



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – January 23, 2005

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
Kim McKibbon	V.P. Development
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
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 dated, May 19th 2004 of the Board of Directors as presented”

CARRIED

2005 Committees

As per usual, committees for the 2005 season were chosen and voted on. Please find the following committees appointed for the 2005 season.

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

Appeals - Rick Phillips, Marion Ladouceur, Kathy French, Kim McKibbon

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

Ontario Lacrosse Festival

MOTION (Doherty, Rudge)

"To accept the appointing of Ron MacSpadyen as the Chair Person for the 2005 Ontario Lacrosse Festival and Chuck Miller as the 2005 Pee Wee Nationals Chair Person"

CARRIED

Durham College has once again been selected as the official hotel of the 2005 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. A contract has been signed at \$69.99 a night with a refund of \$5 on every room. The promotion should begin on this via, website, SAGM, etc.

Privacy Policy

The OLA Privacy Policy was reviewed and discussed. As a new important document to the OLA it is important for all staff and Board to review and understand the policy. As time ticks, the understanding of the policy will come, and it should be referred to on a regular basis. Questions and comments can be directed to privacyofficer@ontariolacrosse.com

MOTION

"To approve the OLA Privacy Policy as presented to the Board of Directors with a noted change to read, 'The OLA President and Past President' in section 4-Accountability"

Accounting

Sharon will be issuing letters to all clubs with outstanding debts. As per the constitution B 13.06 (c) all clubs will be suspended until paid in full, or accepted by the Board of Directors.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

"To suspend outstanding clubs immediately as per the constitution B 13.06 (c)"

CARRIED

Cambridge Minor vs. Milton Jr. B

Milton Jr. B is looking to change venues and play in Cambridge. While they want to move, Cambridge minor has decided they did not want to welcome them. Although passed by the Jr. B council, the Board of Directors was second guessing the change due to numerous reasons.

MOTION (John Doherty, Ann Rudge)

"To accept the change of venue for the Milton Jr. B franchise to Cambridge for the 2005 season"

DENIED (4:3)

FIELD NATIONALS

It was recommended that Jon Watson be the RIC of the Senior Field Nationals in London and Frank Lawrence be the CLA Convener for Senior Field Nationals in London.

MOTION (Rudge, Martin)

"To accept Jon Watson as the RIC of the Senior Field Nationals in London"

CARRIED

MOTION (Martin, Doherty)

"To accept Frank Lawrence as the CLA Convener for Senior Field Nationals in London"

CARRIED

Summer Games

A problem took place at this years summer games which saw a net get cut and ripped off. A fee of \$150.00 will take care of this which the OLA has agreed to pay.

Referee Program

Gary and the OLRA have discovered a program which will automate and assign referees for the Jr – Major program. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$400 a year. It would help regulate and solve problems on a day to day basis.

MOTION (Martin, Phillips)

"To approve the arbitrator assigning systems for the Jr. – Major program for the 2005 season."

CARRIED

Planning Meeting

The OLA held their annual planning meeting on the weekend. Issues discussed were the OLA Festival, Pee Wee Nationals, Staff and Board Action Plans and more. The OLA is currently piecing together their Strategic Plan for the 2005 season and will be presented at the February Board of Directors meeting.

Native Teams

(Without Prejudice) Discussion about the Iroquois team participating in the 2005 Pee Wee Nationals were held. Issues rising were the fact that they can draw players from all provinces, as oppose to limiting their draw from just one province. A policy and rules must be in place so negative aspects don't rise up.

Technical Director

Coaches were selected for the Bantam and Pee Wee Nationals; returning to coach the Pee Wee team is Bob McMahon. In the Bantam squad, Corney Dirks is selected for the duty. Tryout information will be available on the website.

Marketing Director

The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is in full swing. A brochure has been printed and sponsorship will begin soon. A hockey poster has been printed which was

requested by the members. It's main purpose is to promote the game of lacrosse and link that two sports together.

MOTION (Ladouceur, McKibbon)

"To accept the OLA's bid for the OLA to host the 2006 and 2007 CLA Pee Wee Nationals Championships"

CARRIED

Promotions Director

Mike announced that the OLA will feature a new website. As of mid February, a new fresh look website will be introduced, with easy access documents, new items and more. His concerns with LaxTalk were discussed. Not enough people are getting stories to him. The OLA is seeking a dedicated person to take on LaxTalk and write stories about all means of lacrosse.

V.P. Major

The discussions included the rise of Barrie from the Senior "B" league to Major. As well, the Major draft took place this past weekend; look for results early next week.

MOTION (Doherty, Martin)

"To accept Barrie Lakeshores as a Major franchise pending they pay all outstanding debts by February 15, 2005"

CARRIED

V.P. Minor

Marion voiced her concerns regarding the direction of Inter-provincial policies. She wanted to discuss her concerns with Stan and map out a plan ASAP.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

"To give direction to ED to work on Inter-provincial policy Re:Zone 5 teams and Quebec Teams"

CARRIED

Marion would like to see staff members change voicemail and email to let others know they are out of the office. This is just another way to improve communication. The minor council has agreed to enforce the submission of provincial team rosters. They have agreed to suspend their clubs from provincial play should they not submit these rosters.

V.P. Field

The Senior Men's Field National Championship will be held in London on Oct 7th – 9th. Ann was pleased to announce that Orangeville has changed the name of the Annual Turkey shoot to Laura Montgomery Memorial Fall Harvest Turkey Shoot in memorial of Laurie Montgomery who passed away in September 2004. Some women's field issues that were brought to attention were some financial statements were incomplete, the use of US empires are not insured, and that the 2007 World Championships being held in Ontario were not approved

by the Ontario Women's Council. Ann also inquired about the field lacrosse referee clinics. Dates, times and locations are where?

MOTION (Martin, French)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED