



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2015**

**MARRIOTT GATEWAY ON THE FALLS
HENNEPIN SOUTH
5:00 PM**

AGENDA

- 5:00 PM President's Welcome**
- 5:05 PM** Review of Previous Minutes September 13, 2015 (pgs. 2 – 8)
- 5:10 PM** George MacDonald OLA Financial Statement Review
- 5:15 PM** Stan Cockerton OLA AGM Voting Administration
- 5:20 PM** Stan Cockerton OLA Life Member Discussion
- 6:00 PM Governor's Reports**
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| 1 | Jim Brady | Major Series |
| 2 | Sharon McKeachie | Senior B |
| 3 | Dean McLeod | Junior A |
| 4 | Dave Vernon | Junior B |
| 5 | Lisa Cartman | Junior C |
| 6 | Sue Powless | Senior Women's Box |
| 7 | Glen Flippance | Senior Field |
| 8 | Mark Schuetzkowski | Junior Field |
| 9 | Peter Debrone | Minor Field |
| 10 | Stephen Taylor | Women's Field |
| 11 | Andrew Ecclestone | Ontario Lacrosse Referee's Association |
| 12 | Shelly Nobile | Zone 4 |
| 13 | Tanya Thompson | Zone 5 |
| 14 | Sonya Crossey | Zone 6 |
| 15 | Jenn Matheson | Zone 7 |
| 16 | Nicole Roe | Zone 8 |
| 17 | Dave Wilson | Zone 9 |
| 18 | Wendy Bennett | Zone 10 |
- 6:30 PM Review of Old Business**
- 1 OLA Wearables Jeramie Bailey
- 6:40 PM New Business**

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ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:	John Doherty	OLA President
	Chuck Miller	OLA Past President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Jim Bomhof	VP Major
	Marion Ladouceur	VP Minor
	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Lynn Orth	VP Promotions
	Andrew Ecclestone	OLRA President
	Jim Brady	Major Series
	Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
	Dean McLeod	Junior A
	Dave Vernon	Junior B
	Lisa Cartman	Junior C
	Sue Powless	Women's Box
	Glen Flippance	Senior Men's Field
	Mark Scheutzkowski	Junior Men's Field
	Peter Debrone	Minor Field
	Stephen Taylor	OWFL
	Shelly Nobile	Zone 4
	Ian Garrison	Zone 5
	Sonya Crossey	Zone 6
	Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
	Nicole Roe	Zone 8
	Dave Wilson	Zone 9
	Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
	Fiona Clevely	Administration
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
With Regrets:	Lisa Alton	VP Development

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:14 PM.

President's Welcome (John Doherty)

1. John Doherty welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.

The OLA Board of Governors shall accept the minutes of the May 24, 2015 meeting, as presented.

M/ Sharon McKeachnie

S/ Stephen Taylor

CARRIED.

2015 Financials (George MacDonald, Ron MacSpadyen)

1. George presented the 2015 financial statements and the 2015 statement of operations. By the external auditor's analysis, the corporation is financially sound, though there was an increase in operating expenses due to the unforeseen bankruptcy of the Sport Alliance of Ontario. Stan Cockerton addressed how the SAO's insolvency had caused turmoil in the OLA Office during the transition period. Stan acknowledged the staff for adapting to the changes and thanked those present for their patience. Stan has signed a temporary lease on the office space which is set to be renewed in June of 2016. The government is currently re-evaluating amateur sport programs in Ontario to determine how future funding will be allocated. Once more information is available, it will be provided to the group.
2. Ron MacSpadyen addressed the 2015 Ontario Lacrosse Festival P&L statement. Ron thanked everyone who worked to support the festival, including Andrew Ecclestone and the Referee Development Team for improving the quality of officiating during the competition. Ron spoke of the impact that Toronto's Pan/Am Games had on the available spaces for vendors, which decreased Festival revenue. Additional expenses came from OLF shorts (midget division) and OLF caps (all other divisions), which have increased in cost each year. Jim Brady spoke to the role that the

Ontario Lacrosse Festival plays in creating great players and offered thanks to the volunteers for their hard work.

OLA AGM Voting Administration (Stan Cockerton)

1. Stan reviewed the list of eligible clubs and associations for voting privileges at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, which was provided by Fiona Clevely.

The OLA Board of Governors shall approve the list of eligible voters for the 2015 Ontario Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting, as presented.

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

OLA Life Membership Discussion (Stan Cockerton)

1. Stan Cockerton informed the Board of Governors that Ziggy Musial, of Brampton, had been nominated for Life Membership.
2. Dean McLeod spoke to the nomination of Ziggy Musial. The Life Member Committee voted unanimously to accept Mr. Musial's life membership nomination. Dean provided a brief biography on Ziggy's involvement in the Ontario lacrosse community. Dean supplied Fiona Clevely with an original, signed copy of the nomination form for Mr. Musial, bearing the signatures of Bill Hutton, Dan Atkinson and Dean McLeod, which officially endorses Ziggy Musial for life membership with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

The OLA Board of Governors shall approve Ziggy Musial for Life Membership with the Ontario Lacrosse Association in 2015.

M/ Dean McLeod

S/ Jim Brady

CARRIED.

APPLAUSE.

Major Series Lacrosse Report (Jim Brady)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. The intermission of a regular season Brooklin Redmen match featured a modified indoor women's field demonstration game, which was a nice treat for fans.

Senior B Report (Sharon McKeachnie)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Junior A Report (Dean McLeod)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. Six Nations won the 2015 Minto Cup, and the Arrows Hosting Committee did a fantastic job of putting on the event. The future of the Minto Cup is at risk because it is not currently financial viable to continue with the Best of Seven format. There is a meeting scheduled in Vancouver at the end of the month to discuss the viability of the Minto Cup under the current format.
3. Dean shared the story of the Peterborough Junior A game that featured Bill Fox and Emily Hiltz as referees. Ms. Hiltz was commended for doing a great job when the call of duty came. Dean recommended that the officiating program continue to work with Ms. Hiltz to develop her skills.

Junior B Report (Dave Vernon)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Junior C Report (Lisa Cartman)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Senior Women's Box Report (Sue Powless)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Senior Men's Field Report (Glen Flippance)

1. The Ontario Senior Men's Field Lacrosse League hosted the 2015 Ross Cup in Brampton. The Championship was won by Centre Wellington. The weather was the only downside to the 2015 season.

Junior Men's Field Report (Mark Schuetzkowski)

1. Divisional Winners:
 - A. Oshawa
 - B. Ottawa (back to back)
 - C. Toronto Beaches
 - D. London
2. Team rosters were smaller in 2015, but the league increased by one team year-over-year.
3. Private clubs continue to be a threat to the future of the OMJFLL, as players are lured away from the league to participate in specialty camps.

Minor Field Report (Peter Debrone)

1. Report attached on Page 9.

Women's Field (OWFL) Report (Stephen Taylor)

1. Not all sectors are following the OLA / OLRA collective bargaining agreement because the wording is not totally inclusive of all sectors. John Doherty asked to be included in all discussions related to the OLA / OLRA's CBA.
2. The OWFL is disappointed in the lack of communication between the OWFL, the OLA and the CLA. The CLA has dismissed one year's worth of work done by the OWFL in order to improve the game. The OWFL requests that the OLA formally encourage the CLA to promote the game.

Ontario Lacrosse Referees Association Report (Andrew Ecclestone)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 4 Report (Shelly Nobile)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. Zone 4's registration decreased in 2015, which is a real concern to the associations who feel that there is too much emphasis placed on Team Ontario and not enough resources dedicated to developing players across the entire province.

Zone 6 Report (Sonya Crossey)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. At Zone 6's wrap-up meeting, association presidents reported a shifted emphasis away from kids playing box lacrosse and toward playing for private camp teams. Zone 6 would like to know how the OLA and Minor

Council plan to counteract these types of organizations that are luring kids away from the game.

Zone 7 Report (Jenn Matheson)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 8 Report (Nicole Roe)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 9 Report (Dave Wilson)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 10 Report (Wendy Bennett-Costante)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. An off-floor situation occurred at the 2015 Tyke Provincials between two Zone 10 teams. The Zone 10 executive intends to schedule a seminar to mediate between these two teams to prevent this situation from happening again.

Review of Old Business:

1. Dave Vernon requested that the 2014 Quest For Gold committee members be approved for the 2015 Q4G selection process. John Doherty asserted that the new VP Development be permitted to make the decision on who sits on the committee. Dave responded that there is precedent for this approval because the same situation occurred when Don Edgerton was elected to the VP Development role. John asked whether it was necessary to approve the Q4G committee at this meeting. Dave explained that the grant money could not be awarded until the established committee was reflected in official minutes.

The OLA Board of Governors shall approve Dave Vernon and Lynn Orth to sit on the 2015 Quest for Gold committee, under the direction of the next VP Development.

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Dave Wilson

CARRIED.

New Business:

1. Peter Debrone explained that the OMFLL executive wishes to use Sportzsoft for online player registration for 2016. Sportzsoft appears to be able to deliver on the needs of the OMFLL. George MacDonald asked how many registrations take place in the OMFLL. Peter responded that approximately 3,500 – 4,000 players register each season.

The OLA Board of Governors shall approve online player registration for OMFLL in the 2016 season.

M/ Peter Debrone

S/ Glen Flippance

CARRIED.

2. The Board of Governors discussed the future of online registration for minor box. Ron MacSpadyen reviewed the current issues with online registration that are included in his year-end report. Multiple zone directors expressed their frustration with the perception that the OLA is moving too slowly to adopt online registration. This discussion did not produce a direction for this meeting; online registration will be brought forth as an amendment at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Chuck Miller thanked all participants for attending the 2015 Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Golf Tournament.
4. Lynn Orth proposed a committee that will be tasked with unifying the bylaws and regulations of all Ontario Lacrosse Association sectors. Lynn will put together an action plan to address the inconsistencies between the sector's policies and procedures, and those of the corporation.

Motion to adjourn the November 6, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting.

M/ Peter Debrone

S/ Glen Flippance

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League Report



Prepared by: Peter Debrone – Commissioner

Prepared for: OLA Board of Governors

November 6, 2015

The 2015 spring and fall seasons were very successful. Our numbers stayed relatively stagnant in the spring dropping only by 4 teams to just under 200 teams in total. Our fall season grew to 31 teams this year.

The OMFLL executive performed an internal financial audit that was administered by George MacDonald (OLA Rep,) Josh Briscoe (OMFLL Rep) and Jennifer Price (Club Rep.) The findings were that Greg Fancett has done an extraordinary job as our treasurer over the last several years and small tweaks to our financial procedures will be adopted immediately.

This year we ran a profit, the first time in 2 years that we have done so. This was a direct result of us increasing club fees, as well as, being much more fiscally conservative when it came to expenditures.

With respect to Online Registration, as we know, Sport Ngin was not able to fulfil the requests we had to make their platform adhere to our practices. As such, the OMFLL would like that the OMFLL adopt the same online registration platform as Ontario Women's Field, SportzSoft. If this could be added to New Business, it would be appreciated.

This year, we also held our first ever Player Development Clinic. We had just fewer than 50 players take part in this three-week (Sunday's Only) clinic. It was comprised of a Skills Session put on by Pros from the MLL and NLL, as well as, a small-sided game that was referred by OLA referees. The reviews were phenomenal, and if the OMFLL Council approves, we will be doing more of them in the winter.

Finally, our Policy Papers are in desperate need of an overhaul. It is my intentions to form a committee to address this.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Peter Debrone

Commissioner

Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League

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