Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – March 7, 2010

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Jim Brady	Major
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Wayne Paddick	OLRA
Vic Emberson	Zone 4 Director
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Marie Pringle	Women's Box Council
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Trevor Small	Masters
Nicole Fowler	Zone 5 Director
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director

President Report

1. SAGM

John Doherty thanked everyone for attending the SAGM this weekend. He also thanked everyone for their hard work this weekend.

MOTION (Sticca, McKeachnie)
"To approve the minutes dated, November 6, 2009 of the Board of Governors meeting as amended"
CARRIED

2. OLRA Contract

John told the Board that contract agreement has been reached with the OLRA. It is a two year deal. There are some slight increases from the last contract but John stated that it's fair.

Executive Director Report

1. 2010 Operating Budget

Stan Cockerton went through the 2010 Operating budget with the Board. He mentioned that our grant money is down this year. A lot of sports received considerable cuts this year. He also mentioned that the Trillium grant isn't reflected in the budget. We apply for it in May but won't find out if receive funding until the end of summer. Stan also mentioned that clinic expenses and revenues were up last year because of the new coaching system. Because of that there were more clinics than usual. Provincial entry fee number is higher because it's a summer games year. As of July 1st the harmonized tax comes into effect and it's reflected in the Festival budget.

MOTION (Haynes, Ladouceur)
"To approve the 2010 OLA Operating budget as presented"
CARRIED

Major Series Report

1. League Update

Jim Brady told the Board that their schedule is almost finished for the season. He also mentioned that Akwesasne has suspended operation for 2010. There will be a dispersal draft of there players. Also Ajax-Pickering will be moving up from Senior B to play in the Major Series this year.

Senior B Report

1. League Update

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that Ajax-Pickering will be playing in the Major Series. Huntsville will be a new team in Senior B in 2010. She also mentioned that the stats for the league will be looked after by Pointstreak.

2. Norwood Nitro

Sharon told the Board that Norwood has a proposal to host the President's Cup. They have support from all the groups in their community.

MOTION (McKeachnie, MacPherson)
"To put forth the Norwood Nitro bid to host the Presidents Cup to the CLA SAGM"
CARRIED

Junior B Report
1. Markham
Dave Vernon told the Board that Markham has requested an arena change. They would like to move to the Ajax Community Centre. The move has been approved by the Junior B council. Their residency will still be Markham.

MOTION (Vernon, MacPherson)
"To approve Markham Junior B's arena change to Ajax Community Centre"
CARRIED

2. Founders Cup
Dave told the Board that the Founders Cup will be hosted my Mimico this year. The games will be played at the new Mastercard Centre and possibly Long Branch depending on the number of teams. The Banquet will be on a cruise ship in Lake Ontario.

3. Coaching Requirements
Dave asked if the word minor could be added to OLA Coaching Requirement page to avoid any confusion. Also Dave asked if Rick could schedule a coaching clinic to accommodate the Junior B coaches.

Junior C Report
1. League Update
Doug Luey told the Board that all 8 teams are back this year and only one team is in arrears.

Junior Field Report
1. Orillia
Mark Schuetzkowski told the Board that Orillia would like to join the U19 Field league.

MOTION (Schuetzkowski, Lloyd)
"To approve the Orillia U19 Men's Field team"
CARRIED

2. League Schedule
Mark told the Board that they will continue to play in the fall and will have Thanksgiving weekend off.

Minor Field Report
1. League Update
Chris Juniper told the Board that there are about 120 teams in Minor Field this year. She mentioned they are having a difficult time finding artificial turf to play on for the start of the season.

2. Provincials
Chris told the Board that Novice and Pee Wee provincials will be a similar format as what is played in box lacrosse at the festival.

3. Ottawa Nemesis
Chris told the Board that the Ottawa Nemesis club is only looking for a house league team. They were approved by the Minor Field Council.

MOTION (Juniper, Lloyd)
"To approve Ottawa Nemesis as a house league team only for 2010"
CARRIED

Kevin MacPherson mentioned to the Board that their referees will need to be carded by the OLA.

Women's Field Report
1. League Update
Gord Robertson told the Board that they are having difficulty securing fields earlier in the season. He also mentioned that the Elite program was approved by the Board of Directors and there is a meeting later in the day to discuss the parameters of the program.

OLRA Report
1. Contract
Wayne Paddick told the Board that a contract has been reached with the OLA. He thanked John, Stan and Kevin for their hard work.

2. Programs
Wayne told the Board about a few programs that the OLRA will be starting this year. The OLRA will be creating posters to help promote a healthy relationship between officials and parents/coaches. Also the OLRA will start a scholarship program for officials. They will bring it forth as an amendment at the AGM so it becomes an award.

Zone 4 Report
1. Stayner Timbits Program
Vic Emberson told the Board about the Timbits program Stayner is running for their paperweights. Tim Horton's take care of jerseys for the kids, a medal or award at the end of the year and a party for the kids. Vic said that this is a program that all clubs should be trying to get.

Zone 6 Report
1. Girls House League
Tina Manning told the Board that Whitby will be running a girls house league program this season.

2. Oshawa
Tina told the Board that Oshawa Minor Lacrosse is emerging and will be coming forth in 2011.

Zone 8 Report

1. Zone Update

Don Edgerton reminded the Board that Elora and Fergus are now Center Wellington.

Zone 9 Report

1. Winter League

Mary Sticca told the Board that the Winter League didn't operate this winter.

2. Simcoe

Mary thanked Chris Driscoll on behalf of Simcoe. Chris visited a couple schools in their area and they really appreciated it.

Zone 10 Report

1. Border Issue

Daryl Haynes told the Board that he is currently trying to resolve a border issue within his zone.

Women's Box Council

1. Growth

Marie Pringle told the Board that there are currently 12 associations with girl's box lacrosse. She mentioned that there could be up to 9 more new associations by the start of the season. Also the council is working on how to operate a novice age group. They've received reports from clubs about large numbers of girl's registering at the Tyke age group.

2. Women's Field Lacrosse

Marie told the Board that in the future there needs to be more cooperation between girl's box and girl's field lacrosse. It will be beneficial to both groups.

New Business

1. Amendment Change

Kevin MacPherson brought forth an amendment change.

MOTION (MacPherson, Phillips)

*"To change **MR9.04** to read: Any association hosting sanctioned tournaments using other than NOCP (National Officials Certification Program) lacrosse referees will be fined a maximum of $ 250.00. The association will not be allowed to host a sanctioned tournament the following year."*

AMENDED

MOTION (Ladouceur, Edgerton)

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CARRIED

2. Zone 7
Marion Ladouceur told the Board that Jim Fedora has stepped down as Zone 7 Commissioner. She is now looking for his replacement.

3. Tyendinaga
Marion told the Board that they made a presentation to Zone 5 yesterday. They won't have enough to run this year but would like to try and keep their kids together under Kingston this year. They are thinking it over but Marion doesn't think anything will happen with this group until next year.

4. Board Meetings
John reminded the Board that if something needs to be approved at the Board meetings that everyone must receive a copy of it at the meeting so they can see it before voting.

MOTION (MacPherson, Luey)
"To adjourn meeting"
CARRIED