Field provincials will take place in Hamilton Friday May 21, 22, 23 and the 24th is a rain day. Senior men's have approved the World Field committee from London to apply to host the 2005 Ross/Victory Cup to be held in Ontario, Oct. 2005. We are still looking to their application in writing. Ann is waiting a date from the University league. If nothing is heard by June 1, she will be setting a date. We also have to address the delinquent fees that are outstanding and what needs to be done.

V.P. Promotion

In total we sold about 180 tickets for the Wonderland Day. The feedback I have received thus far has been very positive and most have said they would like to see it happen again next year. In an attempt to make people aware first hand of some of the things coming up by the OLA, I visited the following Zones throughout the month of May: Zone 4, Zone 8, Zone 10, Zone 6 and Zone 9 coaches meetings, which took place in Hamilton and Welland. This year we decided to form a golf committee to try and get some new ideas to freshen up the tournament. I have had one meeting with Mary Sticca to try and put together some ideas for the OLA AGM, which will be held in Niagara Falls this year. I am working with Linda on the Opening and Closing ceremonies and the banquet and have been attending bi-weekly meetings. I am also the liaison for Team Quebec.

V.P. Officiating

The majority of Box Clinics have been completed with only one make up clinic to be done. Our final total of Level 1 to 5 referees carded in 2004 is 977 of which 30% are new. Compared to 2003 when we carded 948. Some of the task for the RDC to work on for next years clinics: 1. more and improved power point presentations, 2. Increased dialogue and interaction with peers and instructors. 3. Less crowded classrooms. 4. On floor supervision. 5. New exams with more emphasis on the practical situations. 6. Pre registration will allow for better planning and administration. 7. Improve Clinic Instructors skill sets. The problem continues with referees going down to the CanAm League and referring wearing OLA sweaters. These referees are paid more down there and that is the reason they are heading down.

ACTION #3

Gary to send a letter out to all referees stating this is not allowed.

New Business

Scott Macormick was in a terrible car accident. Our prayers are will him for a full speedy recovery.

MOTION (Martin, French) 59-04

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED

ACTION TASKS

NAME	ACTION
Linda Blogg	Develop a Girls Only Box Committee
Gary Martin/Chuck Miller	2003 Rule Interpretations
Marion Ladouceur	Send Letter RE: Scarborough Debts
Peter Flook	Remove Allegany from LaxTalk List
Peter Flook	Order 1000 more registration forms