

Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Governors Meeting – Mar 12, 2006

Attendance

John Doherty President Past President Chuck Miller 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 George MacDonald V.P. Finance Rick Phillips V.P. Coaching Mac Mason Senior 'B'

Dave Vernon Junior Field / Junior 'B'

Lynn Thomas Women's Field

Trevor Small Masters
Matt Robinson OLRA

Connie Burgraft Acting Zone 4 Director

Roy Ledoux
Mike Lee
Zone 5 Director
Zone 6 Director
Leslie Kavanaugh
Zone 7 Director
Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca
Zone 9 Director

Daryl Haynes Zone 10 Director / Senior Field

Stan Cockerton Executive Director Ron MacSpadyen Program Director

Tyler Dalton Student

Regrets

Doug Luey V.P. Major Jim Brady Major Dean McLeod Junior 'A'

Chris Driscoll Technical Director

President Report

John Doherty welcomed members and thanked all for their cooperation and support during his transition into the new leadership role with the OLA.

John asked Wendy Cuthbert to up-date the Board on the Quest of Gold initiative.

John up-dated Board on Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to the OLA: Three-year grant for years 2006-08 Total amount is \$348,300.

Purposes: Video resource development and Ontario Lacrosse Festival Video component to script, shoot and produce an up-dated technical coaching video series Festival component to strengthen the planning & promotion infrastructure for Festival Further details on OLA website by March 31st.

John introduced a letter submitted to the Board from OLA Major Series Commissioner Jim Brady.

MOTION (Mason, Vernon)

"To approve the purchase of the St.Catharines Major Series franchise by the Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks Senior "B" club and the Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks move to the OLA Major League from the Sr. B be approved, pending all outstanding St.Catharines Major Series debts to the OLA be paid in full by the Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks Senior "B" club".

CARRIED

MOTION (Rudge, Small)

"To approve a pilot project in Masters Lacrosse by creating a new OLA Masters Field Lacrosse Sector"

CARRIED

MOTION (Small, MacDonald)

"To approve the minutes dated, November 11, 2005 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Executive Report

Stan Cockerton (Executive Director) went over three main topics. First he went over what has happened over the past 3 months with our insurance. We have had to change to AIG Insurance for Liability because Lloyd's Insurance would not cover any of our participants. The cost of insurance will be up \$1.48/player. To cover the increase, insurance fees will be raised by \$1 in 2006 and will increase by at least another \$1 in 2007. Secondly, Stan went over the Sanderson Lawsuit. He noted that it is over with and an agreement was reached. He wasn't able to go into too many details because of a confidentiality clause. He closed by going over our budget for 2006. The main areas he covered were ones with significant percentage changes from the previous year. One of those was the increase in total size of the budget due to the Trillium Grant.

MOTION (Sticca, Small)

"To approve budget as presented."

CARRIED

Minor Report

Before we went into the various reports Marion Ladouceur (VP of Minor Lacrosse) brought up a proposal with regards to the Pee Wee Provincial Schedule. The proposal detailed changing the format by grouping teams into groups of 16. The reasoning behind the change was that it makes it fairer to all teams participating and should help to make the scheduling easier. Marion put forth a motion to accept the proposal.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Small)

"To accept the proposed schedule format for the Pee Wee Provincials for 2006" CARRIED

Senior B Update

Senior Commissioner Mac Mason stated that there were no problems to report of and that everything is moving along nicely. He was fully aware of Kitchener moving and wishes them all the best this year. He finished off by mentioning that there is interest in other teams joining the league but they won't be able to join until the 2007 season.

Junior B Update

Jr. B Commissioner Dave Vernon mentioned that they were having scheduling problems with one team. The final schedule was supposed to be finalize 2 weeks previous. Through discussion Dave was directed by John Doherty to set dates and times in stone to those games so there would be no argument about it.

Senior Field Update

The only update Daryl Haynes had was that 2 new teams were going to join Senior Field, Barrie and Six Nations. Since there have been problems in the past both teams will be on a "probation" period for the first year. Also they must bring in new players to the league; not rely on players from existing teams. In order for players to move to these teams they would have to get a release from the team they just played for like normal.

MOTION (Haynes, Rudge)

"To accept Barrie and Six Nations into Senior Field"
CARRIED

Junior Field

U19 Field Commissioner Dave Vernon announced that there will be 3 new teams in Junior Field: Mississauga, West Durham and Burlington. A fourth team applied but was denied because, it was thought that it would be detrimental to an existing team.

MOTION (Vernon, Rudge)

"To accept Mississauga, West Durham and Burlington into U-19 Junior Field"

CARRIED

Dave also mentioned that there will be another Brogden Cup game with the Ontario All-star team vs. Maryland. The date is still up in the air but should be made final shortly. Also it was brought up to Dave's attention that he must invite identified Quest for Gold Athletes to U-19 Team Ontario tryouts. Dave and the team staff should contact Wendy Cuthbert with regards to this. Next Dave then brought up that the OLA should consider giving some assistance in creating packages for the people coming to the Worlds in July. Chuck was going to look into the situation further but it was agreed upon that the OLA should be doing something for this.

Minor Field Update

Ann Rudgewent over the proposal she submitted to the minor council about the season change with Midgets. The 2 main points of the proposal were; first, Midgets would be run the last 2 weekends of May and 1st weekend of June and that Midget Field Nationals be attended by the winner of the Midget OMFLL Spring League the long weekend in September (Labour Day weekend). Secondly Novice, Pee Wee and Bantam OMFLL League play the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weekend of August. Currently this is still a proposal for 2007 and nothing has been finalized as of yet.

Women's Field

Women's Field Commissioner Lynn Thomas reported that there will be a new team in Women's U19, Mississauga Trillium.

MOTION (Thomas, Rudge)

"To accept the Mississauga Trillium into Women's U19." CARRIED

Masters Report

Masters Commissioner Trevor Small mentioned that Grand Masters is good to go for Huntsville for July long weekend.

OLRA Update

Matt Robinson was representing the Referee's Association at the SAGM. He started off with a statement about how pleased he and the OLRA were that a contract agreement was reached with the OLA. He also wanted to thank John Doherty, Chuck Miller and John Herd for making the process work smoothly. Matt brought up the referee assigner next. He feels that the OLRA should be more involved in the selecting process and have some input. Also John Herd brought up that the OLRA should look into there Past President position and who should be holding the position. Matt also brought up the OLRA concern of OLA Governors publicly berating referees. Past President Chuck Miller was going to look into this and report back to the board.

Zone 4 Update

At the current moment Zone 4 is still without a Zone Director but as Connie Burgraft, Acting Zone 4 Director, reported they are hopeful one will be in place soon.

Zone 5 Update

Roy Ledoux Zone 5 Director had nothing further to add to his report that was in the package.

Zone 6 Update

Mike Lee Zone 6 Director had to nothing further to add to his report that was in the package.

Zone 7 Update

Leslie Kavanuagh Zone 7 Director had nothing further to add to her report that was in the package.

Zone 8 Update

Marlene MacDonald Zone 8 Director said that they are still trying to collect fines from North Perth and Minto but have been unsuccessful so far. She also mentioned that Minto has not been in communication with the Zone recently. Marlene will follow up on the item.

Zone 9 Update

Mary Sticca Zone 9 Director brought up that on our insurance form it has soccer written on it and not lacrosse. She thought that it needs to be changed soon. She also inquired if there is a master list of suspensions. She recommended that one should be kept in the future.

University Field

University Field Commissioner David Leech was at the meeting. He gave an update on what is happening in the University sector. He expressed his interest in becoming more involved with the OLA.

New Business

Stan Cockerton announced that the AGM will be heading back to Niagara Falls at the Sheridan Fallsview for 2006.

MOTION (Doherty, Ladouceur)
"To adjourn meeting"
CARRIED