



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors Meeting – May 17, 2006

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
John Herd	V.P. Officiating
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Ann Rudge	V.P. Field
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

MOTION (Miller, Herd)

"To approve the minutes dated, April 12, 2006 of the Board of Directors Meeting as ammended"

CARRIED

Executive Report

1. Affiliation List

Stan Cockerton presented the Affiliation List to the Board. Through discussion, Junior B Nepean should only be allowed to affiliate with only one of Kingston Intermediate and Kingston Midget. Also the Barrie Majors affiliating with Orangeville Junior A needed to be checked with the constitution.

MOTION (Herd, French)

"To accept 2006 Affiliations with Nepean Junior B only selecting one of Kingston Intermediate or Kingston Midget, and that Barrie Majors affiliation with Orangeville Junior A is okay with the constitution"

CARRIED

2. Major Stats

Stan has sent a letter to Major Commissioner Jim Brady about taking their league stats into their own hands. The deal is to be of one year in length and that we would receive all of the same things that we are currently getting. Stan should be hearing back from Commissioner Brady sometime next week.

3. Office Staff

Stan announced to the Board that Tyler Dalton has been hired on as the new Promotions Director and that Jim Calder would be the Project Coordinator for new Box Lacrosse DVDs.

Program/Marketing Director Report

1. Sault Ste. Marie Lacrosse Club

Ron MacSpadyen showed the Board a proposal that Sault Ste. Marie had submitted to be approved as OLA members. At the time when they submitted their proposal there was no Zone 4 Director. Through discussion the Board went through various things with accepting Sault Ste. Marie as an OLA member. Some of those were: what Zone they should be in, number of games they must play in order to attend provincials and what their boundaries should be.

MOTION (Miller, Ladouceur)

"To accept Sault Ste. Marie as an OLA Member with the following conditions: 1. Their membership to be a probation period of 1 year. 2. Their boundaries need to be more concise than described in the proposal. 3. All players must be registered. 4. Sault Ste. Marie would be allowed to participate at provincials using registered players. 5. Abided by all financial obligations. 6. Their membership is to be reviewed following the 1 year probation."

CARRIED

Ron was advised by the Board to send Sault Ste. Marie back a letter notifying them of their acceptance and outlining the conditions.

Past President Report

1. Toshiba Deal

Chuck Miller notified the Board that a deal with Toshiba had been finalized. We will receive \$52,000 in cash, 78 DVD players and 2 37" LCD televisions. This will cover our Game of the Week, which includes 12 Major and Junior games, Peewee and Bantam A final, Gold and Bronze A National finals for both Peewee and Bantam, Junior B All-star game and the Midget Prospect game.

2. Goalie Equipment

There have been a lot of questions lately with equipment and oversized goalies. Currently all equipment must fit through the gauge with the sweater on. Before the game, if it doesn't fit and it is because of an add-on, that add-on piece must be removed. During the game if it doesn't fit through the gauge it is a 2 minute penalty and a game misconduct. For the new numbered goalie equipment the gauge rules. The only exceptions are Mike Miron and Steve Dietrich in the Major Series and Dan Todman of Hamilton Junior B who are allowed 11 ½" across the pants instead of the 11"

3. Referee – Scott Malloy

Scott Malloy was unable to attend a makeup referee's clinic due to the fact that he was refereeing the NLL championship game. Chuck recommended that the board do something to allow Malloy to be able to be a referee this summer in the OLA.

MOTION (Miller, Herd)

"To positively resolve the Malloy situation with VP of Officiating, Past President and the Head Clinician"

CARRIED

Major-Junior Report

Doug Luey gave the Board an update as to how preparations for the Golf Tournament are going. He addressed what still needed to be done and what people should be doing to help. Next Doug notified the Board that a Referee was deliberately not paid after a game and that John Herd was looking after it.

OLA Duties for Golf Tournament

- To get golfers
- To acquire hole sponsors
- To acquire silent auction prizes and raffle prizes
- To get volunteers for the tournament

Minor Report

Marion Ladouceur had one question for the Board. Marion wanted to know what the status of the Marty O'Neil helmet is in Minor lacrosse. She was informed that it was not allowed in Minor lacrosse. However the OTNY mask, which looks like the Marty O'Neil, is okay for Bantam and Midget.

Officiating Report

1. Stolen Shoes

John Herd notified the Board about some vandalism and stolen items at a Referee's Clinic.

MOTION (Herd, MacDonald)

"To write a cheque to Jamie McIssac for \$140 to cover the amount of his shoes which were stolen at a Referee Clinic"

CARRIED

2. Supervision

John noted a need for more officiating supervision in Minor lacrosse. There have been programs in place before but they have fallen through. There is a lack of people to be able to perform supervision on the local level. The Board suggested that the Zone RICs and local RICs should get more involved in this for the local level. Currently there is no formal proposal for a supervision program. This should be developed and presented to the Board for approval in 2007 if it is deemed a priority by the R.D.C.

3. Referee Names on Game Summaries

John brought up that some Referees would prefer if their names were not posted on game summaries. John Doherty recommended that Chuck should tell Mac Mason to tell Ron Pallister not to post referee names on the game summaries; privacy being the reason.

4. Supervisors

John mentioned a couple incidents where the Referee Supervisor was making rulings on the legality of equipment before the game. This isn't his decision to make. He is allowed to give input when checking the equipment but the final decision belongs to the senior referee.

Development Report

1. Quest for Gold

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that the evaluation survey for Quest for Gold had been sent back to the ministry. Her only concern right now with regards to Quest for Gold is the NCAA restrictions. Currently Wendy is in the process of appointing 2 or 3 coaches to monitor the Quest for Gold Athletes.

2. Female Box Lacrosse

Wendy has been in touch with the league that is currently running in South Ontario. She is looking to have them join OLA for the 2007 season. Through discussions with the teams most of them seem excited to join.

3. Team Ontario

The selection process for both Peewee and Bantam is complete. The selection went fairly well and in the 3 years that Wendy has been involved this has been the year with the fewest complaints.

4. Festival Meeting

A Festival Meeting has been setup for June 14, 7:00 pm at the OLA office

5. Winter League Survey

Wendy will be working with Tyler to conduct a survey for the Winter Lacrosse League through the internet. The Board will hear back from them later on.

Promotion Report

1. SAGM

Kathy French commented to the Board that she had received a lot of good feedback about the SAGM.

2. Golf Tournament

Kathy told the Board that she would be contacting all of the Zones asking them to sponsor holes at the Tournament.

3. North Project

Kathy went over what had all happened with the kids. She noted that it went extremely well and all of the kids were ecstatic. There were donations from multiple groups and companies. Because of this they didn't use all of the money they fundraised and that money leftover will go back to help the program.

4. Provincials Volunteer List

Kathy is currently working on getting a list together.

Financial Report

George MacDonald will be coming into the office shortly to clean up the books. He is looking to come in by the end of the month or the start of June.

MOTION (Miller, Cuthbert)

"To accept financial report as presented"

CARRIED

New Business

1. CLA Conveners

Chuck needs conveners for Founders, Peewee and Bantam Nationals. Doug Luey will be the convener for the Founders and possibly Joe Swanson for Peewee and Bantam.

2. Junior B All-star game/Midget Prospects

Chuck needs an outline to both of the games.

3. Appeals/Discipline Protocol

Ron addressed the need that a protocol for procedure needs to be created for Appeals and Discipline. Marion mentioned that this is something she has on her agenda for the next minor council meeting.

MOTION (Herd, MacDonald)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED