



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – September 13, 2009

Attendance

John Doherty	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
Kevin MacPherson	V.P. Officiating
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Gord Robertson	Women's Field
Wanye Paddick	OLRA
John Grant	Zone 4 Director
Chris Oliver	Zone 5 Director
Tina Manning	Zone 6 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field
Jim Brady	Major
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Rodney Braun	Minor Field
Trevor Small	Masters
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Stephanie Simpson	Girls Box
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. Mann Cup

John Doherty told Board Brampton won the Mann Cup last night in game 7. Ontario won all national championships except for Midget and the Founders.

2. Festival

John thanked Ron MacSpadyen and all of the volunteers for their hard work in running another great Festival.

3. Coaching

John thanked Rick Phillips and Chris Driscoll for a great job in handling the new requirements in coaching certification this past season.

4. CLA Meeting

John told the Board that the next CLA meeting is in Cornwall. There is a policy change form in everyone's package. If Board members wish to make changes they are to fill the form out and go over it with John and Stan.

MOTION (MacPherson, Ladouceur)

"To approve the minutes dated, March 1, 2009 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

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5. Men's University Field

John told the Board that Men's University Field is no longer a part of the OLA. OLA referees will still be allowed to ref there games but will need their own insurance.

Senior B Report

1. President's Cup

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that Owen Sound won the President's Cup this year.

2. Franchise Application

Sharon told the Board that Huntsville has applied for a team and will do a presentation for their council at the AGM in November.

3. Insurance

Sharon asked the Board whether or not NLL players in the OLA are insured. John told her that they have the same coverage as anyone else who has signed an OLA card.

Junior B Report

1. Toronto Beaches

Dave Vernon told the Board that he will be meeting with the Toronto Beaches because they are looking to have a Junior B team.

2. Field Report

Dave told the Board that Senior Field started last week and Junior has 21 teams this year.

Women's Field Report

1. Season Review

Gord Robertson told the Board that Women's Field certified 35 new coaches this year. He also mentioned that all four age divisions had very competitive provincials.

Masters Report

1. Nationals

John told the Board that Masters had a National Tournament in Brampton. 27 teams participated.

OLRA Report

1. Season Review

Wayne Paddick told the Board that a lot of their focus this year was on recruitment and retention of referees. They were at the Festival with a booth trying to recruit. Next year they are hoping to work better with the OLA to prepare for the event. Wayne mentioned that they made better use of their website for communication with all of their referees.

Zone 4 Report

1. New Zone Director

John Grant told the Board that Vic Emerson will be the new Zone Director. He will be taking over at the AGM. The Zone AGM is on October 18.

2. Sudbury

John told the Board that Sudbury is considering if it makes more sense for them to be in Zone 1 instead of Zone 4.

Zone 5 Report

1. Season Review

Chris Oliver told the Board that the Zone 5 AGM will be September 27. He also mentioned there is a new president in Cornwall, Terry Turcotte. Chris surveyed his presidents about the provincials and received all positive feedback. Kingston hosted its first invitational tournament and it was a success. Brockville is looking to host one next year.

Zone 6 Report

1. Season Review

Tina Manning told the Board that she enjoyed the Festival. She also mentioned that her Zone finished strong at provincials.

Zone 8 Report

1. AGM Meeting

Don Edgerton told the Board that the Zone 8 AGM will be September 27. Fergus and Elora will present their case for amalgamation at the meeting. Marion Ladouceur will be there to represent the OLA.

2. Vendors

Don told the Board about a vendor from a tournament in Cambridge this year. They called on short notice to attend the tournament. The person's son was kicked out of the tournament in the first game and they packed up and left. Don would like there to be a requirement in the vendor contracts for the length of time they must be at a tournament. Ron told the Board that will be fixed next year.

Zone 9 Report

1. AGM

Mary Sticca told the Board that their AGM will be October 21.

New Business

1. LTAD

John showed the Board the new LTAD pamphlets. He mentioned that it's been in development for 3 years. We have to abide by it for funding.

2. Lacrosse Media Coverage

John Grant told the Board that he was extremely disappointed that the only television coverage the 100th Mann Cup received was a brawl in the first game. He mentioned that things like that only hurt the image of lacrosse and discourage parents from signing their kids up to play.

3. Junior and Senior Meetings

Doug Luey told the Board that Senior B and Major along with Junior A, B and C will be meeting next weekend to go through issues each league has. One of the issues they will be dealing with is stats and media coverage.

4. Brogden Cup

Dave told the Board that the Brogden Cup will be in Orlando on the first weekend in January.

5. Intermediate Pilot

Marion told the Board that there will be a pilot program in place 2010 to split the Intermediate age group into two groups; 17-18 & 19 to 21. Clubs will have Intermediate teams with only 17 and 18 year olds if they can.

6. Tournaments

Marion told the Board that they are working on stopping clubs from running separate one day tournaments on multiple weekends.

MOTION (MacPherson, Sticca)

"To adjourn meeting"

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