



**Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – March 2nd, 2014.**

Attendance:

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Frank Lawrence	V.P. Officiating
Joe Hiltz	V.P. Field
Jim Bomhof	V.P. Major – Administration
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor.
Lynn Orth	V.P. Promotion
Lisa Alton	V.P. Development
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
Dean McLeod	Junior A
Dave Vernon	Junior B
Charlie Simpson	Junior C
Sue Powless	Senior Women`s Box
Glen Flippance	Senior Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Albert Rehanek	Minor Field
Stephen Taylor	Women`s Field
Shelly Nobile	Zone 4
Tina Manning	Zone 6
Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
Nicole Roe	Zone 8
Mary Sticca	Zone 9
Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
Dale Sett	OLRA
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director

Regrets:

Chuck Miller	Past President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Jim Brady	Major
Tanya Thompson	Zone 5
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President's Report

1. Previous Minutes

MOTION (McKeachnie, Taylor)

"To approve the minutes dated November 1st, 2014 of the Board of Governors Meeting as amended"

CARRIED

2013 Budget

MOTION (Ladouceur, Vernon)

"To approve the 2014 budget"

CARRIED

Senior B Report

1. 2015 President's Cup

MOTION (McKeachnie, Lawrence)

"Approve St. Catharines to Host the 2015 Presidents Cup"

Carried

Zone 6 Report

1. Online Registration

Tina reported to the Board that Online Registration is going well so far. The only issue has been with parents not wanting to upload their birth certificate again as they aren't new members. The rationale is that they upload it once online and never have to again. Tina also would like to thank Clarington, Oshawa and Peterborough for helping significantly with the online process.

Senior Men's Field Report

1. Nationals: Ross Victory Cup

Glen reported to the Board that Ontario has been awarded the National Championships and will most likely be hosted in Brampton.

Junior B Report

1. Schedule

Dave reported to the Board that the Junior 'B' League schedule is complete as of yesterday.

2. Rule 45 B Change

Dave reported to the Board that VP Officiating Frank Lawrence attended the Junior 'B' League meeting yesterday during the SAGM and communicated the proposed rule change for Rule 45 B to the CLA.

3. CCES Program

Dave asked the Board when the information regarding the CCES program will be released. The answer is that the OLA is still waiting to get this information from the CLA.

Zone 10 Report

1. B7.04

Wendy asked for the support of the Board going forward to modify B7.04 to state that the Club appeal fee doesn't exceed \$50. This will be coming forward to the AGM.

Junior A Report

1. Schedule

Dean reported to the Board that the Junior 'A' League schedule will be finished by Wednesday of this week.

2. Mississauga Junior A Club

Dean reported to the Board that Mississauga wants out of the Junior 'A' Lacrosse League. They believe they can't compete in this league anymore. Dean reports that this will be something that the Junior 'A' League is working on.

Women's Box Report

1. Hamilton Bengals New Women's Box Lacrosse Club

MOTION (Powless, Flippance)

"Approve the Hamilton Bengals as a new club in the Women's Box Lacrosse League"

CARRIED

2. 2nd Annual Women's Stick Check Lacrosse Tournament

MOTION (Powless, McKeachnie)

"Approve the 2nd Annual Women's Stick Check Lacrosse Tournament"

CARRIED

Minor Field Report

1. Code of Conduct Signed by Minor Field Players

Every minor field player must confirmed an electronic minor field code of conduct, which is going towards the Minor Field mandate of improving the Minor Field League experience.

2. Code of Conduct Signed by Referees

MOTION (Rehanek, Taylor)

"Approve that Ontario Field Lacrosse Referee's must electronically confirm the minor field referee code of conduct."

CARRIED

OLRA Report

1. Two year OLRA Contract Signed

Dale reported to the Board that the OLRA two year contract was signed yesterday.

Women's Field Report

1. Board Reports 7 Days Prior to Meeting

Stephen reported to the Board a clarification about a motion made a previous Board of Governors meeting that stated that Board reports are submitted 7 days prior to every Board of Governors meeting. The Board thought it was only for the AGM Board reports but Stephen clarified that this was for every Board of Governors meeting.

2. Women's Field Online Registration

Sincere thanks go to the Board of Governors and more specifically Ron MacSpadyen, Kevin Murray, Stephen Taylor and Mena Briscoe for their efforts with regards to Women's Field Online Registration.

3. New Director of Media

Shannon Stephenson is the OWFL is the new director of media. There has been a lot of positive feedback with regards to their website, social media and newsletter.

4. Team Ontario Improvements

Team Ontario has significantly improved for the Ontario Women's Field thanks to the organization of Team Ontario this year.

5. Ontario Women's Field Officiating Program

Communication with the CLA needs to be improved going forward with regards to the National Women's Field Officiating Program.

New Business

1. CLA Board of Directors Restructuring

New structure will be announced at the CLA SAGM. This will affect how the Board of Directors will be formed. For example the Presidents from each MA are not automatically on the CLA Board of Directors.

2. Criminal Record Check Update

Glen reported to the Board that a committee has been formed and has been meeting regularly to develop the Criminal Record Check Procedures. Yesterday at the SAGM there was a module hosted to update the members on the CRC Procedures.

3. New OLA Amendment: R6.14(e)

MOTION (Bomhof, Vernon)

"Approve a new OLA amendment R6.14(e) that states: "When a player requests to be reclassified, to the next lower category, by registered mail to the recognized contact for the team with which he is currently signed, he must also send a copy of the request to the OLA, the VP Jr. to Major and the League Commissioner. If the team does not respond within 10 business days, by registered mail, the reclassification becomes automatic."

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT (Bomhof, Vernon)

"To clarify that the OLA will refer to the executive director."

CARRIED

Note: This amendment will need to be ratified at the 2014 OLA AGM.

4. CLA Facemask Update

Ron reported to the Board that there is a CLA facemask update in the Board package regarding the follow items:

- 1) Correct chin cup for facemasks has been distributed.
- 2) Upper, shin guards, pants have a numbering system for all players in Canada.
- 3) OLA circulated a memo about the under armour mask that is not approved.

5. Life Membership

The Life membership committee will meet to discuss the final details of the life membership committee before it is brought forward at the 2014 OLA AGM.

6. OLA Release Request Forms

MOTION (Ladouceur, Bennett-Constante)

“Approve that the OLA Release Request Form for minor box be revised to include the player’s residence address”

MOTION (Rehanek, Orth)

“Approve that the OLA Release Request Form for minor field be revised to include the player’s residence address”

MOTION (Taylor, Orth)

“Approve that the OLA Release Request Form for women’s field be revised to include the player’s residence address”

Note: Prior to posting on the OLA website, Promotions Director will be asked to make it into a “fillable” PDF document

7. 16 Team Intermediate Only Tournament

MOTION (Ladouceur, Orth)

“Approve for 2014 only that there is a 16 team stand-alone tournament for intermediates only for the July 4th to 6th weekend. The OLA Board will review for the 2015 season going forward.”

8. Intermediate League Days

MOTION (Ladouceur, Orth)

“Approve for 2014 only that the Intermediate Division of the OLA have the option of having league days for teams that require additional games. The OLA Board will review for the 2015 season going forward.”

CARRIED

9. Intermediate League Day Format

MOTION (Ladouceur, Orth)

“Approve for 2014 only that Intermediate League days will follow the Girl’s League Day format, but with an allowance for three games per team. All Applications to be approved by the Intermediate committee. The OLA Board will review for the 2015 season going forward.”

CARRIED

10. Invitational Tournament Listing Corrections

Mary reported to the Board that there is information on the invitational tournament listing that needs to be corrected and sent out this week and posted on the OLA website.

11. Professional Development Coaching Program Change

Stan reported to the Board that the timeline for the professional development program to be completed by level 2 competitive introduction certified coaches has been updated to three years from the previous five year deadline effective November 2013.

MOTION (Sticca, Simpson)

“Adjourn meeting”

CARRIED