



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Governors Meeting – March 4, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Owen Missen	Junior Field
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field
Charlie Simpson	Zone 6 Director
Leslie Kavanaugh	Zone 7 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Ann Rudge	V.P. Field / Senior Field
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Jim Brady	Major
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Trevor Small	Masters
Mark Gardonio	OLRA
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. Rule Changes

John Doherty thanked everyone for helping out and contributing this weekend. John then went over two rule changes for this season. The 30 second rag rule is back in for Junior to Major. Also Midget aged players and below are no longer permitted to where OTNY Sr. or Marty O'Neil Masks.

MOTION (Miller, Simpson)

"To approve the minutes dated, November 10, 2006 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Executive Director Report

1. Cornwall Lawsuit

Stan Cockerton gave an update to the Board on what was happening with the lawsuit. He explained that a meeting will be setup in May or June for discoveries.

VP Finance Report

1. Budget

George MacDonald went over the budget with the Board. For the revenues he explained that insurance has gone up \$1 per player for this season and that the revenues are up 7% for 2007. The expenses are up 11% this year because more money has been budgeted to update awards as well as the hiring of a full-time Promotions Director.

MOTION (McKeachnie, Haynes)

"To approve the 2007 Ontario Lacrosse Association Operating budget as presented"

CARRIED

Referee Board List

MOTION (Miller, Simpson)

"To approve the 2007 Referee Board List as presented"

CARRIED

VP Minor Report

1. Bancroft Minor Lacrosse

The Board discussed the package that was presented.

MOTION (Simpson, Luey)

"To accept Bancroft Minor Lacrosse Association as a new member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association"

CARRIED

2. Simcoe Minor Lacrosse

The Board discussed the package that was presented.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Sticca)

“To accept Simcoe Minor Lacrosse Association as a new member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association”

CARRIED

3. Policy change

Mary Sticca raised a point to the Board. She felt that it should be made mandatory for new associations to attend a certain number of Semi-Annual meetings. Mary was about to put a motion on the floor but it was tabled so the Board could discuss it more in detail at the next meeting.

4. Zone Directors

Marion told the Board that Roy Ledoux had stepped down as Zone 5 Director and she was in the process of finding a replacement. Also she is still trying to find a replacement for Zone 4 and is having difficulties.

5. Number of Zone meetings

Chuck Miller made a recommendation to the minor council that there should be a required number of times that each zone should have to meet.

VP Major-Junior Report

1. Australia exhibition games

Doug Luey told the Board that the Australia Men’s Box team is looking to play some exhibition against Burlington Jr. A and Wellington Sr. B. Doug said that he will get more information and bring it to the next Board of Directors meeting.

VP Promotion Report

1. Update

Kathy French told the Board that the annual golf tournament will be held at Cambridge Golf and Country Club on June 1st. Also there will be an evaluation survey of the SAGM sent out next week.

Senior B Report

1. New Commissioner

Sharon McKeachnie introduced herself to the Board as the new commissioner of the league. She told the Board that she is expecting the league to be very competitive this year with six teams.

2. Name Change

Sharon told the Board that the league wanted to make a name change. She had suggested changing to “Major B League”. Doug suggested that they should wait before making a decision and make sure that Jim Brady of the Major Series Lacrosse would be okay with the change.

Junior B Report

1. Founders Cup

Dave Vernon told the Board that the Junior B Council has decided to put forth Guelph's bid to host the 2009 Founder's Cup.

MOTION (Vernon, Luey)

"To put forth Guelph Junior B bid for the 2009 Founders Cup to the CLA"

CARRIED

Junior Field Report

1. Executive

Owen Missen told the Board that they now have a new formalized operating policy. They will be using that for this season. Also for this season they have a new scheduler and statistician.

2. New Teams

Owen told the Board that they have two new teams for this year, Clarington and Newmarket.

MOTION (Missen, Vernon)

"To accept Clarington and Newmarket clubs into the U19 Field Lacrosse League"

CARRIED

Women's Field Report

1. Play day

Lynn Thomas announced to the Board that there will be a one day tournament for house league clubs for U12, U15 and U19 Girls Field. She explained that the purpose of this is to allow for more competition between clubs and hopefully grow the sport.

MOTION (Thomas, Sticca)

"To approve the Women's Field House league Play-day tournaments as a pilot for the 2007 season"

CARRIED

2. New House League Clubs

Lynn told the Board that she had two clubs that wanted to start house league programs, Toronto Beaches and Toronto Stars.

MOTION (Thomas, Simpson)

"To approve House League clubs for the Toronto Beaches and Toronto Stars in Women's Field"

CARRIED

Zone 6 Report

1. Zone All-Star Game

Charlie Simpson told the Board that they had talked about having a Zone all-star game. This idea was scrapped because the date of the game would have been too close to provincials.

Zone 7 Report

1. New Minor Association

Leslie Kavanuagh reported that there might be a new association starting up in Zone 7. She has sent out information to them but hasn't heard anything back as of yet.

Zone 8 Report

1. Nepean and Elora

Don Edgerton explained a situation to the Board about how Nepean owed Elora money. Don is going to send a letter to Nepean requesting them to send the money back.

2. Referee Incident

Don mentioned to the Board that last season there was an incident that occurred six months ago which the OLRA took no action. Don received notice that the OLRA are now going to look into the matter. The Board has now asked the RDC to give the Board direction on discipline of Officials.

Zone 9 Report

1. RIC

Mary Sticca reported that they have a new RIC for their Zone. Also they will be piloting a new supervision program this year.

2. Suspension List

Mary asked about the long-term suspension list and who was on it. The OLA office will forward whatever information we have to Mary.

Zone 10 Report

1. Releases

Darryl Haynes reported that there were just a few of the normal problems right now with some releases. Everything else is okay within the Zone though.

New Business

1. New Provincial Format

Marion told the Board that there will be a new provincial format for Tyke to Bantam this year. It is the same format that was used last year in Pee Wee.

MOTION (Ladouceur, French)

"To approve the new provincial format for Tyke to Bantam as a pilot for the 2007 season"

CARRIED

2. Privacy Issue

Lynn informed the Board that a Women's Field member had brought forward some concerns about the OLA Privacy Policy. Specifically, the member expressed concerns the OLA released player contact information to a Canadian University for the purpose of promoting lacrosse opportunities with that institution. The Board reviewed the nature of the information released and agreed such information could be made available under the OLA Privacy Policy.

Further, the Board reviewed the background on how the information was released and agreed the process was the prescribed protocol outlined in the OLA Privacy Policy. The Board suggested the member offer the OLA Board specific changes or recommendations to the OLA Privacy Policy to address their concern.

3. AGM

Stan announced to the Board that the 2007 AGM will be held at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls. It will be the weekend of November 2nd.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED