



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – September 11, 2011

Attendance

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Glen Flippance	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Dale Sett	OLRA
Vic Emberson	Zone 4 Director
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 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
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Doug Luey	V.P. Major / Junior 'C'
Jim Brady	Major
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Trevor Small	Masters
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Laurent Gagnier	Zone 5 Director
Ric Mathany	Zone 7 Director

President Report

1. Past Season

John Doherty welcomed everyone. He mentioned how the Festival was bigger and better this past season. He thanked all Ron and all of the volunteers who helped make that possible. Also, Team Ontario had a great season. They won gold in all minor box championships and won a gold and silver in field. Six Nations won the Founders and Whitby won the Minto.

2. OLHOF Golf Tournament

John reminded the Board about the OLHOF golf tournament on September 25th. John hopes that every Zone and League will put in a foursome and/or sponsor a hole. All of the proceeds go to OLHOF. It was suggested that Zones could send a foursome of volunteers as a thank you for the season.

MOTION (McKeachnie, Tymkiv)

"To approve the minutes dated, March 6, 2011 of the Board of Governors meeting as amended"

CARRIED

3. Finalist Medals

John mentioned that he had received a few email complaints about no finalist medals at the Festival. He asked Minor Council to discuss this and bring back a recommendation to the Board. Minor Council would be in favour of not having them again but would like to check with clubs. This topic will be visited again at the next Board of Governors meeting.

Senior B Report

1. Season Review

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that they are some concerns with the Kahnawake team taking players from the Major Series at the end of the season. She also mentioned that there are growing concerns with the rising cost of participating in the President's Cup with regards to travelling. There could a proposed change for the championship at the CLA SAGM. St. Catharines won the Ontario Championship in their first season. Sharon also mentioned they have an application from Sarnia to join Senior B.

Junior B Report

1. Season Review

Dave Vernon told the Board that Junior B had a great season. Playoffs were well attended throughout the league with very large crowds during the finals. Dave also mentioned they have an application from Brampton to join Junior B.

Senior Field Report

1. League Update

Glen Flippance told the Board that Senior field started last week. The provincials will be held in London this year.

Junior Field Report

1. League Update

Mark Schuetzkowski told the Board that Junior Field starts today. They are down a couple of teams from last year.

Women's Field Report

1. Season Review

Gord Robertson submitted a report for everyone. Gord will check with his clubs to see what dates they would like for 2012 championships at the Festival.

2. U13

Gord told the Board that would like to remove U13 Girls lacrosse from pilot status. Their first year for the division was a success.

MOTION (Roberston, Sticca)

"To remove U13 Girls Field lacrosse from pilot status"

CARRIED

OLRA Report

1. OLRA Scholarship Award

Dale Sett told the Board that they are starting to take applications for the referee scholarship awards.

Zone 4 Report

1. Season Review

Vic Emberson told the Board that the referee supervision program went to Midland this year. He felt it was a huge success while it was there. He feels that because of the extra junior teams now in OLA it puts more pressure on the referees involved in this program.

2. North Bay

Vic told the Board that North Bay ran a successful house league this season and would like to approve them as members. They would be on pilot status for 2012.

MOTION (Emberson, Ladouceur)

"To approve North Bay minor lacrosse as an OLA Member. They will be on pilot status for 2012 and will be reviewed at the end of the season"

CARRIED

Zone 6 Report

1. Season Review

Tina Manning told the Board her Zone meets tomorrow. Their fines doubled this year. She will have a recommendation on new association Oshawa at the AGM.

Zone 8 Report

1. Season Review

Don Edgerton told the Board their Zone AGM is coming up and will have more at our next meeting.

2. Affiliations

Stan clarified that Centre Wellington minor has a direct affiliate with Elora Junior B and Fergus Junior C.

Zone 9 Report

1. Season Review

Mary Sticca told the Board that they had a good year in Zone 9. She thought her RIC did a great job this year. She also told the Board about the year end event they had for the referees.

2. OLA Game Sheet

Mary asked why there is a spot for a manager to sign the game sheet. She would like the word manager to be removed from the game sheet so it only reads coach.

Zone 10 Report

1. Season Review

Wally Tymkiv told the Board their AGM is tomorrow. Wally mentioned their zone's biggest issue is referees. The better quality referees tend to be playing in game leaving lower quality of referees in games.

New Business

1. Wood Sticks

The Board discussed issues with the use of wood sticks in the game.

MOTION (Tymkiv, Ladouceur)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED