



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – June 13th, 2004

Attendance

Chuck Miller	President
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
Kathy French	V.P. Promotions
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Barb Mair	Zone 4 Director
Brooks Wilson	Zone 6 Director
Terry Lyons	Zone 7 Tech. Director
Marlene McDonald	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Joanne Stanga	Women's Field
Peter Hill	OLRA
Mike McAuley	Promotions Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

Presidents Report

Mr. Miller opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending. With the season well underway a few issues will have to be dealt with. His brief synopsis of the 2004 OLA Festival and Pee Wee Nationals was given. Chuck is positive all provincials and the Festival will be a success as in years past.

MOTION (Mair, Rudge) 41-04

"To approve the March 7, 2004, Board of Governors minutes as presented"

CARRIED

Referee Fees

Zone referee fees are up in each zone. Zones can charge what ever they wish is fair. The OLA sets fees for provincials and invitational tournaments. Fees are as follows: \$17 – Novice, \$19 for Pee Wee and Bantam and \$22 for Intermediate and Midget.

Jr. A

Ottawa has been accepted as a Junior A franchise in the OLA Junior A Series. The Junior A council is looking for approval of the Board of Governors.

MOTION (MacDonald, McDonald) 42-04

"To accept the Ottawa Junior "A" franchise into the Ontario Lacrosse Association"

CARRIED

Pee Wee Nationals

The Pee Wee Nationals will take place August 1-8 at Iroquois Park in Whitby. Opening ceremonies will be held August 1 at 4:30. Some complaints have risen from Zone about players trying to hurt players that have made the Ontario roster. Chuck is working on acquiring the super fan for the opening ceremonies. Team Liaisons are almost set, but Barb is looking for a couple more. The Banquet will take place at Durham inside the college. Players, coaches and volunteers will take part. Line-ups for the Tyke and Novice rosters are due ASAP to Mike so the program can get going.

Golf Tournament

The 2004 Presidents Challenge Golf Tournament ran well. Final Net income was \$6,600 plus. Mike was pleased with the turnout and hole sponsors, but thought there was room for improvement. A huge thank you goes out to the sponsors, and the Toronto Rock for their participation.

Outstanding Debts

Major: Akwesasne, Brampton, Peterborough and St. Catharines all owe \$939.00. Jr. B: Milton and Scarborough owe \$725 each. Minor: Newtown owes \$1091.50.

Executive Director

Stan and Chuck will be attending court in the Dustin Sanderson lawsuit. Dates are confirmed for August 23-August 30. Reports will be issued at the September Board meeting.

Technical Director Report

The level two clinic which took place recently had a turn out of about 40 participants. A last chance clinic is coming up June 27th at the OLA office. Cost is \$130 and will be run by Chris Driscoll. There have been some complaints about clinics not being up to par. The instructors have been late, material has been off and complaints have been out. Zone 9 has been one of the biggest areas.

Promotions Director

Thank you letters will be sent out to sponsor for their help with the golf tournament. The 2004 OLA Festival Program is in full gear and will be ready for the festival. Ideas can be sent to Mike via email.

Financial Report

Fees are starting to come in and the financial situation will improve. The Government grant which is approx \$150,000 should be coming in the next few days.

VP Field

Weather played a major distraction factor this year for the minor field program. Provincials in Hamilton were wet, but despite the weather all games were played and competition was high. Level 1 clinic grads are complaining about not getting enough games. This problem is being worked on. Four referees were arrested for being drunk. These problems were cleared up and were moving forward. A \$200 fine will be issued to associations whose parents fight at provincials and invitational tournaments. A few problems continue in the university league, meeting has been scheduled to fix them.

VP Promotion

Canada's wonderland promo ran well. About 400 people came out and enjoyed the day. Again thanks to the Toronto Rock for supplying players for autographs and more. Mike briefly talked about the golf tournament which Kathy was pleased about.

VP Officiating

Gary only noted that the mileage for referees will be raised to 35 cents per kilo. Gary is positive about the season and looking forward to the OLA festival where he will be the Referee in Chief.

Zone 4

Huntsville is having problems with Tri-Town. Tri town rep wants to play Huntsville house league. This is OK If approved by the zone and if all players are registered and insured by the OLA. Innisfil has been approved for the 2005 season. Not suppose to advertise but continue to do so. Barb is working on this issue. Barrie South Simcoe is looking for more competition. Perhaps Zones can play with other zones. Tyke and Intermediate team are stating the competition factor and when they have second entry teams then would like more games for their number one entry teams.

Zone 6

The Zone has split Scarborough into two groups again. Another issue is with the referees not showing up for games and problems are having no referee and someone from the crowd has to come down and referee which is not really appropriate. Brooks would like to have a list of all referees in case they need to contact them for a game.

Zone 7

Everything in the zone is running smooth and they have nothing to report.

Zone 8

The Zone is still running the promotional clinics throughout the zone. There is word that Stratford might be seeking enrolment within the OLA. Further news will develop and be reported on at the next meeting. Dundalk is improving their operation which is good to see. There seems to be a slight problem with the

vendor agreement. They have to donate either \$100 or \$100 worth of equipment. That is what is stated in the agreement and that some vendors are not forking up.

Zone 9

Coaching committee was unhappy with the clinic that took place. The problems were discussed earlier and we are moving forward and looking to improve these problems. Mary had a couple of complaints on the website, errors, which Mike will get fixed. Mary was looking for a complete list of the Westmont hotels on the website. Mary was wondering who enforces the “carpet over ice” rule. The referees are in charge of this, and a thorough. Norman Parker has a five year suspension from the OLA, Mary wants to know who enforces this as well. Please make sure he is on the year end suspension list. The issue with helmets continues and referees are having trouble with this because the rules continue to change.

Zone 10

79 teams and 7 intermediate teams are taking part this year. A few executives have left the zone and there is a shortage of Level 3 officials. Some concerns about the Intermediate players playing Jr. B. Do they get to play Int. if their team doesn't make the playoffs? The kid has to play 50% of Int. games to continue to play.

Women's Field

Executive has been re-structured with both operational and strategic roles. Registration process has been going well and communication with clubs to ensure all information is complete and has been ongoing. The Women's field is hosting a women's lacrosse day to be held during the OWL will be a festival concept with skill booths, displays and a dunk tank. Provincial teams at the U-18 and U-16 level have been selected and are currently preparing for three major tournaments this summer.

OLRA

Peter Hill was pleased all around. A few problems are with game sheets, the scoring, the input, etc. Peter is working on the problem and hopes to clear it up by the Provincials. He is working with Zone R.I.C's to make sure everything runs smoothly.

MOTION (Mair, Wilson) 42-04

“To adjourn this meeting”

CARRIED