



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Governors Meeting – June 18, 2006

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
John Herd	V.P. Officiating
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior Field / Junior 'B'
Trevor Small	Masters
Stu Finlayson	Zone 4 Director
Roy Ledoux	Zone 5 Director
Mike Lee	Zone 6 Director
Leslie Kavanaugh	Zone 7 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Jim Brady	Major
Mac Mason	Senior 'B'
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field
Marlene MacDonald	Zone 8 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director / Senior Field
Mark Gardonino	OLRA
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. CLA Interprovincial Transfer Policy

John Doherty announced to the Board of Governors that a new and improved CLA Interprovincial Transfer Policy has been approved by letter ballot. It will go to the CLA AGM for final approval in November.

2. CLA SAGM

John just recapped on the meetings in Kelowna. Everything went well.

MOTION (Small, Ladouceur)

“To approve the minutes dated, March 12, 2006 of the Board of Governors meeting as amended”

Executive Director Report

1. Grants

Stan Cockerton told the Board that the grants have been submitted. Once an amount has been set, we will be locked in at that amount for three years.

2. Quest for Gold

Stan told the Board that we won't be hearing anything from Quest for Gold until August.

3. Box Lacrosse DVDs

Stan announced to the Board that Jim Calder will be managing the remaking of instructional Box Lacrosse DVDs. The CLA will partner up with us on this project and will split the cost with the OLA 50/50. Also there is the potential of other provinces partnering with OLA on this project.

Junior A Report

1. All-Star Game

Dean McLeod told the Board that the Junior A All-star game was taking place this weekend in Kitchener. The Midget Prospects game would also take place this weekend at 1pm on Saturday and the All-Star game at 3pm. Dean expressed the need for each Zone to submit player names earlier. He explained in order for this game to work there needs to be a sufficient number of players. Stan brought up a point that there are a large number of events that run around the same time period. He suggested that possibly some of these events could be packaged together in the future and is something that should be worked on.

2. Minto Cup

Dean gave an update to the Board on the Minto Cup. It is being held in Six Nations and he doesn't for see any problems with the blockade. The event will be sold out before it starts. They will be working on a contingency plan shortly in case any problems arise. Dean said that they could possibly move the Minto Cup to Brampton if need be. There will be a meeting to work on this. He also mentioned that Rogers has picked up the final game and will be airing it.

Junior B Report

1. Season Update

Dave Vernon told the Board that the All-Star was last night and everything went very well. The West came back in the third and won the game. The regular season only has two weeks left and playoffs will be starting shortly.

2. Founders

Dave announced that the Founders tournament will have 12 teams in it this year. There will be a meeting during the Founders to help converter it into a Provincial Championship instead of a tournament by 2009.

3. Player Movement

Dave was pleased to announce that player movement is nearly complete. He suggested the possibility of creating and information package for GMs that might help to make the entire process easier.

Junior Field Report

1. League Update

Dave Vernon announced that there will be a Junior Field Meeting July 16. He mentioned there will be an appeal hearing with regards to the denial of letting a team into Junior Field.

Minor Field Report

1. Player Registered with 2 Centres

Ann Rudge brought a situation to the Board's attention. There is a player who has been registered to two separate centres at the same time. When Minor Field found this out they suspended the player from Minor Field and fined him \$200. They put a stop payment on the cheque and the amount is still outstanding.

MOTION (Rudge, Cuthbert)

"To suspend Brent Shaw from all sectors of Lacrosse until payment is received"

CARRIED

Masters Report

1. Provincials

Trevor Small told the Board that the Masters Provincials will be held August 25th. Both the Junior and Senior finals will be broadcast on local cable as well.

Zone 4 Report

1. Expansion

Stu Finlayson expressed some concerns he was having with the growth of his Zone. The distance between various associations is quite far and makes it difficult for setting up meetings.

2. Imbalance of playing level

Stu also mentioned to the Board that the Zone is trying to address their imbalance of skill between centres. They will be trying out some new policies in the future and will continue to think of ways to develop and improve Zone 4 centres.

Zone 5 Report

1. Releases

Roy Ledoux expressed some concerns he had over the number of release requests there were receiving in Zone 5.

Zone 6 Report

1. Players

Mike Lee told the Board that there were six centres competing in the new Girls Box Lacrosse League and four of them were from Zone 6. Also he mentioned that Zone 6 player numbers start to decrease at the Bantam age level. He wants to improve those numbers so that there can be more teams in Bantam, Midget and Intermediate.

2. Whitby Goalie Clinic

Whitby Minor Lacrosse had put on an in-house goalie clinic recently. Mike mentioned that it went really well and the kids enjoyed it. It wasn't available to any goalies outside of Whitby but they did make an instructional DVD from the clinic that can be purchased.

Zone 7 Report

1. Girls Lacrosse

Leslie Kavanaugh announced to the Board that Girls Box Lacrosse will start up next summer in London.

2. Tournament

Leslie told the Board that recently there had been some confusion with a Tournament being run. The issue is being resolved.

3. NCCP

Leslie brought up a problem that has been affecting a lot of her Zone's Coaches. Coaches have been trying to find what their NCCP number is but are unsuccessful. Chris Driscoll will contact the NCCP and verify who has taken coaching clinics in the last two years.

Zone 9 Report

1. Blockade Concerns

Mary Sticca told the Board that she has been receiving a lot of questions from people who have to travel to Six Nations for games. People are concerned about their safety and feel that traveling there is unsafe. They have had one situation where a team didn't show up and the appropriate actions will be taken. Mary advised the Board that if anyone is having questions about going to Six Nations direct them to Mary. The Zone feels that there is no safety issue and wants everyone to know that.

New Business

1. Reclassification

Marion told the Board about a person who has had some rough times in life and wants to start playing lacrosse again. He previously played Junior but was cut late in the season to make way for other players. This person has made a lot of strides to get his life back on track but in order to play lacrosse he needs to be

reclassified. The deadline for reclassification has already passed but Marion would like the Board allow this person to be reclassified due to the special circumstances.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Sticca)

"To reclassify Dane Hansen past the deadline due to the special circumstances"

CARRIED

2. Officiating

John Herd told the Board that recently there was a meeting with all of the RICs. They went over things like fines and suspensions. John noticed discrepancy in the position between each Zone. John also announced that he will be sending out a letter to aid all referees on procedure to check goaltender gear. The letter should be out by July 1st.

3. Paperweight

It was brought up that paperweight games must have 2 referees.

MOTION (Lee, Sticca)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED