



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – January 30, 2011

Attendance

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

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President's Report

1. Previous Minutes

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To approve the minutes dated December 8, 2010 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented"

CARRIED

2. Online Registration

John asked Ron to update the Board on the status with the Online Registration project. The office received another proposal from the registration group. They would like to run the same program again this year within Mimico but with the updates we asked for. They would also like to charge \$3 per player upfront in the registration cost. This is to offset some of the costs they have incurred while running this project. Ron also mentioned that for this project to continue beyond 2011 some issues need to be resolved with regards to ownership, money to move in real time, term of an agreement, and future administration of the system. The Board of Directors will look to make a decision on the future of this project by October 15, 2011.

MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)

“To continue the trial with Mimco online registration for one year only, with the improvements that have been discussed for this season and for them to charge \$3 per player up front”

CARRIED

3. Out of Province Associations & Teams

The Board discussed issues with minor box lacrosse teams from Quebec this past season. Teams would book spots in OLA invitational tournaments and then not show up. This happened on numerous occasions. When teams did show up there were issues with their behaviour.

MOTION (Phillips, MacPherson)

“From now until the end 2015 season, the Ontario Lacrosse Association will not accept applications for membership from out of province box teams or association from minor to junior levels. This policy will be revisited prior to the 2016 season”

CARRIED

MOTION (Ladouceur, Phillips)

“To disallow any Quebec teams to play in any OLA sanctioned minor box lacrosse game for 2011 season. This does not include current OLA members or National Championships hosted in Ontario”

CARRIED

4. CLA

The Board discussed things that we would like the CLA to do. Some of those items were getting lacrosse into the Canada Summer games, helping with international visibility, to help grow the game at the grass roots level, to grow lacrosse in Ottawa targeting where politicians children would play, to help develop the smaller MAs and expanding media coverage. The Board also suggested putting together notes on some reasons why Ontario was able to grow lacrosse. This could be used as a tool for other MAs who need help growing. Another idea was to create a formal workshop so all MAs could share ideas and learn from each other in ways to grow the sport.

5. Festival Model

The Board discussed any possible scheduling conflicts for the Ontario Lacrosse Festival from the model presented. The only change will be moving the Midget National championship games from the night to the morning on the final Saturday.

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)

“To accept the Ontario Lacrosse Festival model as presented with the schedule modifications that Ron outlined”

CARRIED

The Board will make an effort to approve the 2012 Festival model prior to next year's Planning Meeting. Tyler will send out all of the provincial championship dates to the Zone Directors.

6. Committees

John told the Board that he will tweak the discipline and appeal committees to fit each specific hearing. It has worked over the past few years and he will continue with this practice.

VP Major-Junior Report

1. Montreal Junior C

Doug Luey told the Board that the Junior C council has approved the Montreal Junior C franchise.

MOTION (Luey)

"To approve Montreal as a Junior C franchise"

This motion was not accepted by the meeting chair based on a previous motion.

2. Gloucester Junior C

Doug Luey told the Board that the Junior C council has approved the Gloucester Junior C franchise.

MOTION (Luey, Orth)

"To approve Gloucester as a Junior C franchise"

CARRIED

3. Club Compensation

Doug asked the John to amend a rule at the CLA for clubs receiving compensation for losing players. It was suggested that this could possibly be fixed at the OLA level to help protect our clubs. This topic will be discussed at the next commissioners meeting.

4. Referees

Kevin MacPherson was asked if there will be enough referees to handle the extra games in Junior to Major this year, specifically Junior C. Kevin mentioned it might be an issue but is optimistic that they will be able to handle it. Doug told the Board that Junior C is putting more focus on the original idea of scheduling their games on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Kevin has also received notice that a few Quebec referees would like to ref in Junior C. They would be allowed to referee if they have permission from their MA and attend the OLA level 3-5 clinic.

VP Minor Report

1. Russell Minor Lacrosse

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that Russell has been approved as a house league only association by Zone 5.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Phillips)

"To accept Russell as a minor box lacrosse association with a review at the end of the 2011 season"

CARRIED

2. House League Tournament

Marion told the Board that Zone 6 has submitted a proposal to host a house league box lacrosse tournament. It would be for paperweight, tyke, novice and pee wee divisions. There would be 8 teams per division and have no championships or champions

MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)

"To approve the Zone 6 house league tournament as presented"

TABLED

The Board will discuss this further at the next meeting in February.

VP Development Report

1. Player Movement

Wendy Cuthbert asked the Board about player movement between girl's box lacrosse and minor box lacrosse. This is because of an issue that happened during the last season. Last year a person would have to choose one or the other.

The Board clarified that girls can move freely between minor box lacrosse and girl's lacrosse until rosters must be finalized, June 15. The different club numbers for minor and girl's lacrosse will stay. If a girl decides to switch before the deadline it will be the club registrar's responsibility to make the change on their database before submitting it. This topic will also be addressed at the SAGM registration module.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Cuthbert)

"Player movement will be allow between minor box and girl's box lacrosse up until the final roster declaration"

CARRIED

2. Minor Association Checklist

Wendy asked who would be responsible for storing materials related to non-profit minor associations. Stan said it would be Sharon.

3. Women's Masters

Wendy told the Board that the women's masters league would like to modify their rules. They want to allow stick checking in their leagues. Wendy will tell them to bring forward their rules to the Board of Directors and they will be looked at then.

4. Quest for Gold

Wendy told the Board that there are 18 athletes in the Quest for Gold program this year. She also mentioned that one appeal has been made.

5. Senior Women's Lacrosse

Wendy was asked how close the Senior Women's lacrosse league was from coming off of pilot. She told the Board they are working on a policy paper now and are having a league meeting at the SAGM.

VP Field Report

1. Beaches/Stars House League

Terry Lloyd told the Board that Beaches and Stars women's field would like to run an interlocking house league for one more year. Last year was positive and successful. They've generated more interest but still feel they wouldn't be able to run their own separate programs.

MOTION (Lloyd, Phillips)

"To approve interlocking house league between Beaches and Stars women's field for one more year and to be reviewed at the end of the season"

CARRIED

VP Promotion Report

1. AGM Model

Lynn Orth told the Board that she is working on a revised AGM model that would include the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Dinner.

MOTION (Orth, MacPherson)

"For the OLA to explore the opportunity of hosting the OLHOF dinner with the AGM Awards banquet as a joint function"

CARRIED

Stan Cockerton, Chuck Miller, Linda Blogg and Lynn will meet to discuss this topic.

2. SAGM

Lynn mentioned that she is currently looking for more speakers for the SAGM. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for topics they are to forward them to her immediately.

3. Golf Tournament

The Board discussed the idea of joining forces with the OLHOF on running a golf tournament with the profit going to the OLHOF.

MOTION (Orth, Luey)

"For the OLA to explore the opportunity of hosting a golf tournament with the OLHOF with all profit going to the OLHOF"

CARRIED

VP Coaching Report

1. Round Table Discussion

Rick Phillips told the Board how he was approached about creating a round table discussion about the state of the game. He wondered if it was possible to schedule and set aside some money for a meeting like this. John said he needs to see an outline of topics before going any further with this.

2. Workbooks

Rick wanted to clarify with the Board that coaches need to submit their workbooks into the office by March 31st. They are ineligible to coach until they do so. They do not need to be recertified, they only need to submit their workbooks.

3. Clinics

Rick told the Board that the Coaching Clinic dates should be set by next week.

VP Officiating Report

1. Patch

Kevin MacPherson asked the Board if referees could wear a patch on their jerseys in 2011 to honour the memory of Gary Martin. He mentioned that this has been done in the past.

MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)

"For OLA referees to be allowed to wear a patch on their jerseys to honour Gary Martin for the 2011 season"

CARRIED

2. Head of Supervision

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)

"To approve Frank Lawrence as the head of supervision for the next two seasons"

CARRIED

3. Referee Jerseys

Kevin told the Board that motion on referee jerseys passed at the last meeting was not the original motion he wished to pass. The Board discussed the strategy of going forward with the new OLA referee jersey. The goal is for all OLA officials to be using the new jersey by the 2012 season. For 2011 all Board officials and new minor officials must wear the new jersey. Also that the CLA logo should be added to the left sleeve of the jersey.

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)

"For 2011 OLA Board referees and new officials to purchase and wear the new OLA officials jersey with the addition the CLA logo to the left sleeve. For 2012 the new jersey would be mandatory"

CARRIED

4. Commissioners Meeting

Kevin asked Doug when the next Commissioners meeting will be. He would like to go over the rule changes for this year. One of those is the 3 fight rule in Junior C.

5. Women's Masters Referee Clinic

Wendy asked Kevin if it was possible to setup a women's masters referee clinic. Kevin mentioned that all the details need to be worked out with Trevor Small.

New Business

1. Coaching in Two Associations

The Board was asked to clarify if a coach is allowed to coach in two separate associations. It was clarified that a person can coach in two separate associations but the teams must be in two separate age categories.

2. Club Executives

The Board also clarified that a person can be an executive in two separate clubs.

3. MR2.08(c)

The Board clarified this rule. All first year tyke players are not obligated to return if there was no association when they were of paperweight age.

MOTION (MacDonald, Lloyd)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED