



## Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – July 9th, 2008

### **Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

### **Regrets**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

### **Previous Minutes**

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

*“To approve the minutes dated May 14th, 2008 of the Board of Directors Meeting as amended”*

**CARRIED**

### **President Report**

#### **1. CLA Hall of Fame**

John Doherty told the Board that the CLA has announced the 2008 CLA Hall of Fame inductees. He mentioned that there were quite a few inductees from Ontario.

#### **2. Referees for Nationals**

John showed the Board the short list of referees that the RDC approved for the 2008 Founders Cup, Presidents Cup, Minto Cup and Mann Cup. The referees chosen to go to the nationals will come from this list.

**MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the list of referees for the 2008 Nationals as presented"*

**CARRIED**

**3. Offence/Defense Policy**

John through all of the comments he received about Offence/Defense with the Board. He mentioned that there isn't any major problem with our policy right now. He did suggest that we eliminate the first offense in a game, the verbal warning. The first offense in a game should be the 2 minute bench minor penalty.

**MOTION (Ladouceur, MacPherson)**

*"To change the OLA Offence/Defense Policy by changing the 1st offense in a game to a 2 minute bench minor penalty, changing the 2nd offense to a gross misconduct to the head coach"*

**CARRIED**

Tyler will make the appropriate changes and send out a notice of it.

**VP Development Report**

**1. Team Ontario**

Wendy Cuthbert went through the budgets of the three teams with the Board. She mentioned that do to the increase in cost of flights the Midget team will operate with a loss. The Pee Wee and Bantam teams should take care of themselves.

**2. Coaching Certification for Nationals**

Wendy told the Board about the recent situation with Joel Johnson contacting the CLA about coaching certification for National events. She showed the Board documentation of the requirements that she received and the Board discussed it.

**3. Edge**

Wendy told the Board she and Stan had met with Edge a little while ago and everything went well. She will have some documentation from the meeting for the next Board of Directors meeting.

**4. Girls Box Nationals**

Wendy told the Board that we have been approved to host the Girls Bantam Nationals for 2009. It is planned to take place at the 2009 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. The Board also discussed some of the issues with budgeting for this event next summer.

**VP Junior-Major Report**

**1. Cornwall vs Montreal**

Doug Luey told the Board about a series that Cornwall Junior 'B' would like to have with a Junior team from Montreal.

**MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the series, with proof of insurance, between Cornwall Junior 'B' and Montreal"*

**CARRIED**

## **2. Founders Cup**

Doug expressed some concern about the Founders Cup. He mentioned that some teams are now dropping out of this year's tournament in Guelph.

### **VP Officiating Report**

#### **1. Referee & Illegal Equipment Enforcement**

Kevin MacPherson showed the Board a new policy for Referees & Illegal Equipment Enforcement that he and Ron had been working on. He and Ron went through it and explained everything with the Board. Kevin said that the RDC looked at it as well and thought that it is the right way to go with this.

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

*"To approve the Referee & Illegal Equipment Enforcement policy once it is published"*

**CARRIED**

### **VP Promotion Report**

#### **1. Golf Tournament**

Kathy French told the Board that Chuck Miller had made a three year deal with the Ontario Hall of Fame for the Golf Tournament. This year's date is still unknown.

### **VP Minor Report**

#### **1. Registration**

Marion Ladouceur told the Board about the June 1st deadline for registration. Because of the deadline, players and coaches needed to be fully registered in order to participate at the tournaments and have their white copies with all three signatures. It was discovered that some tournaments let people participate without the white copies. Minor Council has decided to fine them. Marion told the Board that 19 players and 7 coaches had appealed registrations. She said that all of the players were approved eventually and the only coaches not approved were ones who signed up for coaching programs after June 1st.

#### **2. Invitational Tournaments**

Marion told the Board that there some tournaments in the East that had scheduled some referees for 8 straight games or 8 games in the same day. Marion mentioned that there will be some changes made next year to monitor this and make sure that there is sufficient number of referees at a tournament for the amount of games.

#### **3. Ratings**

Marion told the Board that a total of 415 teams were rated for provincials and the rating process is complete for this year. Next step is the scheduling.

#### **4. House League Committee**

Marion said that at the last Minor Council meeting a House League Development committee was setup. They will most likely have their first meeting at the Festival.

## **5. Participation Rules & Guidelines**

Ron went through the Participation Rules & Guidelines and made the appropriate changes for 2008.

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

*"To approve the 2008 Participant Rules & Guidelines as presented"*

**CARRIED**

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

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**