



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016**

**MARRIOTT GATEWAY ON THE FALLS  
ONTARIO ROOM  
10:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

**5:00PM President's Welcome & Holiday Greeting**

- 1 Review of Previous Minutes

**5:10PM Director's Reports**

- 1 V.P. Finance George MacDonald
- 2 V.P. Coaching Rick Phillips
- 3 V.P. Development Michael Varanesi
- 4 V.P. Field Joe Hiltz
- 5 V.P. Major Jim Bomhof
- 6 V.P. Minor Marion Ladouceur
- 7 V.P. Officiating Frank Lawrence
- 8 V.P. Promotion Lynn Orth
- 9 Past President Chuck Miller
- 10 Staff Reports

**Review of Old Business**

- 1 OLA Wearables - Jeramie

**New Business**

- 1 Kitchener Senior B 2017 Application – Jim Bomhof
- 2 Oakville Junior C Ownership Change – Jim Bomhof
- 3 Hamilton Junior C Franchise Sale – Jim Bomhof

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**ATTENDANCE**

In Attendance:	John Doherty	OLA President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Lynn Orth	VP Promotions
	Jim Bomhof	VP Major
	Marion Ladouceur	VP Minor
	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Michael Varanesi	VP Development
	Fiona Clevely	Administration
	Peter Flook	Administrative Assistant
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director	
With Regrets:	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Chuck Miller	OLA Past President

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM.

President's Welcome (John Doherty)

1. John welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending. John reflected on the positive tone of the previous day's planning meeting, and expressed his optimism for the 2016 season.

*To accept the previous minutes dated December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

M/ Michael Varanesi

S/ Lynn Orth

**CARRIED.**

VP Finance (George MacDonald)

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VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

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VP Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. Jim reported that the Major Series Lacrosse entry draft was held the previous week, which resulted in 30 players selected to teams within the Senior A division. The Junior A draft was approved to be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> by an email vote between the Board of Directors, which requires ratification under Old Business.
2. Jim informed the Board of Directors that the CLA is considering a proposal to turn the current Alberta Women's Senior Invitational Tournament into a Senior Women's National Championship. If this proposal is accepted, the establishment of a Senior Women's Team Ontario program would then become part of the VP Development portfolio.

### VP Field (Joe Hiltz)

1. Joe announced that the OMFLL is currently preparing for the 2016 spring field lacrosse season. The OWFL has indicated that they wish to enter six U-17 teams into the 2016 Ontario Summer Games in order to showcase women's field lacrosse without denying the U-19 A division the opportunity to participate at the OWFL Provincial Championships weekend. The Board of Directors supports the establishment of a U-17 league in Ontario, but explained that a regular U-17 division should exist in order for that division to be approved to compete in the 2016 Ontario Summer Games.

### VP Promotions (Lynn Orth)

1. Lynn announced that the OWFL wishes to bring their administrative documentation in line with the OLA's governing documentation. A committee comprised of Lynn Orth, Wendy Bennett-Costante, Josh Briscoe and one member of the OWFL's choosing would convene to oversee this process during the 2016 season.

*To approve Lynn Orth, Josh Briscoe and Wendy Bennett-Costante and a member of the OWFL Executive to review and draft new administrative documents to bring the OWFL's policies, procedures and related documentation in line with the OLA.*

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ Jim Bomhof

**CARRIED.**

2. Lynn explained that a Grade 11 student contacted her regarding a "Betterment Project" which included a funding request for new high school lacrosse equipment. The request was not detailed. The Board of Directors asked Lynn to connect with the student to determine the specifics of her request.

### VP Minor (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion discussed the issue surrounding sibling registration that was raised at the Annual General Meeting in November. Marion presented an amendment that was proposed by Minor Council to resolve the sibling registration issue. The Board of Directors discussed their issues with the wording of the proposed amendment. Marion reworked the wording of the amendment to address the concerns of the Board of Directors.

*To accept the following amendment, effective immediately: Any new registrant who has a sibling who is currently registered outside his or her residence shall have a one-time right to obtain an unconditional release to that same center. There shall be no fee for this release. This amendment shall strictly apply to MR 2.08(b) and no other regulation.*

M/ Marion Ladouceur

S/ Lynn Orth

**CARRIED.**

2. Marion received a request from a group located near Midland who would like to host a “fun day” tournament in the area historically known as a Ste. Marie among the Huron. The group is currently associated with anyone from the Midland Lacrosse Association. The group is looking for four Pee Wee teams to participate in the event. The Board of Directors recommended that Marion connect this group with the Midland Lacrosse Association in order to operate this portion of the event under the OLA. Marion agreed to connect this group with Shannah Aube from Midland, as well as to report back to the Board of Directors after finding out more about what the group has planned.
3. Marion asked for clarification regarding photocopies of Criminal Record Checks. The Board of Directors clarified that the Privacy Officer is the sole person who is responsible for the making of photocopies, as well as returning the original copy when requested to do so.

#### VP Development (Michael Varanesi)

1. Michael announced plans for the formation of a Development / Implementation committee that will be responsible for the production and dissemination of resources that are designed to assist clubs throughout the season. This committee would provide clubs with ideas for activities that will address the declining registration numbers facing the sport.

*To approve the formation of a Development Committee, chaired by the VP of Development, to design and distribute promotional materials to interested clubs.*

M/ Michael Varanesi

S/ Lynn Orth

**CARRIED.**

Past President (Chuck Miller – report provided by Stan Cockerton)

1. Stan informed the Board of Directors that the last two Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame meetings have been productive. The future is bright for the Hall of Fame, and the OLA is very happy with the direction that the OLHOFM is going.

Review of Old Business:

1. John reported that the 2015 Wounded Warrior Tournament was a great success. Thanks goes to all who supported this charity lacrosse event.

*To ratify the approval of the 2015 Ontario Lacrosse Junior A Wounded Warrior tournament in Six Nations.*

M/ Michael Varanesi

S/ Joe Hiltz

**CARRIED.**

2. John reported that the 2016 Ontario Lacrosse Midget Draft was taking place at the same time as this meeting.

*To ratify the approval of the requested extension of the 2016 Junior A Draft to January 31, 2016, for this year only.*

M/ Michael Varanesi

S/ Joe Hiltz

**CARRIED.**

New Business:

1. Jim reviewed the OWBLL Council approval of two expansion teams for the 2016 season. The Board of Directors reflected on the bids for each team. Lynn Orth expressed concern about the shortage of volunteers and executive members involved in Clarington's bid for league expansion.

*To approve Arthur and Clarington as 2016 expansion teams within the OWBLL for a probationary period of one season, whereby at the end of this season and prior to full approval, the OWBLL Commissioner will report back to the Board of Directors in written form detailing the foreseeable viability of each team.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ Frank Lawrence

**CARRIED.**

2. Jim reviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual OWBLL Stick Check Tournament application. Fiona Clevely expressed concerns regarding the application, as the host (Durham) has an outstanding account with the OLA and many participating teams are also currently Members Not In Good Standing because of unsettled debts.

*To approve the 2016 OWBLL Stick Check tournament proposal as presented on the condition that the host association, and all participating teams, have paid all outstanding debts from 2015 (and prior, if applicable), as well as all 2016 registration fees to the OLA prior to February 17, 2016.*

M/ Jim Bomhof  
S/ Marion Ladouceur  
**CARRIED.**

3. Jim stated that Hannah Leaf of the OWBLL's Akwesasne team had formally requested approval for a second Ontario team, known as "All Nations", to travel to the Senior Women's Invitational Tournament in Calgary.

*To approve a second Ontario team, billed as "Team All Nations", to represent Ontario at the 2016 Senior Women's Invitational Tournament in Calgary.*

M/ Jim Bomhof  
S/ Joe Hiltz  
**DEFEATED.**

4. John presented the proposal from Lacrosse in Motion, the group behind the Lacrosse Day in Durham project. Lacrosse in Motion submitted an application to the OLA which included a funding request as well as an appeal for assistance with promotional opportunities. The Board of Directors expressed concerns regarding Lacrosse in Motion's funding request, and asked John to respond to advise that the OLA will not offer funding to this specific project.

*To approve the proposal by Lacrosse in Motion to operate the 2016 Lacrosse Day in Durham, minus the funding requests.*

M/ Marion Ladouceur  
S/ Lynn Orth  
**CARRIED.**

5. Jim advised the Board of Directors that the Major Series Lacrosse Kitchener Kodiaks had relocated to Cobourg ahead of the 2016 season. Lynn Orth declared a conflict of interest as a minority owner of the team and removed herself from all discussion.

*To approve the sale of the Kitchener Kodiaks to Cobourg.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

6. Fiona presented payment plans proposed by executives involved with the Spartan Junior B's and Whitby Warrior Junior A's. Fiona is in the process of assisting all other clubs who have outstanding accounts.

*To approve the 2016 repayment plans proposed by the Spartan Junior B and Whitby Warrior Junior A clubs.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

*To adjourn the meeting.*

M/ Joe Hiltz

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:44AM.