



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – Sunday Sept 14, 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
Barb Mair	Zone 4 Director
Wendy Cuthbert	Zone 6 Director
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director
Marlene McDonald	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Paul Thibault	Zone 10 Director
Bill MacArthur	OLRA
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Mike McAuley	OLA

MOTION (Herd, Fedora)

“To approve minutes of the Board of Governors as presented”

CARRIED

New Business

Zone 4 wants to Clarify and define boundaries

Presidents Report

Mr. Miller opened the meeting by saying how pleased he was with how the final Provincial Championships ran. After all the commotion of “Black out Friday”, everyone worked hard on getting the Provincials running. He was proud to announce that Ontario teams, with the exception of the Mann Cup, won most of the National Championships. Chucks involvement with the Minto Cup was a success on a corporate front, with a downside coming from a lack of attendance. Match penalties tripled this year; a cause for concern has been raised and is addressed within the officiating and coaching programs. Board of Governors and

Directors should make a final decision on whether they plan on returning next year. A final decision should be made by mid October.

V.P. Major

John was pleased to announce that Ontario had another fine season. Both Ontario Championships, Minto Cup and Presidents Cup, were won by Ontario teams. The Major group will be looking at ways to improve the league in the off-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.

MOTION (French, Herd)

"The OLA should credit those teams who were not able to attend the 2003 provincials"

DEFEATED

MOTION (Fedora, Mair)

"Issue a full \$450 refund cheque to those teams who were not able to attend the 2003 provincials"

CARRIED

Marion suggested that the AGM should create a workshop session for some areas that are in need. IE – registration, provincial format. This will be discussed in the next two weeks.

Zone 4

It was a tough year for Zone 4. Once again boundary issues were discussed and were the cause of much chaos. Zone 4 would like to see all boundaries cleared up in time for next season, so they don't have to go through the same confusion as this year. Barb would like to see referee and coaches' clinics in the area, as opposed to Zone 4 driving to different parts of the province.

Zone 5

No report

Zone 6

All in all operations are going well within the zone. All-star games for the bantam, midget and intermediate ages were hosted by Iroquois Park. All were run

successfully. Zone 6 completed a new registration process this year. They paid Steve Heinz \$0.75 a form and this proved to be successful. The pre-printed forms for 2004 are completed. On a down side, only 2 field clubs got in their registration for July 2. The deadline was extended to July 31. Wendy suggested perhaps getting an OLA Registrar. Girls box lacrosse is something that Zone 6 has shown interest in. Perhaps this is a start to a new league, and the growth of women's lacrosse in Ontario.

Zone 7

As far as La Salle is concerned, it went haywire. The association folded and is no longer with Zone 7. For the most part, Zone 7 ran well this year. Amendments keep coming up and will be addressed in November. Match penalties are up, which will be investigated and looked into as to how the Zone can lower that number. Releases are slowly becoming a problem, and will be looked at in the near future.

Zone 8

Marlene reported that Zone 8 has a new association, pending the approval of the OLA Board of Governors.

MOTION (McDonald, French)

"To approve Dundalk as a new association within the Ontario Lacrosse Association"

CARRIED

Zone 8 has some problems with the vendor agreements, and would like to discuss with Ron further. She would also like the vendor agreement sent to all clubs. By October 10th, Chuck would send out a report on the vendors. Marlene would also like the minutes of each B.O.G. meeting sent out 14 days afterwards. It was noted that fees are to be paid by October 31, not September 30 as per the constitution B 13.06(a)

Zone 9

It was pointed out that a folded association from a couple of years back has some money in the clubs bank accounts. Is this a problem within the OLA? Zone is looking for a brochure on Insurance, explaining in detail the OLA insurance. A coach within the Zone has been suspended for five years. He wants to appeal, and some direction from the OLA as to what is happening would be appreciated.

Zone 10

Registration is Zone 10 is up from the previous year. Like Zone 6, a person was paid to complete all registration forms. \$0.50 was the price, and all was successful. Paul noted that scheduling was completed very well within the Zone. As a new director of Zone 10, he faced challenges that other Zone Directors might not have. He is seeking from the OLA a job description as a Zone Director.

Releases continue to be a problem with Mississauga and Mimico. Any solution to this problem would be welcomed.

Junior B

Dave commented that things had gone well this year and that Barrie had returned from BC with the Founders' Championship Trophy. There is a Jr.B report in the Board package for everyone.

The one concern that Dave had was that a questionnaire had been sent out to "all CLA box sector committee members" through the MA (OLA). This had not been forwarded to the members for completion nor had the OLA responded to the survey on our behalf. The question was, why not? Mr. Miller's reply was that it came at a hectic time of the year. He suggested that they would be contacting everybody but we should be sending in our opinions and concerns, to which the answer was that the Jr.B Council had submitted a two-page reaction to the rules in June, which was partially responsible for the questionnaire being sent out by the CLA. The issue was left that a survey would be prepared to give the membership an opportunity to voice their opinion.

U-19 Field Report: The U-19 league, which started today, would be completed, on Oct. 26th, (Provincials at Etobicoke Centennial Park). There are four new teams and two have dropped out leaving fourteen teams playing this year. There was some concern that the referee mileage fee had been drastically increased, but that the League had never been advised of this change. Dave asked why the OLA/OLRA agreement is not made available to the various Leagues affected. Mr. Miller said that since Jim Brady represented us on the committee, he should have advised us.

Ann Rudge suggested that she had asked for this information several times, but was still waiting. Dave's comment was that it was the OLA's responsibility to notify all of the Leagues with a copy of the agreement when it was finalized. We were advised that this would be done in the future.

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.

OLRA

Level 2 refs are not feeling challenged with what they have to offer. Match penalties continue to be a problem, and need to be addressed. The border

crossing problems down in Zone 9 is still a problem. This issue needs to be addressed.

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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