



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Governors Meeting – June 17, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Owen Missen	Junior Field
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field
Marlene MacDonald	Women's Box
Mark Gardonio	OLRA
Charlie Simpson	Zone 6 Director
Leslie Kavanaugh	Zone 7 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field / Minor Field
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Jim Brady	Major
Trevor Small	Masters
John Grant	Zone 4 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. Recent Events

John Doherty thanked the Board for coming in on Father's Day. He then went on to mention that there have been some recent incidents in lacrosse that have been reported in newspapers. These events help give lacrosse a bad image and take away from the efforts people have made in improving that image. John insisted that things like this need to stop.

MOTION (Miller, McKeachnie)

"To approve the minutes dated, March 4, 2007 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Senior B Report

1. League Update

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that everything has been great in Senior B so far this year. Sharon just has one discipline hearing to take care of.

Junior A Report

1. Paid Players

Dean expressed his concerns with players from all leagues being perceived as "paid" players. He is concerned that because of this that it may potentially ruin a person's chances to receive a NCAA scholarship. Dean suggested that a few changes should be made to prevent future problems with the rule. Some of those rules would be in the Junior A league as well as the National Lacrosse League draft eligibility rules.

2. Discipline changes

Dean asked the Board about what he was allowed to do as the commissioner when it came to changing the rules with regards to suspensions. He was advised that whatever he composed would have to be voted on by all teams before it would be allowed. Dean also asked what could be done to prevent teams from switching to wooden sticks at the end of a game to intimidate or injure players.

3. Coaches talking to Referees

Dean mentioned to the Board that he has been noticing some incidents that have occurred from coaches talking referees during intermissions. He feels that it makes the leagues look unprofessional and that it is unnecessary. Dean asked if something could be done to prevent these situations from occurring anymore. John told the Board that he would send a notice out dealing with the situation.

Junior B Report

1. Game Incident

Dave Vernon told the Board that there was a game recently that there may be some discipline hearings as a result of it.

2. Founder's Cup

Dave told the Board that Junior B will be sending one team to the Founder's Cup this year as well as one referee. Doug Luey will be going as well to be the Co-Chair for the event. His costs will be taken care of by the hosts.

3. All-Star Game

Dave told the Board that the Junior B All-Star game happened last night in Guelph. He mentioned that it was a great game and that the West ended up with the win.

Junior Field Report

1. Toronto Beaches

Owen Missen told the Board that Junior Field had accepted Toronto Beaches as a new team.

MOTION (Missen, Thomas)

"To accept the Toronto Beaches club into the U19 Field Lacrosse League"

CARRIED

2. Brodgen Cup

Owen told the Board that Ontario had won the first 2 games of the Brodgen Cup and that they will be the winners this year.

Women's Field Report

1. Rule changes for next season

Lynn Thomas told the Board that Women's field will be looking at a few rule changes in their by-laws for next season. Through some residency issues they noticed some issues regarding age groups overlapping.

OLRA Report

1. Unpaid Referee fee

Mark Gardonio told the Board that there was an outstanding game fee for a referee from a June 3rd game in St. Regis.

2. Mentoring Program

Dave Vernon mentioned to the Board that the Mentoring Program that has been put into place has worked very well. Dave has heard a lot of positive feedback about the quality of the younger referees going through the system.

3. Bowden Pads for Qualifiers

Mark was asked if the Bowden pads would be acceptable at the Qualifiers this year. Mark said yes as long as they conform to the body.

Zone 6 Report

1. Update

Charlie Simpson told the Board that everything is well in Zone 6. He expects the registration to be up from last year in the Zone and that there are just a couple hearings to happen. Everything else is okay in the Zone.

Zone 7 Report

1. Referee Issue

Leslie Kavanagh asked the Board for some direction on an issue she had in her Zone. She was told that she should deal with it within her Zone and then bring it to the Board if necessary.

Zone 9 Report

1. NCCP

Mary Sticca told the Board that there were still some people from her Zone that are missing their NCCP information. These people were at a clinic April 30th & May 1st, 2005.

2. Constitution Error

Mary told the Board that she has noticed that the constitution printed in the *2007 OLA Directory* is incorrect. The changes from the previous AGM haven't been updated in that version. Everyone was advised to use the version that has been posted on the website.

3. Women's Coaching Clinic

Mary told the Board that she had a few Women that took a coaching clinic and were unable to attend the Women's Coaching Clinic. She asked if they could still receive the same subsidy that others had received. John told her to send the names to Wendy Cuthbert and that it will get taken care of.

4. Player Movement

Mary told the Board about a player that was trying to get a release from Milton to Hamilton. He has all the releases up until Burlington. He has been held up there and Mary was concerned that there maybe some tampering involved. John told her that the Board can do nothing because there has been no written complaint submitted to the Board.

Women's Box Report

1. Update

Marlene MacDonald told the Board that there are now 11 different associations with Women's Box Lacrosse. She also mentioned that there is now close to 1,000 girls playing box lacrosse.

New Business

1. Junior A All-Star Game

Dean wanted to mention to the Board that the Junior A All-Star game is going to happen at the Festival this year. It will be on Thursday, August 9th.

2. Team Ontario

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that there were concerns express at the Minor Council Meeting about the Team Ontario registration this year. The main problem was that not everyone knew that forms could be submitted after the deadline. If you did submit your form after the deadline you weren't guaranteed a spot in one of the camps.

3. Registration Forms at Invitationals

Marion told the Board that all teams participating in Invitational Tournaments must show up with club signed registration forms. It is also the responsibility of the host association to check for this and they can be subject to fines if they fail to do so.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Sticca)

"To have all minor clubs pay 50% of their insurance fees by April 1st of each year based on their registration of the previous year. The remaining balance of insurance fees must be paid by August 1st"

WITHDRAWN

4. Rogers Game of the Week

Chuck Miller told the Board that the Rogers Game of the Week has been discontinued for this year. We were unable to get playing times for the games that were agreeable. Chuck told the Board that he will try to have it back next year.

5. Festival

Tyler Dalton told the Board that the Festival poster should soon be finished and that they should be mailed out by the end of next week. Also there will be a Festival Fan Guide circulated soon. He is just waiting for the national schedules to be finalized and then the document will be released. It contains information about the event and surrounding area. Tyler also announced that the next Festival Meeting will be Thursday, July 12 at the Sport Alliance Building.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED