



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – March 6, 2011

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Doug Luey	V.P. Major / Junior 'C'
Jim Brady	Major
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Marisa Dibari	OLRA Rep
Laurent Gagnier	Zone 5 Director
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Ric Mathany	Zone 7 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Wally Tymkiv	Zone 10 Director
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Dale Sett	OLRA
Trevor Small	Masters
Vic Emberson	Zone 4 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. SAGM

John Doherty welcomed everyone. He thanked everyone for their hard work to make this weekend a success.

MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)

"To approve the minutes dated, November 5, 2010 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

2011 OLA Budget

Stan Cockerton told the Board that George MacDonald, V.P. Finance, was unable to attend the meeting and sends his regrets. Stan went through the 2011 OLA Budget with the Board highlighting variances from past years.

MOTION (Sticca, MacPherson)

"To approve the 2011 OLA Budget as presented"

CARRIED

Executive Director Report

1. Office Staff

Stan told the Board that Sharon Hrinco will be retiring at the end of March. Fiona Clevely has been hired as her replacement and will start in April.

Major Series Lacrosse Report

1. League Update

Jim Brady told the Board that the league is off to a good start in 2011. The league will be using a 20 game schedule. The league has a deal in place to stream some games online this year. The games will be free of charge during the season but there will be a fee during the playoffs. Also the league has agreed to sharing a portion of gate revenue amongst all teams for this season.

Senior 'B' Report

1. League Update

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board there will be 7 teams in Senior 'B' this season. They will play a 16 game schedule. Sharon also mentioned that both Senior 'B' and Major Series Lacrosse are working on better communication when it comes to player movement.

Junior 'B' Report

1. League Update

Dave Vernon told the Board that their season schedule is almost complete. He also mentioned that Junior 'B' will have a Founders Cup hosting application to approve for the next meeting.

Junior 'C' Report

1. League Update

Doug Luey told the Board that Junior 'C' will have a 20 game schedule. 5 teams applied to host the finals. Clarington won the vote and will host for this year.

Junior Field Report

1. New Teams

MOTION (Vernon, Lloyd)

"To approve Ottawa Nemesis and Caledon Bandits as Junior Field teams for 2011 season"

CARRIED

2. Quest for Gold Program

Dave Vernon asked why Junior Field Commissioner Mark Schuetzkowski didn't receive any notice about the program. He would have been able to help nominate athletes for selection. Wendy Cuthbert explained that the Quest for Gold program does not take nominations. Athletes are selected from depth charts by a committee. The committee seeks their information from coaches. Wendy will now send a notice to commissioners.

Minor Field Report

1. Ottawa Field Lacrosse

Chris Juniper told the Board that Ottawa Nemesis was approved for Minor Field lacrosse. Terry Lloyd and Joey Hiltz met with all of the groups in the Ottawa area about Field lacrosse this past winter to resolve any issues. Gloucester and Nepean were misled about spring minor field. The Minor Field council met as an executive approved both associations.

MOTION (Juniper, Ladouceur)

"To approve Gloucester and Nepean for Minor Field lacrosse"

CARRIED

2. Centre Wellington

Chris told the Board that Centre Wellington Minor Box would like to have minor field in their association. There already is a Centre Wellington minor field association. Negotiations between the two groups have failed. Terry will mediate between the two groups to resolve the issue.

Women's Field Report

1. U13

Gord Robertson told the Board that U13 league will be starting this season. He is very optimistic about the league and feels there will be 10 teams for 2011.

OLRA Report

1. AGM

Marisa Dibari told the Board that the OLRA AGM was on February 26. There is a new executive and Dale Sett is the new president. Currently they are working to improve communicating to members through their website.

Lacrosse Day in Canada Presentation

Jim Zacher made a presentation to the Board about a Lacrosse Day in Canada event for June 11, 2011.

MOTION (Sticca, McKeachnie)

"To support the Lacrosse Day in Canada project"

CARRIED

Zone 5 Report

1. Zone Update

Laurent Gagnier told the Board that there is new leadership with the Akwesasne Association. He also mentioned that the Zone schedule is almost complete.

Zone 6 Report

1. Zone Update

Tina Manning told the Board that Zone 6 has a new RIC. They will also use the West Durham tournament to help develop Zone referees.

Zone 7 Report

1. Zone Update

Ric Mathany told the Board that his Zone is only host one tournament this year. They are hoping to host more in the future. Kevin MacPherson and Jim Richardson will be at the tournament to help develop referees.

Zone 9 Report

1. Zone Update

Mary Sticca told the Board that Zone 9's numbers are up in both Paperweight and Tyke. They are also working to have Novice Girls Box lacrosse games again this year.

Zone 10 Report

1. Zone Update

Wally Tymkiv told the Board that Zone 10 now has a Zone RIC. He mentioned this has been a great addition. He also mentioned that the Zone referee clinic was held yesterday.

New Business

1. Life Members

Mary Sticca asked if Life Members could be added to the Directory. Stan told Mary that the office will contact Life Members and ask if they would like to be in the Directory.

2. Coaching Certification

Marion Ladouceur asked for a clarification of the coaching certification process. Rick told the Board that in your first year of coaching you need to complete Community Development. In your second year of coaching you need to complete Competitive Introduction. This is outlined in MR2.12. There is no gap.

3. Team Ontario

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that the head coaches for Team Ontario have been selected. There are 9 teams in for Team Ontario this season. There will be 3 camps for novice kids and 1 field clinic as well.

4. Referee/Coaching Clinics

Wally brought up the point that there is supposed to be a crackdown on Coaches' behaviour during the games, specifically verbal abuse. At the Zone 10 referee clinic there was no direction about this issue. Kevin will take this back to the RDC and will get the message out to all the other clinics.

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED