



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – Jan 29, 2006

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
John Herd	V.P. Officiating
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

MOTION (Rudge, Ladouceur)

“To approve the minutes dated, December 15, 2005 of the Board of Directors as presented”

CARRIED

Presidents Report

John expressed how happy he was with yesterday’s meetings and the amount of material that we covered.

Executive Report

Stan first talked about our incoming grant money, Trillium, and the money coming from Quest for Gold. Stan outlined how the money will be used in the Trillium grant. It will help fund staffing, festival costs and cover the costs of updating our “Fun with Fundamentals” video set. Next he went over the budget and Kathy brought up the option of storing some of our money in GSIs to generate more money.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Cuthbert)

“To approve budget as presented.”

CARRIED

Stan then told the board that Ontario Lacrosse is no longer with Lloyd's Insurance. They were going to up their fees and not cover our participants. We now are with AIG Insurance. The cost of insurance will be up \$1.48/player. The total coverage is for 2 Million participant and 2 Million other (ie. Parents, Spectators, Volunteers.) Stan made a recommendation to up insurance fee by \$1/player in 2006 and \$1/payer in 2007.

MOTION (Herd, Rudge)

"To increase insurance fees because of rise in cost, raise fee by \$1 / player in 2006 and again \$1 / player in 2007."

CARRIED

One issue with the insurance was mouth guards. There is the potential for the cost to go up again if wearing mouth guards doesn't become mandatory Junior through to Major. Also Stan told John H and Doug they need to attend the Major meeting next week to observe. Also told the board the reason for moving to London for the SAGM is to show our support for the Worlds. The next idea that was brought up was the combining of the OLA Hall of Fame dinner with the AGM Saturday Night dinner. In order for that to work, a few things would need to occur: 1. lower # of inductees, 2. transfer to a different venue, 3. make it into a "black tie" event to make it more special. Next on the agenda was outstanding accounts.

MOTION (Luey, Rudge)

"To accept April 1st as a deadline for Barrie Juniors, Kitchener Juniors, Halton Hills Juniors and Majors to pay outstanding fees owed by April 1st. To accept a February 15th deadline for Smith Falls minor outstanding fees owed."

CARRIED

MOTION (Herd, Ladouceur)

"For Wendy Cuthbert to be chair of Quest of Gold committee"

CARRIED

Marketing Director

Ron handed out the brochure for the Festival and highlighted any chances from last year. He emphasized the fact that we need to round up volunteers to help out with the Festival this year. Also he went over the aspects of the Trillium grant that relate directly to the Festival. The SAGM was his next topic, with regards to speakers and topics. More of both are needed. Ann brought up an idea for a module on Men's University Field. Also Ron made a note that registration will not be a module this year.

V.P. Promotion Report & Action Plans

While Kathy was talking about the Golf Tournament Doug proposed to take on the tournament in conjunction with his development camp. Ron, Chris, Kathy and Doug will work on a proposal for the February 15th BoD meeting. One of Kathy's priorities was working on getting a more in detailed zone mapping done. Kathy then told the board about a program the OPP is doing. They are gathering old

lacrosse equipment and taking it up north for natives to use. She expressed her interest for OLA to get involved.

V.P. Field Report

Ann mentioned that for the Orangeville Turkey shoot, they've requested to add a Tyke Division. They don't want it for this year but for 2007. Ann brought up some of the questions that have been around with registration, mainly the complications with players and what centre they can play with. She then announced that NOTL will be in field during the 2006 season. Ann finished with what happened at the CLA meeting regarding Nationals and what she got from it.

V.P. Minor Report

Marion started by giving an overview of a motion that was passed at the minor meeting. A wording change was made to the motion. (Change made is in bold)

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

*"Any team scheduled to play in an invitational tournament and fails to show after the posting of the final schedule, will forfeit their application fee, be assessed a fine of \$250.00, and **maybe deemed**(will be) ineligible to participate in that years' Provincial Championship Tournament."*

CARRIED

Next were 3 requests that Girls Box had.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Rudge)

"To keep the following: 1. The girl's box committee requests approval for the suspension of OLA registration boundary rules until the year 2008. 2. The girl's box committee requests approval of two invitational tournaments: Peterborough Laker Classic, Saturday June 3rd, 2006 and Clarington Tournament, Sunday June 18th, 2006. 3. The girl's box committee requests approval for an OLA sanctioned Provincial Tournament, to be held on Thursday August 10, 2006 at the Lacrosse Festival in Whitby. (Age groups are pending after registration.)"

Marion then brought up the idea of creating a "developmental league" in Zone 8 or 9. It would be a program to help bring house league associations into the rep system. Also she will be meeting with Stu Finlayson about a new idea for Provincial Schedule format. She then made a recommendation to the OLA office not to fax out provincial cards. Too many people were complaining about little things.

V.P. Officiating Report

John was looking for some information about the Sam Rooke situation. Also he warned Stan about a referee who had been dropped from the board of referees who is going to try and appeal the decision.

V.P. Major Report

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To approve Senior B application to host 2007 Championship in Owen Sound."

CARRIED

MOTION (Luey, Rudge)

"To approve Senior B re-branding their name. New name would be Ontario Lacrosse League. "

DENIED

The board of directors was okay with the fact the Senior B wants to re-brand but felt that the name they wanted would create confusion with Ontario Lacrosse Association.

V.P. Development Report

Most of the material Wendy wanted to go over was already covered. She noted that girl's box was looking to bring something to the Festival. She also talked about some issues that lie between girl's box and OWL. Wendy is going to be commissioner of the girl's box league.

New Business

John brought up the approved ball list for 2006. Canam is not approved for this year. Also he noted that there has been a request for bids for 2007 Canada World Indoor Lacrosse Team management. He then brought up the current situation with the Junior A draft.

MOTION (Doherty, French)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED