

ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 7, 2015  
Marriott Gateway Hotel

The 129th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association was held at the Niagara Falls Marriott Gateway Hotel on Saturday November 7, 2015.

**ATTENDANCE:** Total Voting Delegates: 168

**O.L.A. BOARD OF GOVERNORS:**

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Administration - Major
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Administration – Minor
Joe Hiltz	V. P. Administration – Field
Frank Lawrence	V. P. Officiating
Jim Brady	Major Commissioner
Sharon McKechnie	Sr. B Commissioner
Dean McLeod	Jr. A Commissioner
Dave Vernon	Jr. B Commissioner
Lisa Cartman	Jr. C Commissioner
Peter Debrone	Minor Field Commissioner
Sue Powless	Women's Box Commissioner
Stephen Taylor	Women's Field Commissioner
Glen Flippance	Senior Field Commissioner
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field Commissioner
Shelly Nobile	Zone 4 Director
Sonya Crossey	Zone 6 Director
Jenn Matheson	Zone 7 Director
Nicole Roe	Zone 8 Director
Dave Wilson	Zone 9 Director
Wendy Bennett	Zone 10 Director

**O.L.A. Office**

Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program & Marketing Director
Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
Fiona Clevely	Administration
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Peter Flook	Asst. Administration

## **LIFE MEMBERS:**

Barb Cormier  
Ruby Lang

### **O.L.A. MAJOR**

\* Oakville Rock  
Brampton  
\* Brooklin Redman  
Peterborough  
\* K-W Kodiaks  
Six Nations

### **O.L.A. SENIOR**

\* Wallaceburg  
\*Oakville  
\*Brooklin  
Ennismore  
Owen Sound  
\*St. Catharines  
\*Six Nations

### **O.L.A. JUNIOR A**

\*Barrie  
\*Brampton  
\*Burlington  
Kitchener-Waterloo  
Mimico  
\*Peterborough  
Orangeville  
\*Six Nations  
\*St. Catharines  
\*Toronto Beaches  
\*Whitby

### **O.L.A. JUNIOR B**

* Akwesasne	Markham
Elora	Niagara
Gloucester	Oakville
*Green Gaels	Orangeville
*Guelph	Orillia
Halton Hills	Owen Sound
Hamilton	Point Edward
*Kahnawake	Six Nations
London	*Spartan
Mimico	Wallaceburg
*Mississauga	*Welland
*Nepean	Windsor
Newmarket	Brampton

### **O.L.A. JUNIOR C**

\*Barrie, \*Caledon, \*Clarington, \*Cornwall, \* Fergus, \*Gloucester, \*Halton Hills, Huntsville, \*Mimico, Oakville, Shelburne, \*Six Nations, Peterborough, \*Whitby, \*Wilmot

### **O.L.A. MINOR BOX ORGANIZATIONS**

\*Akwesasne  
Brampton  
Caledon  
Ctr. Wellington  
Gloucester

Arthur  
Brantford  
Cambridge  
\*Cornwall  
Guelph

Barrie  
Burlington  
\*Clarington  
Fort Erie  
Halton Hills

Hamilton  
Kahnawake  
\*Kingston  
Markham  
Mimico  
Newmarket  
\*North Bay  
Oakville  
Oshawa  
St. Catharines  
Shelburne  
Stayner  
\*Thunder Bay  
Toronto Stars  
\*Welland  
Windsor

Huntsville  
Kawartha Lakes  
\*Lincoln  
\*Midland  
Mississauga  
New Tecumseth  
North Perth  
Orangeville  
Owen Sound  
Sarnia  
\*Simcoe  
Sudbury  
Tri-Towns  
Uxbridge  
West Durham

Innisfil  
Kitchener  
\* London  
Milton  
Nepean  
\*N.O.T.L.  
Northumberland  
Orillia  
Peterborough  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Six Nations  
Sun County  
Toronto Beaches  
Wallaceburg  
Whitby

### **O.L.A. MINOR FIELD**

\*Barrie  
Caledon  
Guelph  
Huntsville  
Kitchener  
Mississauga .  
\*N.O.T.L.  
Orangeville  
St. Catharines  
West Durham  
Uxbridge

Brampton  
Ctr. Wellington  
Halton Hills  
Innisfil  
\*London  
\*Nepean  
Northumberland  
Oshawa  
Toronto Beaches  
Whitby

Burlington  
\*Clarington  
Hamilton  
\*Kawartha Lakes  
\*Milton  
Newmarket  
Oakville  
Peterborough  
Toronto Stars  
Orillia

### **O.L.A. JUNIOR FIELD**

Barrie  
Halton Hills  
Londo  
Newmarket  
Oshawa  
Toronto Beaches

Ctr. Wellington  
Hamilton  
Mississauga  
Oakville  
Ottawa

Kitchener  
Niagara  
Orangeville  
Peterborough

### **O.L.A. SENIOR FIELD**

Burlington  
Kitchener  
Toronto

C/Wellington  
London

Hamilton  
Orangeville

## **O.L.A. WOMEN'S FIELD**

Brampton  
Kitchener  
Orangeville  
\*Six Nations  
Orillia  
Owen Sound

Halton Hills  
Mimico  
Oshawa  
Toronto Beaches  
Kawartha Lakes

Hamilton  
Oakville  
St. Catharines  
\*Toronto Stars  
Newmarket

## **O.L.A WOMEN'S BOX TEAMS**

\*Akwasasne  
\*Kahnawake

\*Durham  
\*Niagara

\*Grand River  
\*Toronto Stars

\* Denotes ineligible to vote \*

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

OLA Executive Director, Mr. Stan Cockerton called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Cockerton thanked the 2015 OLA Board of Directors, Board of Governors and the OLA Staff for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Cockerton stated that Lacrosse's strength was in our volunteers and thanked all of the Lacrosse Festival Volunteers. He also stated that it was a difficult year for the office with a transition by the Provincial Government eliminating the Sport Alliance of Ontario in April 2015 leaving each individual sport in limbo. We do have a contract with Crown Corporation (landlord) through until June 2016. He wished to congratulate all the National champions along with the U-19 women's field who upset U.S. in Scotland and also the Team Canada World Indoor box champions.

### **VOTING DELEGATES:**

Mr. Chuck Miller announced that this years voting delegates numbered 168 and 2/3 majority vote number would be 113.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES:**

Mr. Stan Cockerton, Executive Director gave an overview of the voting procedures and amendment protocol – when going to the microphone on your Amendment please state your name and the association you are from and please show your voting card. Also that you require 2/3 majority to have the amendment pass. Scrutinizers were Life Member Dean McLeod and Chuck Miller- if required would count the votes on close voting issues. Mr. Cockerton introduced Mr. Drew Girard who would make sure that the Roberts Rules of Order were followed correctly for our meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION:

It was regularly moved and seconded the “Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be approved”. (Chris Juniper/Kent Davis)

CARRIED

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Stan Cockerton introduced OLA President, Mr. John Doherty.

Welcome to the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s 2015 AGM. Last season was a very exciting and extremely successful year for Ontario Lacrosse with many fantastic accomplishments coming out of our membership. I want to thank all of you in this room for the amount of your personal time and the unequalled effort that you put into our great game of Lacrosse. I also want to make sure I thanked the OLA Board of Directors, Board of Governors, Stan and the OLA Office Staff for their assistance over the last year.

Throughout the season everyone worked well together and when there was a job to do many people stepped up to help with the task at hand. Most importantly everyone had fun, making sure that the quality of Lacrosse that we play in Ontario was second to none, anywhere in Canada or in the World.

Internationally, Team Canada’s 2015 U-19 Women’s Field team had an exceptional performance in July at the FIL 2015 Women’s U-19 World Field Lacrosse Championships hosted in Edinburgh, Scotland. Team Canada defeated Team USA- 9-8, to win their 1<sup>st</sup> ever World Championship. Congratulations, with 12 players out of a roster of 18 coming from Ontario, Ontario Lacrosse was very well represented.

In September, at the 2015 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championships, being played in Syracuse, New York the Team Canada Men’s Indoor team performed flawlessly by defending their World Indoor Championship title for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. They accomplished this by defeating Team Iroquois 12 – 8 in the Gold Championship game. Of the total roster of 23 players there were a total of 20 players coming from Ontario, the OLA was very well represented. Also it was announced that Canada will host the 2019 FIL World Indoor Championships to be held in Langley, British Columbia.

2015 was another outstanding year for Ontario Lacrosse at the National Championships. Team Ontario Bantam Girls won the Gold National Bantam Girls Championship in Calgary, Alberta. Team Ontario Peewee, Bantams and Midgets won their respective National Championships in Whitby. Also Team Ontario U-15 won the Alumni Cup, the Canadian National U-15 Field Lacrosse Championship and Team Ontario U-18 won the First Nations Cup, Canadian National U-18 Field Lacrosse Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

From the National Junior to Senior box lacrosse viewpoint, Ontario Teams performed tremendously, the Six Nations Rivermen won Gold at the Sr. B Presidents' Cup held in St. Catharines with the OLA host, St. Catharines Saints winning Bronze. The Six Nations Arrows captured the Minto Cup at home in Six Nations and the OLA Akwesasne Indians won the Jr. B Founders Trophy played in Calgary, Alberta. An outstanding performance by all and congratulations to all of the champions.

At the 2015 CLA Senior Men's Field Nationals, the 2015 Ross Cup, the Centre-Wellington Wolves defeated the Hamilton Bengals 6 – 4 to claim the title of Senior Men's Field National Champions.

Congratulations to all teams that participated in the OLA Provincials held during the 2015 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. This year was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival which continues to grow every year where there is now 36 Provincial and National Championships. The successful planning and management by Ron MacSpadyen along with his dedicated group of volunteers made the 2015 Festival outstanding and enjoyed by all participants and spectators. Thanks to all of you who volunteered this year at the 2015 festival. This event was tremendously successful due to your help.

I look forward to the 2016 season. If we continue to work together, I believe that we will grow Lacrosse in Ontario beyond all expectations, not only in the quantity of players playing our great game but also the quality of the players and of the game itself.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Financial Statement copies were handed out and was highlighted by V.P. Finance George MacDonald.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the "2015 OLA Audited Financial Statement be accepted as presented". (Glen Flippance/Dave Wilson)

CARRIED

It was regularly moved and seconded by that "Beckett, Lowden & Read be accepted as OLA 2016 Auditors". (Mena Briscoe/Glen Flippance)

CARRIED

It was regularly moved and seconded that the 2016 Audit Committee be accepted consisting of Dean McLeod, Ruby Lang, Mary Sticca. (Bob Clevely/ Kent Davis)

CARRIED

Dean McLeod presented to the membership the nomination for Life Member for Mr. Ziggy Musial from Brampton.

CARRIED

A moment of silence was observed for our Canadian Veterans as well as Lacrosse volunteers who had past during the 2015 season.

### **AMENDMENTS:**

<b>B3.07</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>B6.02(b)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>B6.02(c)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>B6.08</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>B6.08(b)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>B6.14</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>Article B-V1</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>B9.01(b)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>OR-11 Life Membership</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>OR7.01 &amp; OR7.02</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>OR13.05</b>	<b>Amended/Carried</b>
<b>OR13.10</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>OR14.05</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>R4.11(b)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>R5.02</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>R7.02(a)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>R7.06</b>	<b>Amended/Carried</b>
<b>R7.07(a)</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>MR2.04(b)</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>MR2.04(b)</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>MR2.08(a)</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>MR2.12(a)</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MR3.11</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MR 111 Releases</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>MR5.05</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MR7.12(b)</b>	<b>Defeated</b>
<b>MR9.09</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MR10.04</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>R6.10</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>OR4.01 Police Check</b>	<b>Carried</b>

**OR5.01**  
**R6.09**  
**R7.07(d)**  
**MR2.08(b)**

**Carried**  
**Carried**  
**Carried**  
**Defeated**

**O.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:**

V.P. Administration-Major	Jim Bomhof -Acclamation – 2 yr. term
V.P. Administration-Finance	George MacDonald-Acclamation- 2 yr. term
V.P. Technical-Coaching	Rick Phillips- Acclamation – 2 yr. term
V.P. Development position	Josh Briscoe & Mike Varanesi Ran for the
V.P. Development	Mike Varanesi-2 yr. term

Motion to destroy ballots (Bob Clevely/Linda Blogg)  
CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS -**

Kristine Ballantyne from Newmarket questioned how a Midget player (Liam Ham) was allowed to play on Team Ontario without a being registered with either their Minor or Jr. B clubs.