



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> , 2003

**Attendance**

Chuck Miller	President
Linda Blogg	V.P. Development
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
John Herd	V.P. Officiating
Roger MacDonald	V.P. Coaching
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
John Doherty	V.P. Major
Kathy French	V.P. Promotions
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Tech Director

**MOTION (Doherty,Rudge)**

*"To approve minutes of the Board of Directors as presented"*

**CARRIED**

**Presidents Report**

Chuck thanked all his supporters and has decided to run for the president's job for the 2004 season. He thanked the Board of Directors for all their hard work and dedication for the 2003 season. Chuck made the board members aware of the importance of their position and made sure they reached all their goal and objectives for the 2004 season.

**V.P. Minor**

Registration on the Minor front went considerably well in 2003. The registration process improved, and clearly was well worth the effort. Releases continue to be a problem in the minor level. Organizations continue signing kids who they shouldn't. Invitational tournaments were successful but there is a need for more in the peewee and bantam age levels. This years qualifiers ran smoothly, with Orangeville winning two of three. Marion suggested that those teams that couldn't make it to the provincials should be refunded. Eight midget teams and sixteen novice teams.

### **V.P. Finance**

George was happy to report the OLA is financially stable. The year ends on September 31 and will be working with the OLA in getting all books completed in time.

### **V.P. Officiating**

John would like to see a couple of Level 3 clinics next year. He would like all clinics set in stone by the end of this year, so everything is organized and ready for next year.

### **V.P. Field**

The field season was very successful this year. Brampton continues to excel at the field level. Many all-star awards came from Brampton. Teams are taking players without everyone knowing about this. Ann needs to address this. U-19 and U-15 provincials ran on "Blackout Weekend." All was well. Ann would like Pete to make a grouping email list to notify all Board of Governors. Orangeville won the First Nations Cup, which was welcomed by the entire Board. One point of concern was that there were not enough refs' at the U-19 and U-15 championships.

### **V.P. Development**

Linda will be working with Mike on many upcoming topics. Lax Talk, 50/50, and the website will all be upcoming. Developing an action plan for Lax Talk will be crucial in order to take it to the next level.

### **V.P. Promotions**

Along with Linda, Kathy will be working with Mike in developing Lax Talk and taking it to the next level. Kathy reported the AGM golf tournament was not as successful as it could have been. The tournament needs to be ramped up, and will be working with Mike and Linda on this. The AGM banquet details will be settled while at Fern through Sept 18-21.

### **V.P. Coaching**

As a first year member on the Board of Directors, Roger was pleased about all events regarding coaching. All clinics were eventful, and all dates for 2004 are hoping to be set by the AGM. Developing a coaching program to further develop the game would be an asset for the OLA.

### **Executive Director**

No Report

### **Technical Director**

No Report

### **Program Director**

Ron was pleased with the registration. Confirmed total for 2003 was 34,675, an increase of 2990 players from 2002. A coach's database has been established to help track certification requirements. A Lax Talk plan will be developed at the upcoming planning meeting. A big thank you goes out to all those who submitted articles for 2003.

### **New Business**

It was asked where the *Rogers Game of the Week* was televised. The notice regarding the AGM fines was wrong, and should read October 31, 2003 instead of September 30, 2003. If there are any ideas for the 2004 directory, let Ron know.

Meeting Adjourn

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