



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
SUNDAY MAY 24, 2015**

**HILTON MEADOWVALE & CONFERENCE CENTRE
SOUTH STUDIO 3**

10:00AM

AGENDA

10:00AM President's Welcome

Review of Previous Minutes

10:15AM Governor's Reports

1	Andrew Ecclestone	Ontario Lacrosse Referee's Association
2	Dave Vernon	Junior B
3	Sue Powless	Senior Women's Box
4	Dave Wilson	Zone 9
5	Wendy Bennett	Zone 10
6	Stephen Taylor	Women's Field
7	Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
8	Lisa Cartman	Junior C
9	Sonya Crossey	Zone 6
10	Shelly Nobile	Zone 4
11	Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
12	Peter Debrone	Minor Field
13	Mark Schuetzkowski	Junior Field
14	Glen Flippance	Senior Field
15	Jim Brady	Major Series
16	Tanya Thompson	Zone 5
17	Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
18	Nicole Roe	Zone 8
19	Dean McLeod	Junior A

12:30PM Review of Old Business

1 OLA Privacy Officer File OLA

12:45PM New Business

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ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:	John Doherty	OLA President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Lynn Orth	VP Promotions
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Jim Bomhof	VP Major
	Marion Ladouceur	VP Minor
	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
	Tanya Thompson	Zone 5
	Sonya Crossey	Zone 6
	Dave Wilson	Zone 9
	Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Jim Brady	Major Series
	Sharon McKeachnie	Senior B
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
With Regrets:	Andrew Ecclestone	OLRA President
	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Dean McLeod	Junior A
	Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
	Nicole Roe	Zone 8
	Lisa Alton	VP Development
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
	Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
	Chuck Miller	OLA Past President

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

President's Welcome (John Doherty)

1. John Doherty welcome the group, gave thanks for the weather, welcomed Jeramie Bailey as the newest staff member and announced that the CLA SAM would be held in Niagara Falls at the end of May.
2. Stan Cockerton acknowledged the bankruptcy of the SAO, gave some background as to who the SAO was and how their bankruptcy would affect the OLA, and assured everyone that it is business as usual at the OLA Office. Wendy Bennett-Costante asked about the future of Summer Games; Stan Cockerton replied that there has been no statement either way at this time.

The OLA Board of Governors shall accept the minutes of the March 8, 2015 meeting, as presented.

M/ Mark Scheutzkowski

S/ Stephen Taylor

CARRIED.

Junior B Report (Dave Vernon)

1. The 2015 Junior B season is halfway through and there have been some surprising wins which indicates an improvement in the level of play.
2. There has been a problem with one-game releases and the lack of Junior A teams that will request the use of a player through the appropriate channels (Junior A teams are contacting the player directly instead of contacting the player's Junior B team).

Women's Box Report (Sue Powless)

1. The 2015 OWBLL season has just begun with seven teams participating. Peterborough has requested to take a one year hiatus and return to competition in 2016.

Zone 9 Report (Dave Wilson)

1. As a new Zone Director, this is a learning experience, but things seem to be going well so far throughout the first games of 2015.

Zone 10 Report (Wendy Bennett-Costante)

1. Zone 10's executive is concerned about some of the changes that have taken place in 2015 (eg. the Board of Directors ruling that changed the appeal fee cap). The executive is concerned with the way things are changing rather than the changes themselves; the executive felt that these changes should have been discussed at an AGM. Marion Ladouceur explained that changes to the cap in the appeals fee is a Policies and Procedures article as opposed to a Constitution amendment, and that these changes were discussed at the previous Minor Council meeting. The change to the appeal fee cap was proposed to the Board of Directors at their April 8th, 2015 meeting, which was the first meeting of this group after the 2015 SAGM.

OWFL Report (Stephen Taylor)

1. The OWFL has entered its second weekend of play in the 2015 season. There have been some initial issues regarding field availability and weather, but the OWFL executive is excited about the upcoming season.
2. In exhibition play, U-19 Team USA defeated Team Canada 19-4
3. From the CLA meetings that were held in Vancouver, the OLA initiated discussion with other MA's to introduce Women's Field Lacrosse at the CLA level, with plans to introduce player development as well as national coaching and officiating programs over the next 3-5 years. The goal is to have more than three provinces playing Women's Field Lacrosse.
4. Stephen Taylor thanked Marion Ladouceur and Stan Cockerton for their assistance in resolving internal OWFL issues.

Rick Phillips (VP Coaching)

1. Rick Phillips outlined his concern with the timing of coaching clinics. Currently, the last coaching clinics are finished in the middle of field lacrosse, and if a group of box players register late, an association may need to add teams but there aren't any coaching clinics left for new coaches to be certified to form these teams. As a possible solution, Rick proposed a last chance coaching clinic to be added to the schedule for prospective coaches of teams which were added late could apply to their Association President for permission to attend.

The OLA shall host a last chance coaching certification clinic, with a date and location to be determined by Marion Ladouceur and Rick Phillips, whereby a prospective coach's attendance must be approved in writing by an Association President.

M/ Mark Scheutzkowski

S/ Glen Flippance

CARRIED.

2. Lynn Orth suggested that a potential 2016 SAGM module focus on the mentorship of coaches, including approaches and methodologies, to encourage coaching development.

Junior C Report (Lisa Cartman)

1. The 2015 Junior C season is underway. Many teams have introduced new management and bench staff, which has presented some challenges.
2. There was some initial concern regarding the consistency of the referee's interpretations of fighting penalties, including instigator and aggressor penalties. The length of suspension for these penalties also seems to be unclear.
3. Lisa Cartman thanked Jim Bomhof for his guidance and support with the Junior C league throughout the period leading up to the 2015 season.

Zone 6 Report (Sonya Crossey)

1. League Toolbox has proved to be an effective online registration option for Zone 6 participants. The Zone Executive fully endorses its capabilities as an online registration option for the OLA.
2. Registration numbers have declined; the Zone 6 Executive will make marketing and promotion a focus for 2016.
3. Zone 6 has offered assistance to Campbelford in their bid to join the OLA, though there are a number of conditions that the prospective association must meet before membership is granted.
4. A record low number of releases were necessary in 2015; this indicates that associations are working to find teams for all registered players.

Zone 4 Report (Shelly Nobile)

1. Zone 4 has a lot of new people involved who are still being acclimatized to their roles. Shelly Nobile proposed the idea of an "OLA 101" document to help new volunteers learn the roles and responsibilities associated with their involvement.

2. There have been issues and inconsistencies with the Locker Report between last season and this season, as well as some issues with trainer's credentials (ie. trainers cards have been accepted for field but rejected for box).
3. Zone 4 has introduced an optional goalie clinic for associations to host. Goaltending coaches are travelling to associations within the Zone to teach fundamentals and work with goaltenders. This initiative has been successful, and the Zone 4 executive plans to introduce a similar program for coaches in 2016 (for guidance and best practices as opposed to for certification).

Senior B Report (Sharon McKeachnie)

1. The CLA has introduced its CCES (Ethics in Sport) course for participants of National Championships. This program must be completed prior to competition; it must only be completed once (ie. if a participant completed the program in 2015, they would not be required to complete the program in 2016).
2. The Senior B league ran into a problem where graduating Junior B players were drafted by MSL teams without any information being passed to the Senior B league. Sharon McKeachnie requested that, in the future, Jim Bomhof forward a list of drafted Junior B players to the Senior B executive following the MSL draft.

Minor Field Report (Peter Debrone)

1. The 2015 season ran smoothly. Only one game was cancelled as a result of inclement weather.
2. Brampton hosted the B-E championships, while Guelph hosted the A championships on the same weekend.
3. Going forward, the OMFLL wishes to introduce development camps for players in order to increase fall registration numbers
4. The U-9 program has been successful so far; the OMFLL is considering removing its "pilot" status in order to operate as a regular division in the near future.

Junior Men's Field Report (Mark Scheutzkowski)

1. Planning is underway for the 2015 fall ball season. The new edition of the OLM promotes the fall season, which is a great resource for attracting new players.
2. Mark Scheutzkowski would like to hold a Junior Men's Field Lacrosse All-Star game (possibly to coincide with the Senior Men's Field Nationals)

where two teams formed of representatives from OLA OJMFL teams could showcase the league.

Mark Scheutzkowski shall explore the possibility of forming two OJMFL All-Star teams for exhibition play at the 2015 Senior Men's Field Nationals, provided that all participants are members of the OLA.

M/ Stephen Taylor

S/ Peter Debrone

CARRIED.

Senior Men's Field Report (Glen Flippance)

1. The CLA has awarded the responsibility for hosting the 2015 Ross Victory Cup (Senior Men's Field National Championship of Canada) to Ontario. This championship is currently scheduled to be played on Thanksgiving weekend in Brampton. Ontario will contribute a total of four teams to this competition (of the seven teams that are currently members of the league). BC, AB, SK and QC have also expressed interest in attending, which would create an 8-team tournament.

MSL Report (Jim Brady)

1. In 2013, the MSL identified an objective to make teams more competitive with each other. Restrictions were introduced to say that drafted players could not be traded in their first year. This restriction created more competition between teams, which made for a more exciting league for fans to watch.
2. In 2016, the MSL seeks to increase involvement from interested individuals.

Old Business:

1. Stan Cockerton announced that the OLA Hall of Fame golf tournament would be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the Royal Ontario Golf Club in Milton, Ontario. OWFL, OMFL and Senior Men's Field expressed interest in sponsoring a hole for the 2015 tournament.
2. Stan Cockerton explained that only 70% of the OLA's Board of Governors had submitted a copy of their Criminal Record Check to Fiona. Anyone with outstanding CRCs should make arrangements with Stan Cockerton prior to the conclusion of the 2015 season.

New Business:

1. Jim Brady recognized the people in the room who work to make the sport grow, and offered his sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the 2015 Board of Governors.
2. Wendy Bennett-Costante identified a potential decline in registration numbers for the 2015 and proposed that each zone share ways to increase its registration year-over-year.

Motion to adjourn the May 24, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting.

M/ Dave Vernon

S/ Shelly Nobile

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.