



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – January 28th, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Sharon Hrinco	Administration
Peter Flook	Administration Assistant

MOTION (Miller, Ladouceur)

“To approve the minutes dated December 14, 2006 of the Board of Directors Meeting as amended”

CARRIED

Business from Previous Minutes

1. Non Member Release

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that this issue was addressed at the last Minor Council meeting. They determined that before a player is eligible to request a release he/she must be OLA registered in the current year, with their home club, in order to be considered a member and to request a release.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

“To accept that before a player is eligible to request a release he/she must be OLA registered in the current year, with their home club, in order to be considered a member and to request a release”

CARRIED

2. Insurance

Kathy French asked Stan Cockerton about whether Ontario Lacrosse had Occurrence or Claims insurance. She explained a couple of differences between the two. Stan was unsure of which Ontario Lacrosse has and would look into it

3. U16 Field Game Sheets

Wendy Cuthbert notified the Board that she still hadn't received the game sheets from the U16 Fall Field League. Ann Rudge told Wendy that she would look into it.

President Report

1. Interprovincial Transfer Sheet

John Doherty told the Board that he and Doug Luey were working together on putting together a transfer sheet to make the process easier. The sheet would act as a checklist and the person would have to follow it step by step.

2. CLA Rule Changes

John told the Board that there were only a few rule changes made. The main one was that ragging the ball will be back in for Junior and up. After this Marion wondered if it would be beneficial to put this rule into all of Minor Lacrosse. Through discussion it was thought to be best if Minor was left the way it is.

Executive Report

1. Insurance

Stan Cockerton told the Board that there were no major changes to insurance this year. He also mentioned he would look into whether OLA has Occurrence or Claims insurance.

2. DVD Project

Stan gave an update to the Board on the DVD project. The purpose of it was to update the *Catch the Fun* videos. The project is being funded by the Trillium Grant and we are receiving money from the CLA and other provinces. There were meetings last weekend to go through the script writing. Everything went very well and it is expected the individual skill DVDs will be done for November 2007.

3. Appeals/Player Movement Committees

Stan told the Board what the committees would be for 2007.

Minor

Chuck Miller

Marion Ladouceur

Gary Martin

Wendy Cuthbert

Kathy French

Ann Rudge (Minor Field)

Major
John Doherty
Doug Luey
George MacDonald
Rick Phillips
Ann Rudge (if U-19 or Senior Field)

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

"To approve the 2007 Appeals/Player Movement committees as presented."

CARRIED

Program and Marketing Report

1. New Member

Ron MacSpadyen told the Board that he is expecting to have an application into the office soon from Simcoe about becoming a member.

2. Festival

Ron showed the Board a piece comparing the Festival with the major tournaments in Ontario for Hockey and Soccer. Also he showed some projections of where he thinks the Festival will be in a couple years. He also mentioned that his next task he is working on right now is to setup a meeting with the Mayor of Whitby and Mayor of Oshawa.

Major-Junior Report

1. Commissioners Meeting

Doug Luey told the Board that the next meeting for the Commissioners will be February 15th.

2. Major Series

Doug told the Board that the Major Series is looking into ways of promoting their league better. This was a topic of discussion at their last meeting when the draft was held.

3. Ennismore

Doug Luey told the Board that Ennismore franchise had been sold and that the club would be moving to Norwood.

MOTION (Luey, Martin)

"To approve the ownership change of the Ennismore Shamrock franchise"

CARRIED

MOTION (Luey, Cuthbert)

"To approve the move of the Ennismore Shamrock franchise to Norwood, Ontario"

CARRIED

4. Senior B League

Doug told the Board that Senior B league has voted on a new Commissioner of their league, Sharon Mckeachie.

MOTION (Luey, Rudge)

"To accept Sharon Mckeachnie as the Commissioner of the Senior B League"

CARRIED

Doug also told the Board that the St. Clair franchise had been purchased by Akwesasne but they won't have a team playing in the league this year. The Senior B league will consist of 6 teams this summer.

5. Prague Fundraiser

Doug suggested the idea of holding a poker tournament on the Saturday night of the SAGM as a fundraiser for the Gaels team going to Prague. Currently nothing goes on at that time during the meetings.

Minor Report

1. Coaching Certifications

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that there are still people who are missing their Coaching certification numbers. These are specific to clinics that were held in 2005 and 2006. Chris Driscoll will look into it.

2. Soft Lacrosse

Marion told the Board that the Minor Council had come up with a definition to Soft Lacrosse at their last meeting. They determined that Soft Lacrosse is for a child who turns 3 years old in the current year. The equipment they use is a lacrosse stick, sponge rubber ball, helmet, gloves and a mouth guard. The purpose of Soft Lacrosse is for development drills and fun. There is to be no contact or any formal games.

3. Outstanding Minor fees

Marion notified the Board that there were still some minor associations currently outstanding.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To suspend all associations for the 2007 season who haven't paid in full, or come to agreeable terms on their outstanding 2006 amounts due to the OLA by February 13th, 2007."

CARRIED

Field Report

1. U16 Fall League

Ann Rudge talked to the Board about turning the U16 Field league into a regular league. Through discussion it was thought to be best if it remained as a pilot under the same guidelines past in last year's motion.

2. Nationals

Ann told the Board about the U16 & U19 Men's Nationals coming to Kitchener this summer. Ron and Tyler will be helping her with promoting the event.

3. Rick Passfield Memorial Tournament

Ann brought up to the Board the possibility of holding a memorial invitational field tournament. There wasn't enough information to make any decisions on it so Ann would get more for the next meeting.

Officiating Report

Gary Martin told the Board that he had no report at this time and would have one for the next meeting in 2 weeks.

Promotion Report

1. SAGM

Kathy French told the Board that the notice for the Semi-Annual meetings had gone out. She also mentioned that she is still looking for a few more seminar ideas.

2. Midget Prospects

Kathy told the Board about the possibility of bringing a Midget All-star Tournament into the Festival. Each Zone would bring an All-Star team and compete against one another. Kathy was going to look into it and bring more information for discussion at the next meeting.

Development Report

1. Team Ontario Registration

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that this year players who are registering for try-outs will now have to submit their signed and stamped registration form.

2. Quest for Gold

Wendy gave the Board an update on the Quest for Gold program. She mentioned that all the athletes should have received their first cheque by now.

Finance Report

1. Balance Sheet

George MacDonald explained everything on the balance sheet for everyone on the Board.

New Business

1. Tampering

Marion showed the Board a letter that she had received. It explained a situation that might be tampering. She will setup a hearing to address the situation before the next Board meeting.

2. Level 2 Field Coaching Clinic

Ann wanted to make sure that there will be a Field Level 2 Coaching clinic this year.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED