

**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2015
ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION OFFICE**

AGENDA

7:00 PM

President Remarks

Review of Previous Minutes

VP Finance George MacDonald

VP Major Jim Bomhof
Junior Proposal

VP Minor Box Marion Ladouceur
Unconditional Release, Evan John

VP Field Joe Hiltz

VP Coaching Rick Phillips

VP Officiating Frank Lawrence
Assigning (Junior - Major)
Mentorship/Supervision (Junior - Major)
Assigning (Men's Field)
Mentorship/Supervision (Men's Field)
2016 World Field Lacrosse Championships
Clinics (All Sectors)
Tournament Supervision and RDT (Minor Box)
Ontario Lacrosse Festival

VP Development Lisa Alton
Team Ontario
Quest for Gold

VP Promotion Lynn Orth

Staff Reports

New Business

- 1) Sport Alliance Ontario update (Stan)
- 2) Carding system for Team Ontario Tryouts (Lisa)



**Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Directors Meeting – April 8th, 2015 – OLA Office**

In Attendance: John Doherty (Chair), Jim Bomhof, Marion Ladouceur, Lynn Orth, Frank Lawrence, George MacDonald, Lisa Alton, Stan Cockerton, Ron MacSpadyen, Jeramie Bailey

Regrets: Chuck Miller, Rick Phillips, Joe Hiltz, Chris Driscoll

7:39pm. Meeting called to order by Chair, John Doherty.
Quorum present.

President's Opening Remarks and Report (Doherty)

1. Review of Previous Minutes (Dated February 18th, 2015)
 - i. Amend V.P. Finance George Macdonald's report to read "Playoff and fine revenue distribution proposal between the junior to major leagues would create a shortfall of approximately \$26,000 to the OLA."
 - ii. Lynn asked if all teams had paid any outstanding fines. To be confirmed by Fiona.
2. **MOTION** (MacDonald, Ladouceur)
 - i. "To approve as amended the minutes dated February 18th, 2015 of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Board of Directors." **CARRIED.**
3. Vendor Discussion
 - i. The Board of Directors discussed the importance of who is authorized to speak to vendors regarding official OLA business.
 - ii. John announced that there are not currently any vendors who are not in good standing with the OLA.
4. **MOTION** (Ladouceur, Bomhof)
 - i. "To arrange by phone an in-person meeting at the OLA Office between Stan, John Frank and Lisa and ILA Sports ownership." **CARRIED.**
5. Stan welcomed Jeramie to the role of Promotions Director as the OLA's newest staff member.

V.P. Finance Report (MacDonald)

1. NTR.

V.P. Major (Bomhof)

1. Barrie Jr. C Discussion
 - i. Jim presented documentation from Barrie's Jr. A team that indicates support for Innisfil Jr. C to relocate to Barrie. Documentation was accepted by the Board of Directors.
2. SAGM Commissioners Meeting
 - i. Jim reported on a meeting held between commissioners of the junior to major leagues on March 7th, 2015 where two amendments were brought forth by Jr. A Commissioner Dean MacLeod affecting junior-aged leagues.

“Where it is found that, at the end of a team’s regular season, a registered junior player has played in a higher percentage of games with his higher ranked affiliated team than with the junior team to which he is registered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked junior team. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest [R15.01 – 15.04]. Note: Players in their 17th and 18th birth years will be exempt from this rule.”

And;

“No Team shall have more than twenty-three players signed and registered at any one time, except Major and Senior teams who shall be allowed to sign or register twenty-five players at any one time. When the maximum number of players has been signed, one must be released and his certificate returned to the League Register before an additional player may be signed and approved. Note: After Junior B trade deadline [R6.35(b)], Junior A teams may sign players from Junior B teams eliminated from playoffs, to a maximum of twenty-five signed players. Players must be returned to their Junior B team at the end of the season. Fee to be limited to \$300.”

- ii. Stan asked if all other residence rules would apply to the second proposal. Ron asked for clarification regarding “mathematical elimination” from playoffs.

3. **MOTION** (Bomhof, Orth)

- i. “To accept both amendments to the OLA Constitution, to be ratified at the 2015 OLA AGM.” **CARRIED.**

4. Releases

- i. Jim announced that a direct release form that is being prepared as an interleague initiative, but said that the form is still in the planning stages and not available for presentation.

5. Senior Women’s Box

- i. Jim reported on a trip to Oshawa to attend an OWBLL meeting. OWBLL discussed a concern whereby 19-21 year old players in an association without a Girls’ Intermediate team wished to play for a women’s senior team. Marion confirmed that all minor players must play for their closest minor association in the interest of the minor program.

V.P. Minor (Ladouceur)

1. Releases

- i. Marion presented a special release request detailed the precedent concerns with granting this player’s release. Extenuating circumstances were considered.

2. **MOTION** (Ladouceur, Bomhof)

- i. “To unconditionally approve this release based on the extenuating circumstances.” **CARRIED.**

V.P. Officiating (Lawrence)

1. Assigning

- i. Frank commended board members for accepting their assignments and taking responsibility for their blocks.

2. Mentorship

- i. For referees travelling to mentor peers in Ontario, a cap of 250km would be placed on the mentor to charge to the teams, and any remaining mileage would be paid out by the OLA

Referee Supervision Program following the submission of a mentorship report into the OLA Referee Supervision Database.

3. **MOTION** (Lawrence, Alton)

- i. "To have the OLA contribute \$500/year to create one supervision database for all sectors and divisions of lacrosse, to be maintained by the RDT and overseen by the OLA VP Officiating." **CARRIED.**

4. Board of Referees

- i. Multiple officials were moved from the board of referees to provisional status during the 2014 off-season. These officials were notified in writing by Frank that further development was required in order to rejoin the board of referees.

5. Referee Development Team

- i. The A Team has been renamed as the Referee Development Team. This team is responsible for supervision and development of referees across Ontario, including the Festival RIC Team. Jeramie has resigned from the Festival RIC Team to pursue career goals.

6. **MOTION** (Lawrence, Orth)

- i. "To replace Jeramie Bailey with Ryan Wilson as a member of the Festival RIC Team, alongside Andrew Ecclestone, Neil Macdonald and Ian Garrison." **CARRIED.**

V.P. Development (Alton)

1. Team Ontario Scheduling

- i. Lisa discussed an issue with Team Ontario Field Games going late and requiring an extra night's stay. John recommended that Lisa prepare a letter addressed to Deb Stocks and AJ Jomha to outline Ontario's concern with the timing of the games (to be sent by John).

2. Team Ontario Registration

- i. Registrations are down over last year's numbers. There are 366 players registered to try out for Team Ontario.

3. Quest for Gold

- i. All Quest for Gold cheques (\$4500 value) have been mailed. Compliance has not been an issue with any athlete to date.

V.P. Promotion (Orth)

1. SAGM Review

- i. Lynn received positive feedback on the 2015 OLA SAGM. Ron has advised that Tina Manning collected feedback paperwork from each module. There were no cancellations of any modules, though a lack of attendance was surprising in some modules. Name tags were helpful in terms of facilitating interaction and accountability. Lynn thanked all volunteers for their support of the SAGM.

2. Festival planning has begun for 2015. Lynn is looking for a volunteer coordinator.

New Business:

1. George announced that the OLA Office is now set up with a credit card machine for processing payments.
2. Stan shared the situation involving Sport Alliance Ontario (SAO). The Ministry's plan is to cease funding the SAO. Not a lot of other information is available, aside from the fact that SAO filed for bankruptcy protection. Stan will provide more information to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

3. Lisa discussed an April 10th, 2013 motion to approve a new Team Ontario registration process as a pilot program. Players are required to bring a photocopy of their club registration to show that they are following the process. This process has been highly successful and Lisa recommended that it be implemented permanently.
4. **MOTION** (Alton, Ladouceur)
 - i. "To implement the current Team Ontario registration process permanently." **CARRIED.**
5. Marion presented a change to policy MR2.08(b) which was approved by the OLA Board of Governors on March 8, 2015. This policy governs registration residency and was clarified the maximum fee that could be levied (in conjunction with OR7.04). Marion indicated that Zone Directors were given the opportunity to review (and were in agreement with) this policy change.
6. **MOTION** (Ladouceur, Bomhof)
 - i. "To accept changes to the policy as presented." **CARRIED.**

10:42pm. **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. (Lawrence, Ladouceur). **CARRIED.**