



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Governors Meeting – November 6, 2009

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Mary Sticca	V.P. Promotion / Zone 9 Director
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'
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Trevor Small	Masters
Wanye Paddick	OLRA
Vic Emberson	Zone 4 Director
Chris Oliver	Zone 5
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Stephanie Simpson	Women's Box Council
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

**Regrets**

Rodney Braun	Minor Field
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director

## **President Report**

### **1. Introductions**

John Doherty had everyone in the room introduce themselves as there were many new faces.

## **MOTION (Small, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the minutes dated, September 13, 2009 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"*

**CARRIED**

## **VP Finance Report**

### **1. 2009 Financial Statement**

George MacDonald went through the Financial Statement for the Board of Governors.

## **MOTION (Phillips, McKeachnie)**

*"To approve the 2009 Financial Statement as presented"*

**CARRIED**

## **Marketing Director Report**

### **1. 2009 Financial Statement**

Ron MacSpadyen went through the financials of the 2009 Ontario Lacrosse Festival with the Board. He explained some of the differences of 2009 compared to 2008 based on the increase in size of the event.

## **AGM Voting Approval**

### **1. AGM Voting**

Stan Cockerton read through all of the associations would were eligible to vote at the 2009 AGM.

## **MOTION (McLeod, Sticca)**

*"To accept as presented, all of the associations that are eligible for voting at the AGM"*

**CARRIED**

## **Major Report**

### **1. Year Review**

Jim Brady told the Board about Brampton's Mann Cup win out west.

## **Senior B Report**

### **1. Year Review**

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that the larger nets led to a few blow outs at the start of the season. Games became closer towards the end of the season. Sharon also mentioned that Owen Sound repeated as President's Cup.

## **2. New Club**

Sharon told the Board that they will be hearing a presentation for a new club after the Board of Governors meeting. Because of the timing of the next Board of Governors meeting Sharon asked if the Board of Directors would be able to approve the new member at their next meeting.

### **MOTION (McKeachnie, Luey)**

*"To allow the Board of Directors the ability to approve the new Senior B club as a new member based on the approval of the Senior B Council"*

**CARRIED**

## **Junior A Report**

### **1. Minto Cup**

Dean McLeod told the Board about the final series in the Minto Cup. Orangeville won in the third game of the series.

## **Junior B Report**

### **1. Larger Nets**

Dave Vernon told that Junior B Council would like to switch to the larger nets.

### **MOTION (Vernon, Brady)**

*"To allow the Junior B league to use the larger 4'6" by 6" nets"*

**DEFEATED**

### **2. Cornwall Franchise**

Dave told the Board that Cornwall has requested to move to Akwesasne. Dave mentioned that both groups are for the move and were working together last year.

### **MOTION (Vernon, MacPherson)**

*"To approve the move of the Cornwall Junior B franchise to Akwesasne"*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Toronto Beaches**

Dave told the Board that the Toronto Beaches made a presentation for a new Junior B franchise. The Junior B council has approved them and would now like them approved by the Board. John Doherty asked Dave to allow the Board some time to review the application and be able to approve them at the next Board of Directors meeting.

### **MOTION (McKeachnie, MacPherson)**

*"To allow the Board of Directors the ability to approve the new Toronto Beaches Junior B club as a new member based on the approval of the Junior B Council"*

**CARRIED**

## **Junior Field Report**

### **1. Provincials**

Mark Schuetzkowski told the Board that they had just finished their provincials. He also mentioned that it is the second year they've been using their website and it has been great for communication.

## **Women's Field Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Gord Robertson told the Board that council elections are tonight. Also Welland, Hamilton and Oakville will be applying for membership in the near future.

## **Masters Report**

### **1. Nationals/Provincials**

Trevor Small told the Board that Brampton hosted Nationals and Provincials this year. Brooklin won the junior division and Toronto Beaches won the senior division.

## **OLRA Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Wayne Paddick told the Board the quality of referees in Junior and Senior leagues had improved this year. He thanked Kevin MacPherson and others for improving the Board referees.

### **2. Worlds**

Wayne mentioned that 3 Ontario girls went to the recent World Championships to referee. Also 3 guys will be going to the Men's World Championship next year.

### **3. Scholarship**

Wayne told the Board that the OLRA is looking into scholarship ideas for referees who are students.

## **Zone 4 Report**

### **1. Huntsville**

Vic Emberson told the Board that everything is status quo in Zone 4. In the summer they will have some challenges in Huntsville with the GA-20 meetings taking place there.

## **Senior Field Report**

### **1. Nationals**

Dave Barrie told the Board that the Nationals were hosted in Mississauga Thanksgiving weekend. Ontario teams won both divisions.

## **Zone 5 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Chris Oliver told the Board there has been some turnover in Zone 5 at the zone level and the club level.

## **Zone 6 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Tina Manning told the Board that there was some shuffling at the board level and there are still two positions open. Tina also mentioned that executive positions are now 2 year positions.

## **Zone 8 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Don Edgerton told the Board that the Zone 8 won an 'A' championship year which was great to see.

### **2. Fergus/Elora**

Don told the Board that both Fergus and Elora had votes on amalgamation. Both clubs voted in favour of amalgamation. Don thanked Marion Ladouceur for all of her help with this situation.

### **MOTION (Edgerton, Ladouceur)**

*"To approve the amalgamation of Fergus and Elora minor"*

**CARRIED**

Both clubs must now fold and go to the Zone and be approved as a new member.

### **MOTION (Manning, Edgerton)**

*"To allow the Board of Directors the ability to approve the new club as a new member based on the approval of the Zone 8 Council"*

**CARRIED**

## **Zone 9 Report**

### **1. Rose Engemann**

Mary Sticca told the Board Rose won't be at the AGM this year as her health isn't the best. Mary has a get well card for her that she asked the Board to sign.

### **2. Season Review**

Mary told the Board that the Zone elections are over and there were few changes.

## **Zone 10 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Daryl Haynes told the Board that Zone 10 has a new treasurer. There will also be some upcoming boundary issues.

## **Women's Council Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Stephanie Simpson told the Board that there are currently 13 associations with girls' box lacrosse. She mentioned that the provincials at the Festival were terrific this year. There have been a few changes to their council this year. Steph thanked Marlene MacDonald for all of her help starting this program. Steph also mentioned that there has been co-operation between the box and field groups. There has also been interest from seven new clubs for next year.

## **New Business**

### **1. Amendment**

Dean told the Board that he put in an amendment for the AGM but the office didn't receive a signed copy.

**MOTION (McLeod, MacPherson)**

*"To accept the amendment and ratify it at the next Board of Directors meeting after the AGM"*

**CARRIED**

**2. Junior C**

Doug Luey went through the Junior C policy paper with the Board.

**MOTION (Luey, MacPherson)**

*"To remove Junior C as a pilot program and accept it as a sanctioned league"*

**CARRIED**

**3. Niagara Winter League**

Dave told the Board about the Niagara Winter League that has been operating for the last few years.

**MOTION (Vernon, Sticca)**

*"To approve the expansion of the Niagara Winter League as presented"*

**AMENDED**

*"To allow the Board of Directors the ability to approve the expansion of the Niagara Winter League based on the approval of the Zone 9 Council"*

**CARRIED**

**4. Provincial Banners**

Stan Cockerton told the Board that provincial championship banners will no longer be handed out at the lunch during the AGM. In 2010 they will all be handed out at provincials.

**5. Coaching Clinic Workbooks**

Rick Phillips told the Board that if a coach hasn't completed and sent in their workbook by March 31st, 2010 they will lose their in-training status.

**MOTION (MacPherson, Sticca)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**