



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**HILTON MEADOWALE
SOUTH STUDIO 2
5:00PM**

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
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
	Michael Varanesi	VP Development
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
With Regrets:	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Chuck Miller	OLA Past President

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:33PM.

President's Welcome (John Doherty)

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

To accept the previous minutes dated October 6th, 2015.

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

2. Stan welcomed the group and reflected on a positive and successful 2015 season for each of the sectors and leagues.
3. Stan introduced Mike Varanesi and welcomed him to the Board of Directors.

VP Development (Michael Varanesi)

1. Michael was present at the prior Zone 4 meeting, and plans to attend the meetings of each of the remaining zones in January as scheduling permits. To date, the membership has expressed excitement in the grassroots direction of the program, as well as the prospect of growing the girls' lacrosse program (both box and field). Michael was also present at the last OWFL meeting; this executive has expressed interest in creating synergy with the box sector in the upcoming season.
2. Michael shared that the membership has requested that a development program be established to teach coaches (aside from the certification process), particularly in outlying zones and non-traditional lacrosse centers. The curriculum of this developmental training should be focused on teaching participants how to properly coach the game of lacrosse. As the first measure of providing coaches with instructional resources, Michael asked Chris Driscoll to inquire as to the cost of ordering Skills and Drills flip cards from the CLA for distribution to associations.

3. Michael requested that, on behalf of the Quest for Gold selection committee, the deadline of the Quest for Gold application window to be extended by one week in order to obtain as many qualifying applications as possible.

To extend the Quest for Gold application deadline from December 16th, 2015 until December 23rd, 2015 in order to allow for maximum advertisement of the Quest for Gold opportunity.

M/ Michael Varanesi

S/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

4. Michael explained that the Ministry of Sport, Culture and Tourism has requested executive approval of the current Quest for Gold selection committee members. Michael asked Lisa Alton to recuse herself from the original selection committee as a result of her son's application for funding. Michael proposed three names which would be responsible for completing the duties for the current selection process, followed by an evaluation of the selection committee ahead of the following funding cycle.

To approve the Quest for Gold criteria and selection committee as Michael Varanesi, Lynn Orth and Dave Vernon, followed by a review of the selection committee members before the following funding cycle.

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

VP Field (Joe Hiltz – report provided by 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. Lynn will connect with OWFL Commissioner John Mayo in order to finalize the committee before the January Board of Directors meeting, where approval will be requested.

VP Promotions (Lynn Orth)

1. Lynn has requested compliance documentation (including an updated constitution, executive list, draft minutes of the most recent AGM, financial

statements from the most recent AGM and the scope of each club's operation) from the membership with a deadline of January 15, 2016.

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

1. Stan announced that the first strategic planning meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame committee was held in November, with the expressed goal of increasing the profile of the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum to the membership of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

VP Minor (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion proposed the establishment of a committee to work with OLA staff members involved in the online registration strategy in order to increase communication of the issues surrounding the process between the OLA and the members of minor council.

To approve the online registration strategy committee as Ron MacSpadyen, Marion Ladouceur, Fiona Clevely, Jenn Matheson, Dave Wilson and Nicole Roe.

M/ Marion Ladouceur

S/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

2. Marion announced that a group of individuals from the Durham Region have proposed an event to be held in 2016 tentatively called "LAX Day in Durham" which would feature a host of games at all levels, as well as other lacrosse related events, by teams located within the Durham Region. Marion explained that she would be requesting additional information from the Durham group to present to the Board of Directors in January.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

1. Frank reminded by the Board of Directors that he had asked for responses to a proposed minimum double minor penalty for high-sticking 2015. Frank reiterated the issue; too many serious injuries occurred in 2015 for there not to be a change in how this infraction is penalized. Stan asked Frank to discuss this proposal with Rick Phillips to gauge whether this change would be supported by the coaches.

VP Finance (George MacDonald)

1. George will present the management letter at the January Board of Directors meeting.

VP Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. Jim brought forward an application from Kitchener to join the Senior B league for the 2017 season. This application was tabled until 2016.
2. Jim brought forward the agreement between the Oakville Junior C Hawks and the Oakville Junior B Buzz which outlines the ownership transfer of the Junior C organization from Oakville Minor to Oakville Junior B. The team will be renamed the Oakville Junior C Buzz and will wear the colours of the current Junior B team. The residency will remain the municipal boundary of the Town of Oakville.

To approve the renaming of Oakville's Junior C team as the Oakville Junior C Buzz, as well as the transfer of ownership of this franchise to the Oakville Junior B Buzz for the 2016 season.

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ Marion Ladouceur

CARRIED.

3. Jim brought forward the proposal for the Hamilton Junior C Bengals franchise to be dissolved, and in its place, the establishment of a Junior C organization in Brantford headed by John Clements and Dave Lewis. The team will be named the Brantford Junior C Warriors, and their colours will be gold, black and white. The team's residency will be the municipal boundary of the Town of Brantford. As a new franchise, the ownership group would be required to pay an OLA Bond, the Junior C Equity Fee, the 2016 OLA Junior C Team Fee, and the 2016 OJCLL Fee.

To approve the establishment of the Brantford Junior C Warriors as outlined by the Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League for the 2016 season.

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

CARRIED.

Review of Old Business:

1. Jeramie distributed OLA apparel to the Board of Directors who were present at the meeting.

New Business:

1. No new business to discuss.

To adjourn the meeting.

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM.