



## Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – January 31, 2010

### **Attendance**

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

### **Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
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### **Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION (Phillips, Ladouceur)**

*“To approve the minutes dated December 10, 2009 of the Board of Directors Meeting as presented”*

**CARRIED**

### **President remarks**

#### **1. Planning Meeting**

John Doherty thanked the Board for participating in the planning session yesterday. He felt it was a very productive day.

#### **2. Documents for Meetings**

John told the Board that for future meetings any documents that need to be voted on should be submitted to Board members prior to the meeting. This allows everyone adequate time to review it them before voting.

### **3. Motions from Planning Meeting**

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)**

*"To keep Offense/Defense the way it currently is in Midget and to send a letter to the CLA with a proposed a rule change for SAGM"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Lloyd, Phillips)**

*"To approach University Men's Field league with a proposal from the U19 Men's Field league to solve the conflict of referee availability"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Orth, Phillips)**

*"To remove approval for a Tyke age division at Laurie Montgomery Tournament"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Luey)**

*"To send Sault Ste. Marie a letter explaining that we are reviewing their OLA Membership and that they will be required to submit their financial information, voting structure, constitution and non-profit status to the OLA office by February 15, 2010"*

**CARRIED**

Marion Ladouceur will send the letter to Sault Ste. Marie.

#### **MOTION (Lloyd, Orth)**

*"To remove approval for any Women's Field Play-day events"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Lloyd, Orth)**

*"To request a report from Women's Field Commissioner, Gord Robertson on the status of the Girls U11 Field Lacrosse League"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, MacDonald)**

*"To remove approval for the Milton and Halton Hills interlocking house league"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, MacDonald)**

*"To remove approval for the Hamilton and Simcoe interlocking house league"*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION (Ladouceur, Phillips)**

*"To remove approval for the Zone 9 Take Home Test Referee program"*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION (Orth, Phillips)**

*"To remove approval for the Kitchener-Waterloo Winter League"*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION (Ladouceur, Cuthbert)**

*"To remove approval for the Clarington and Whitby interlocking house league"*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION (Lloyd, Phillips)**

*"To send a letter to Ottawa Nemesis requesting they fill out a New Member application and send it to the OLA office by February 15, 2010"*

**CARRIED**

Terry Lloyd will send the letter to Ottawa Nemesis.

**MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the 2010 Ontario Lacrosse Festival Model as presented"*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION (Phillips, Cuthbert)**

*"To approve the Coaching Requirements in Ontario as follows:*

**FIRST YEAR COACHES – 2010 and later**

Must take and successfully complete Community Development to coach at Provincials

- ✓ Course Prior to June 1st
- ✓ Prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of next year Workbook-Once successfully completed coach is now CERTIFIED.

**SECOND YEAR COACHES – 2011 and later**

**Pre-Requisite – Certified Community Development**

Must take Competitive Introduction to coach at Provincials

- ✓ Course June 1st (In-Training)

**SECOND YEAR COACHES AND BEYOND AND TO BE HEAD COACH AT NATIONALS**

**Pre-Requisite - Certified Community Development & In-Training Status of Competitive Introduction**

- ✓ Must take Competitive Introduction to coach at Nationals
- ✓ Prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of next year Workbook, Ethics Test, Practice Evaluation – Once successfully completed coach is now CERTIFIED.

**TIMELINE – GRANDFATHERING OF COACHING CERTIFICATION**

**IF YOU ARE CERTIFIED IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR FULL LEVEL 1 IN 2009 OR PRIOR**

- ✓ Must successfully complete Competitive Introduction by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

**IF YOU ARE A FULL LEVEL 2**

You are fully certified"

**CARRIED**

## **VP Officiating Report**

### **1. Fundraising Partnership Poster Campaign**

Kevin MacPherson went through the proposal with the Board of Directors.

#### **MOTION (MacPherson, Orth)**

*"To approve Fundraising Partnership Poster campaign pending the approval of the artwork"*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Dunk Tank**

Kevin explain what the OLRA would like to do at the Festival this year by using a dunk tank as a recruiting tool.

#### **MOTION (MacPherson, Orth)**

*"To approve the dunk tank proposal with the changes that all proceeds go to the OLA Festival and that there is a \$500 penalty if they withdraw"*

**TABLED**

Kevin will get a report from the OLRA on how this program went last year for SAGM before it gets approved for 2010 Festival.

### **3. Referee Scholarship/OLA Grants**

Kevin went through the Grant Proposal for an OLRA/OLA Scholarship. The idea is to create an award for referee that is financial aid. The Board would support the idea but this needs to be brought forth as an amendment at the AGM to create the award. Kevin asked Stan Cockerton to send him a brief description on how the OLA's grant money works so he could forward it to the OLRA.

### **4. Registration Fees for Referee Clinics**

The suggestion from the Board was that clinic fees for should be raised \$5 for Level 1-3 and entry level referees to cover the deficit in their budget.

#### **MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)**

*"To increase box referee clinic fees to the following: entry level \$145, returning level 1 & 2 \$105, returning level 3 \$105, level 3-5 \$175"*

**CARRIED**

All of these fees will be reviewed at the end of 2010 season.

### **5. Supervision Program**

Kevin and Stan will work together to have a documented referee supervision program.

## **VP Coaching Report**

### **1. Coaching Workbooks**

Rick Phillips told the Board that Chris has been receiving constant calls about people losing workbooks from clinics. Rick asked if we could start charging people for these

replacements. The Board decided that there will be a \$25 fee for replacing workbooks. Also Rick asked if the office can keep track of any workbooks that come through the office so that we have a record of it. Chris will do this.

## **2. Instructors Meeting**

Rick told the Board that the coaching instructors will be meeting soon, prior to the start of the season.

## **3. Women's Field Coaching Program**

Lynn Orth said that she will create a report on the Women's Field Coaching program for Board of Directors.

## **VP Promotion Report**

### **1. Golf Tournament**

Lynn told the Board that the golf tournament is tentatively booked at the same facility for 2010. Lynn and Chris will confirm the date. Last year the tournament made a marginal profit. Lynn asked the Board what direction we would like to take with the tournament, whether it is to make a profit or to be more of a promotional/networking event with sponsors. The idea of including a foursome to the tournament is included in the Festival sponsorship package was discussed. Also including hall of famers was discussed. Some more thought of what we want from the golf tournament is needed.

### **2. SAGM**

Lynn mentioned that her priority right now is working on the SAGM. She met with a few people on Friday to create a rough draft agenda. In the next week or so she will be working to finalize it as well as secure the speakers. Lynn will be the go to person about the SAGM if the Board gets asked questions about it.

### **3. Projects**

Lynn told the Board about a few extra projects that she would like to take on. One of them involved Zone mapping. The Board discussed the value of having zone maps such as identifying possible growth areas. Lynn also discussed the idea of creating House League kits and Paperweight kits to help clubs with those two programs.

## **VP Development Report**

### **1. Quest for Gold**

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that Quest for Gold program is complete for this year. She is unsure if the program will run again next year.

### **2. Provincial 'A' Stats/Stats Program**

Wendy asked why there hasn't been Provincial 'A' stats for pee wee and bantam. They haven't been done because of time; cost and that we can't guarantee the accuracy. Wendy said they are needed to help build depth charts for Quest for Gold. The Board wants to keep stats for at least Midget at Qualifiers and that there needs to be a more accurate process for referees to determine goals and assists. Ron and Doug recalled a clinic for calling goals that they will try and find.

### **3. Women's Box Policy Paper**

Wendy tabled this for next meeting.

### **4. Midget Girls National Invitational**

Wendy told the Board that there is some desire from the CLA to have a Midget Girls National Invitational tournament. So far there are four MAs interested in participating. The Board decided that it is an idea worth exploring.

### **5. Provincial Release Policy**

Wendy told the Board about Quebec recruiting players from Ontario for nationals. The Board said that Ontario will not release players for this purpose. The CLA policy on player movement for minor national needs to be redefined. Wendy will send a notice to Pierre in Quebec that Ontario will say no to all releases.

### **6. Women's Clinics**

Wendy asked if there was anything different being taught at coaching clinics for women. Rick said that there is nothing different. The Board felt that there should be more focus on a few key areas and Wendy will send some information to Rick.

### **7. Team Ontario**

Wendy told the Board that the Team Ontario program is now seven teams and is become too much for one person to handle. Wendy would like to recruit a management team to operate it.

### **8. LTAD**

Wendy asked if we are doing anything for the LTAD at the SAGM. There will be a module for LTAD at the SAGM this year.

### **VP Field Report**

#### **1. Beaches/Stars Field House League**

Terry Lloyd told the Board about the interlocking house league program from last year. They wish to continue it for 2010.

#### **MOTION (Lloyd, Orth)**

*"To approve the Beaches/Stars interlocking house league as a pilot for 2010 with review at the end of the year"*

**CARRIED**

#### **2. U16 Team**

#### **MOTION (Lloyd, MacDonald)**

*"To approve the U16 team to travel to the USA with the condition that person becomes a member in good standing by February 12, 2010"*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Elite Programs**

Stan suggested that the OLA puts together an action plan that deals with all of the Elite player programs within Ontario.

#### **VP Minor Report**

##### **1. Centre-Wellington**

###### **MOTION (Lloyd, MacDonald)**

“To accept Centre-Wellington box as a minor association with a review at the end of the 2010 season”

**CARRIED**

##### **2. Suspension Guidelines**

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that the Minor Council is working on creating uniform suspension guidelines for all zones.

##### **3. Referees at Invitational Tournaments**

Marion told the Board that last year’s restriction on the amount of games referees can officiate at invitational tournaments was too strict. This year referees will be allowed to officiate up to 6 games a day but no more than 2 in a row.

#### **VP Major-Junior Report**

##### **1. Junior C Affiliation**

###### **MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

“To allow Junior C organizations to affiliate with a second team”

**CARRIED**

##### **2. Commissioner Meeting**

Doug is hoping to have a meeting with the Commissioners during the SAGM. One of the topics will be league stats. There is an issue with quality control regarding the stats. Doug, Wendy, Ron and Tyler will put something together with regards to the OLA Stats program.

#### **VP Financial Report**

##### **1. HST**

Marion told George that Whitby minor lacrosse has inquired whether if they can claw back some of the HST. George thinks they may be able to as a non-profit organization. George is going to look into this further and should have something for all clubs on HST for the SAGM.

###### **MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)**

“To adjourn meeting”

**CARRIED**