



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2015**

**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARDROOM
7:00PM**

AGENDA

7:00PM President's Welcome

- 1 Review of Previous Minutes

7:10PM Director's Reports

- 1 V.P. Finance George MacDonald
- 2 V.P. Promotion Lynn Orth
- 3 V.P. Field Joe Hiltz
- 4 V.P. Officiating Frank Lawrence
- 5 V.P. Major Jim Bomhof
- 6 V.P. Minor Marion Ladouceur
- 7 V.P. Coaching Rick Phillips
- 8 V.P. Development Lisa Alton
- 9 Past President Chuck Miller
- 10 Staff Reports

Review of Old Business

- 1 Ontario Sport Sector Update
- 2 Supervision Database Update
- 3 Senior Women's 2nd Team to AB (Email Vote)
- 4 Meeting with ILA Sports
- 5 CLA SAM Report

New Business

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ATTENDANCE

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| In Attendance: | John Doherty | OLA President |
| | George MacDonald | VP Finance |
| | Lynn Orth | VP Promotions |
| | Jim Bomhof | VP Major |
| | Marion Ladouceur | VP Minor |
| | Joe Hiltz | VP Field |
| | Stan Cockerton | Executive Director |
| | Jeramie Bailey | Promotions Director |
| With Regrets: | Lisa Alton | VP Development |
| | Frank Lawrence | VP Officiating |
| | Rick Phillips | VP Coaching |
| | Ron MacSpadyen | Marketing Director |
| | Chris Driscoll | Technical Director |
| | Chuck Miller | OLA Past President |

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:19PM.

President's Welcome (John Doherty)

To accept the minutes with corrections to Marion's report regarding the player release policy fee.

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

1. John updated the Board of Directors on the outcome of the CLA Semi-Annual Meetings in Niagara Falls. First Nations (FNLA) and CanAm have each been given permanent entrance into the President's Cup going forward. Dean French proposed that a U-17 program featuring Team Canada would compete at FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championships in Onondaga in September. Eligible players would be selected from current Provincial Teams, with try-outs to be held on the Monday/Tuesday following the CLA Minor National Championships in Whitby. Stan Cockerton added that the CLA SAM was very well-received and many compliments were paid to the OLA as hosts of the event, including contributions from Doug Luey, Frank Lawrence and Jeramie Bailey.
2. John outlined a situation where non-OLA-sanctioned teams were playing games in Ontario's territory. John explained how it is detrimental to the Ontario Lacrosse Association to compete for resources with non-sanctioned teams and leagues within Ontario. The Board of Directors discussed solutions to this situation.

The Board of Directors shall issue notice to the Canadian Lacrosse Association to direct non-OLA-sanctioned teams from any other CLA Member Association from playing lacrosse within the boundaries of Ontario until such a time as there is a playing agreement reached between the OLA and the competing MA.

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ Marion Ladouceur

CARRIED.

VP Finance Report (George MacDonald)

1. NTR.

VP Promotions Report (Lynn Orth)

1. From brief discussions with Ron MacSpadyen, the 2014 Ontario Lacrosse Festival was successful. Lynn was unable to attend the 2014 Festival due to illness, but initial feedback from volunteers has also been positive. Laurie Hansen has committed to coordinating volunteers for the 2015 Festival.
2. The subcommittee dedicated to minor box zone realignment has not yet met in person, but Zones 8, 9 and 10 are the biggest concerns. Clubs have indicated that they wish for zone realignment in order to become more competitive.
3. The 2015 Clash Cup in Cobourg went very well. 1500 people attended the game between the Peterborough Lakers and the Kitchener Kodiaks. This type of event is good exposure for lacrosse.
4. Tina Manning has been tasked with collecting information regarding paperweight programs from across the province. Lynn will follow up with Ron MacSpadyen to determine how this process is going.

VP Field (Joe Hiltz)

1. Women's Field Lacrosse is four weeks into their season. Very few issues have been noted.
2. Minor Field Lacrosse season ended well. Joe is optimistic about growing the field lacrosse program in 2016. Minor Field was added to MyLax Rankings in 2015, and the results of matching appropriately-skilled teams were immediately noticeable. Marion Ladouceur asked if zone play was ever considered for minor field lacrosse as opposed to the jamboree format. Joe explained that a scaled-down version was attempted during the 2014 season, but it was largely unsuccessful due to a lack of availability in both referees and field space, as well as concerns over matching competition of clubs located in close proximity.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence, absent with report)

1. The 2015 OMFLL season ended without any major referee issues. The staff is comprised of mostly young officials, but many senior referees have committed to acting as mentors. 107 evaluations were completed and uploaded into the referee supervision database. Preparation has begun for the fall Men's Field Lacrosse season by reviewing these evaluations and determining which officials would be suited for promotion. The 2015 Minor Field Provincials playing schedule was conducive to scheduling referees; spreading the fields between Guelph and Brampton shortened the days which allowed for more rest between games.
2. The continued dialogue and working relationship between the VP Officiating, VP Junior – Major, and Junior – Major league commissioners has kept everyone on the same page. 91 evaluations have been uploaded into the referee supervision

database, the majority of which are peer-review (mentorship) assessments. The program has been received well; many teams have complimented the improvement in officiating as compared to recent seasons. Officials at this division have been reminded that social media use should reflect the goals and direction of the Ontario Lacrosse Referees Association. Thank you to Dave Vernon for assisting in issues pertaining to club treatment of officials.

3. Senior Women's league remains a project that the officiating program wishes to support. Promotion of this league, including the recruitment and development of suitable referees for this level of play, remains a priority.
4. The Festival Referee Draft has been scheduled for June 28th, 2015 in Mississauga. Zone RICs have been notified of the expectation to bring forward suitable names for each division. The CLA has requested its names for Minor Nationals to be submitted by June 15, 2015, which is too early for Ontario. The tournament supervision program has been praised by the tournaments who have benefitted so far, but it is difficult to coordinate coverage of tournaments with a limited availability pool. In the future, the RDT may need to work with only one or two tournaments in each zone to provide province-wide support.

VP Junior – Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. Jim notified the Board of Directors of two upcoming appeals hearings for player transfers.
2. Peter Flook has been doing a good job of communicating fine summary notices to all of the teams in a timely fashion; the only issue is when referees have not notified the office or submitted their top copy of the game sheet as is protocol. Jim will work with Frank Lawrence to determine the appropriate course of action.
3. Jim identified a discrepancy issue between assessing minor and major penalties for instigator/aggressor, and how the confusion for everyone surrounding this ruling has led to misconceptions during the season.

VP Minor (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Three weekends of tournaments have now passed. In Northumberland, police were called because of a complaint regarding a referee allegedly breaking up a fight in an aggressive manner. In NOTL, a coach who was listed on the game sheet was found to be a different person than who was on the bench.
2. The last-chance coaching clinic added as a result of the May 24, 2015 Board of Governors meeting did not go very well. Any requirement for a future last-chance clinic should be determined by Marion and coordinated/communicated by Chris Driscoll.

3. Registration appeals are scheduled to take place on Friday, June 12, 2015. Many appeals list no rationale to explain why the registration deadline was missed.

Review of Old Business:

1. Stan Cockerton summarized a letter from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport indicating that funding that is given to individual sports will remain the same for the foreseeable future. A new lease offer from Crown Property Management is set to be received shortly, which will offer stability to the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

To ratify the email decision by the Board of Directors to approve a second team from Ontario to participate in the Senior Women's National Invitational Tournament in Calgary.

M/ Marion Ladouceur

S/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

New Business:

1. Lynn Orth raised concerns about how the Zone 6 online registration process allows individuals who have misplaced their cards to reprint them for free, while the same benefit is not afforded to registrants from any other zone. Lynn recommended that a solution be established in the near future to prevent Zone 6's participants from having an unfair advantage over the rest of the membership.

To adjourn the meeting.

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11PM.