



**Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association  
Board of Governors Meeting – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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
Jim Brady	Major
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
Dean McLeod	Junior A
Dave Vernon	Junior B
Sue Powless	Senior Women`s Box
Glen Flippance	Senior Field
Stephen Taylor	Women`s Field
Shelly Nobile	Zone 4
Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
Nicole Roe	Zone 8
Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director

**Regrets:**

Chuck Miller	Past President
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Charlie Simpson	Junior C
Tanya Thompson	Zone 5
Tina Manning	Zone 6
Mary Sticca	Zone 9
Dale Sett	OLRA
Albert Rehanek	Minor Field
Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Matt Doherty	Promotions Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

## **President's Report**

### **1. Six Nations**

John congratulated Six Nations on their great year and many championships that they were able to capture in Ontario and in the entire country.

### **2. Previous Minutes**

#### **MOTION**

*"To approve the minutes dated March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 of the Board of Governors Meeting as amended"*

#### **CARRIED**

## **Major Report**

### **1. 2014 Mann Cup**

Jim reported to the Board that Six Nations did a great job of hosting the 2014 Mann Cup and that Rusty Doxtator did a good job as CLA Convenor. Jim reported that the 2014 Mann Cup displayed great defensive play and goaltending.

## **Senior B Report**

### **1. 2014 Presidents Cup**

Sharon reported to the Board that the 2014 Presidents Cup was hosted at a great facility and was well organized. Sharon reported that Six Nations performed well with a good effort as they lost in the final 9-8 to Onondaga.

## **Senior Men's Field Report**

### **1. Senior Men's Field League**

Glen reported to the Board the Senior Men's Field League is going well this year.

### **2. 2014 Ross Cup**

Glen reported to the Board that the 2014 Ross Cup has been cancelled.

### **3. 2015 Ross Cup**

#### **MOTION**

*"Ontario Senior Men's Field League to apply to host Ross Cup in 2015"*

#### **CARRIED**

## **Junior B Report**

### **1. Six Nations**

Dave congratulated Six Nations on another great year in Junior 'B' in Ontario and nationally by winning another Founders Cup.

### **2. Mimico to Junior 'A'**

Dave reminded the Board that Mimico Junior 'B' franchise will be moving to Junior 'A' for 2015.

### **3. Junior 'B' Franchise Applications**

Dave reported to the Board that there will be two new Junior 'B' franchise applications coming forward this year.

#### **4. Markham Relocation**

Dave reported to the Board that Markham Junior 'B' may be relocating to Ajax.

#### **5. Potential New Playoff Format**

Dave reported to the Board that the Ontario Junior 'B' League is currently reviewing a potential change to a new playoff format.

### **Zone 9 Report**

#### **1. Zone 9 Convenor**

Zone 9 reports that Zone Director Mary Sticca will be stepping down.

#### **2. Thanks to OLA VP Coaching**

Zone 9 gives thanks to OLA VP Coaching Rick Phillips for working closely with Zone 9 Coaches this past season.

### **Zone 10 Report**

#### **1. Zone Player Release Program**

Wendy reported to the Board that Zone 10 will be trying to pass a pilot for a new zone player release program.

#### **2. OLA Amendments**

Wendy reported to the Board that she will be submitting two OLA amendments.

### **Junior A Report**

#### **1. Mississauga Relocation to Mimico**

Dean reported to the Board that the relocation of Mississauga Junior 'A' to Mimico has been approved.

#### **2. Six Nations**

Dean congratulated Six Nations Junior 'A' on their Minto Cup Championship.

#### **3. OLA Amendments**

Dean reported to the Board that he will be submitting three OLA amendments this year.

#### **4. Use of Wooden Stick**

Dean reported to the Board that the Junior 'A' Council has been concerned with the use of the wooden stick this year in the Ontario Junior 'A' Lacrosse League.

### **Women's Box Report**

#### **1. Provincials**

Sue reported to the Board that the Women's Box Provincials for 2014 were hosted well.

#### **2. 2014 Champions**

Sue reported to the Board that the Toronto Stars were the 2014 Ontario Women's Box Champions.

### **3. Playoff Format/League Schedule**

Sue reported to the Board that the Ontario Women's Box Lacrosse League is looking to change their playoff format & league schedule for 2015.

### **4. New Applications for 2015**

Sue reported to the Board that there will be two or three new franchise applications for 2015.

### **Zone 4 Report**

Zone 4 reported that there is lots of change in Zone & Team Leadership expected for 2015.

### **Women's Field Report**

#### **1. Worlds in Denver**

Stephen reported the Board that he would like to recognize Ontario Athletes who won at the Worlds in Denver this year.

#### **2. Summer Games**

Stephen thanks OLA Administration Staff Fiona for her work on the 2014 Ontario Summer Games. Stephen also suggested that U-17 Women's Field be a competing division in the next summer games.

#### **3. Conflict of Interest**

Stephen asked a question to the Board and asked for direction regarding conflict of interest with Board members who also received money (honorarium) for position (registrar, R.I.C.)

### **Junior Field Report**

Junior Field reported that four new awards need approval. A \$500 & \$1000 honorarium awards are two of the four new awards. This will be brought to the Minor Field Council.

### **OLRA Report**

The OLRA recognizes Officials who attend Worlds in Denver (OLA VP Officiating will be submitting this list to the OLA)

### **OLA VP Minor Box**

Marion reported to the Board that the minor council recognizes Lynn Brandwood's great job this past season on the ratings.

### **OLA V.P. Major – Administration**

Jim reported to the Board that he is continuing to look into & resolve drafted players issues with two representatives per league with no lawyers.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Appeals Process Review**

Stan, John and Dean will be reviewing the current appeals process.

## **2. OLA Life Membership Amendment**

Dean asked the OLA office staff to send out the drafted OLA Life Membership Amendment to the OLA Board of Governors for their comments and suggestions.

## **3. OLA Life Member List**

Dean will update list with any changes that are necessary.

## **4. Police Checks (CRC)**

There is a meeting scheduled on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the Police Checks (CRC).

## **5. Online Registration**

Online registration for the 2014 season went well and will be reviewed in detail.

## **MOTION**

*“Adjourn meeting”*

**CARRIED**