



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Governors Meeting – September 12, 2010

**Attendance**

John Doherty	President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Doug Luey	V.P. Major / Junior 'C'
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Chris Juniper	Minor Field
Jeramie Bailey	OLRA Rep
Vic Emberson	Zone 4 Director
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Ric Mathany	Zone 7 Rep
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Wally Tymkiv	Zone 10 Rep
Reg Holinshead	Women's Box Council Rep
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
Jim Brady	Major
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Trevor Small	Masters
Wayne Paddick	OLRA
Nicole Fowler	Zone 5 Director
Marie Pringle	Women's Box Council
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

## **President Report**

### **1. Mann Cup**

John Doherty thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He mentioned that the Mann Cup is underway and the series is tied 1-1.

## **MOTION (Sticca, McKeachnie)**

*"To approve the minutes dated, March 7, 2010 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"*

**CARRIED**

## **Senior B Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board their league had a great year on the floor; a lot of parity. Owen Sound advanced from Ontario to the nationals but was unable to win the championship.

### **2. New Franchises**

Sharon told the Board that there are 2 new franchise applications from Caledon and Six Nations. They will have presentations at the AGM and make a decision then.

### **3. Cancelled Game**

Sharon asked about a game that was cancelled in Senior B last season. She wanted to know when both teams would receive money. John said he would rather credit both teams the money.

## **MOTION (McLeod, Edgerton)**

*"To credit money owed to the Norwood and Oshweken Senior B franchises to balances they owe to the OLA"*

**CARRIED**

## **Junior A Report**

### **1. Minto Cup**

Dean McLeod told the Board that Orangeville lost at the Minto Cup. He mentioned that all three leagues competing in the Minto Cup need to be playing under the same rules in the future. Dean sees there being a national council that would oversee it.

### **2. Midget Aged Players**

Dean told the Board about a midget aged player who played Junior A lacrosse all year. Dean was unhappy that he was not approached when this player had asked to sign a Junior A card. Doug Luey gave a brief explanation as to what happened.

### **3. Referees**

Dean mentioned that the referees were terrific at the Minto Cup. Sharon mentioned that the Senior B council was not involved in the referee selection process for the Presidents' Cup. They were unhappy with the referees there.

## **Junior B Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Dave Vernon told the Board that the Junior B league had a good season. He mentioned that fines might be slightly down from last year.

### **2. Next Season**

Dave said the league may look a little different next year. There is one possibly folding unless they are able to find people to take over the operation. Another team is interested in dropping to Junior C. There is a team that has not paid fees to the league in the last 2 years. The league will have a vote at their next meeting to make them a member not in good standing.

### **3. Founders**

Dave mentioned that the Founders Cup was great. The finals were outstanding with the two Ontario teams meeting with Halton Hills winning in double overtime.

### **4. Quebec Team**

Dave told the Board that there is an application for the Quebec team from Founders Cup to join the OLA Junior B league. Stan and John briefly went over the details on what needs to happen in order to proceed.

## **Junior C Report**

### **1. Cancelled Game**

Doug Luey told the Board there was a cancelled game in Junior C. The information has been forwarded to the office.

### **2. Next Season**

Doug said there are 8 teams returning next year and there is interest from 4 new teams.

## **Junior Field Report**

### **1. Suspension**

Chris Juniper asked the Board if a person's suspension was up yet. This person would like to coach in Junior Field this season. Sharon will double check at the office. Also, Chris mentioned the league is now at 24 teams.

## **Minor Field Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Chris Juniper told the Board that the Minor Field provincials went to a Festival format. She thanked Ron and Tyler for their work to make it happen. She hopes to continue using this format in the future. Chris also said that there has been some interest from new clubs

### **2. U16**

Chris told the Board there have been a few registration issues. She mentioned that there will be no provincials or all-stars for this league. Minor Field council will have a recommendation for the Board after the U16 season.

## **Women's Field Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Gord Robertson told the Board their season was relatively successful. In their 4 divisions they had 11 teams in U11, 12 in U15, 20 in U19 and 12 in Senior.

### **2. Provincials**

Gord told the Board their provincials went smoothly. U11 were held in Burlington, Senior in Mississauga and U15 and U19 B/C at the Festival. The U19 A provincials were held at the Summer Games in Sudbury. He mentioned the field conditions were horrible but the organization was great.

### **3. U13**

Gord told the Board that the U11 league has been very successful in its first few years. Because of this they would like to create a U13 league. The reason for it is to ease the age gap of 11 year olds playing against 14 year olds. There is a definitive size and maturity difference. The Board will need an official request for the U13 from the Women's council. Any modifications to the rules must be noted as well. Ron mentioned that the OLA would be willing to host both the U11 and U13 girls' field provincials at the Festival to help grow the divisions.

## **Zone 4 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Vic Emberson told the Board that his zone needs to start promoting more to help develop some of their clubs. He mentioned that most of his clubs are small in numbers. The Zone 4 AGM will be October 2nd. Their Trevor Parker is in charge of Zone referee supervision.

## **Zone 6 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Tina Manning told the Board their registration numbers were steady. They have a total of 64 player movements along with a few more issues. They also have an application for a new minor association that they will go through at their next Zone meeting. The Zone pays for the referee supervision program and Steve Clancy is in charge of the program.

## **Zone 7 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Ric Mathany told the Board that Jim Fedora stepped down at the start of the year and he has been filling in for him. There will be a new zone director at the AGM. Their website is in its 2nd year. Their referee supervision program is continuing to grow. They have 2 referees at Nationals this year. They would like to now create a similar program but geared towards coaching development.

## **Zone 8 Report**

### **1. AGM**

Don Edgerton told the Board that their zone AGM will be October 24th.

## **Zone 9 Report**

### **1. Conradi Tournament**

Mary Sticca told the Board that this was the last year Rose Egnemann would be running the Conradi tournament. The zone would like to host it next year.

### **2. Board Meetings**

Mary told the Board that she is disappointed that the June meeting has been cancelled the past few years. She was wondering if the date could be changed. Mary will send some date suggestions to John.

## **Zone 10 Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Wally Tymkiv told the Board that Oakville was the only association in the zone that grew this year. He mentioned that they need to look at how to get more kids playing in Mississauga and Brampton. The Zone AGM will be September 22nd.

### **2. Referee Program**

Wally told the Board that his Zone is trying to start a referee supervision program. They have set money aside for it but need someone to execute the program. If they could get some help from the OLA and OLRA it would be very beneficial.

Vic added that Zone 4 put money aside for referees to attend the Super Level 3 clinic and no one stepped up to attend it. He feels like his Zone has to recruit referees to do this.

Jeramie Bailey told the Board that Zone 9 has their senior referees mentoring the younger referees. They have enough senior referees that each one of them may only have to do 5 supervisions a year.

Ric added that there were referees from Zone 7 that wanted to attend the Super Level 3 clinic but were unable to because of they were playing Junior B.

Overall there needs to be an evaluation of the supervision program and where to go with it.

## **Women's Box Council Report**

### **1. Season Review**

Reg Holinshead told the Board that the council had meetings yesterday. They had two successful tournaments this past season, one in the east and one in the west. They council was also very pleased with the novice development program they had this year. Overall there were more clubs this year but the number of players went down.

### **2. Website**

Reg told Ron and Tyler they have a website they would like linked on the OLA website. They told him all they need is the URL and can make it happen.

## **New Business**

### **1. OLHOF Golf Tournament**

Stan Cockerton told the Board that OLHOF golf tournament is coming up in a couple weeks. If you would like to golf or sponsor a hole contact either Robbie Patten or Chris at the office.

### **2. AGM**

Stan went through a few items from the 2009 AGM that need to be followed up with. He reminded the Board that all Awards and Amendments are due in the office by September 30th.

### **3. Registration Module**

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that the Minor Council would like a registration module at the AGM. There were more registration appeals this year than in years past. Most clubs are doing their registration in the winter before the SAGM. The meeting should be the Friday from 1 to 4 pm and Tyler will set it up with the hotel.

### **4. New Committees**

Marion told the Board the Minor Council formed a new committee to look at the new association application process. They will look at things like the application itself to the things the Zone Directors should be following up with. Marion also mentioned there is a committee to look at Zone re-alignment as well.

### **5. Coaches' Behaviour**

Marion told the Board that Minor Council would like to focus on how coaches behave while coaching next year. Coaches are swearing at the players and the referees. This is unacceptable and is getting worse. The council will look at ways to change this.

### **6. Amendments**

Marion briefly discussed a few amendments that deal with deadlines that will be at the AGM. It was also suggested that one there should be a window for player movement appeals.

### **7. Quebec Teams**

Marion told the Board that there have been many issues this year with Quebec teams at invitational tournaments. Some teams didn't show up to tournaments. Other teams who did show up caused problems and showed unruly behaviour. Before the CLA AGM, Marion will put together a document to present to Pierre from Quebec regarding the issue.

### **8. Historical Group in Welland**

Mary told the Board that there is a historical group in Welland that are putting together a celebration for the 200 anniversary of the war of 1812. They will be starting events next year and would like to put on a few games of lacrosse. Stan notified the Board that Jim Calder is on a few committees with the group.

### **9. Ontario Lacrosse Magazine**

Ron MacSpadyen told the Board that he would like to see the magazine from the 10,000 people that currently to all members. Too much time and effort go into that everyone should receive it.

### **MOTION (MacDonald, Luey)**

*"To adjourn meeting"*

**CARRIED**