

ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 3, 2007
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel

The 121st Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association was held at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel on Saturday November 3, 2007.

ATTENDANCE: Total Voting Delegates: 184

O.L.A. BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Doug Luey	V.P. Administration - Major
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Administration – Minor
Terry Lloyd	V. P. Administration – Field
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Rick Phillips	V.P. Technical (*)
Gary Martin	V. P. Officiating
Jim Brady	Major Commissioner
Dean McLeod	Jr. A Commissioner
Dave Vernon	Jr. B Commissioner
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field Commissioner
Trevor Small	Master Commissioner
Dave Barrie	Senior Field Commissioner
Owen Missen	Junior Field Commissioner
Mark Gardonio	OLRA
John Grant	Zone 4 Director
Chris Oliver	Zone 5 Director
Darlene Cordingly	Zone 6 Director
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director (*)
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director

O.L.A. Office

Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Director, Membership Services
Chris Driscoll	Technical Services
Tyler Dalton	Program Coordinator

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Sharon Hrinco	Administration
Peter Flook	Administration Assistant
Dane Caldwell	Part Time
Graham Howden	Durham Student

*regrets

LIFE MEMBERS:

Rose Engemann
Harry Benham
John Herd

O.L.A. MAJOR

*Akwasasne
Brampton
Brooklin
*Peterborough
K-W Kodiaks
Six Nations
*Barrie

O.L.A. SENIOR

*Ajax Pickering
*Wellington Aces
*Brooklin Merchants
Norwood
*Mohawk Stars
Owen Sound Woodsmen

O.L.A. JUNIOR A

Brampton
Burlington
Kitchener-Waterloo
Mississauga
Peterborough
Orangeville
Rama Kings
Six Nations
*St. Catharines
Toronto Beaches
Whitby
Ottawa

O.L.A. JUNIOR B

*Akwasasne
Elora
Green Gaels
Halton Hills
Markham
Nepean
Niagara
Owen Sound
Saints
*Six Nations
Welland
Mississauga
Hamilton

*Barrie
Gloucester
Guelph
Huntsville
Mimico
Oakville
Orangeville
Sarnia
Spartan
*Wallaceburg
Windsor
*London
*Cornwall

O.L.A. MINOR ORGANIZATIONS

*Akwasasne

Arthur

Cambridge

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Barrie/South Simcoe	Brampton	Brantford
Brockville	Clarington	*Kingston
Burlington	Caledon/Vaughan	Cornwall
EG/Newmarket	Elora	*Fergus
Fort Erie	Gloucester	Guelph
Halton Hills	Hamilton	Huntsville
Kitchener-Waterloo	*London	Lincoln
Markham	Midland	Milton
Mimico	Mississauga	Nepean
North Perth	Niagara on the Lake	Orangeville
Orillia	Owen Sound	Oakville
Peterborough	Sarnia	Shelburne
Spartan	Stayner	St. Catharines
Six Nations	Toronto Beaches	Sun County
Uxbridge	Toronto Stars	Wallaceburg
Welland	West Durham	Whitby
Windsor	*Tri-Town	Sudbury
Willowdale	Thunder Bay	Kawartha Lakes
Kemptville	*Sault Ste. Marie	*Northumberland
Innisfil	Kahnawake	

O.L.A. MINOR FIELD

Burlington	Caledon	Halton Hills
Hamilton	Kitchener	Mimico
Newmarket	Oakville	Orangeville
Peterborough	St. Catharines	Toronto
West Durham	Mississauga	Orillia

O.L.A. SENIOR FIELD

Simcoe
Burlington
Clarington
Kitchener
Brampton
Niagara
London
Toronto
Orangeville
Barrie
Six Nations
Ctr. Wellington

O.L.A. JUNIOR FIELD

Ctr. Wellington	Brampton
Hamilton	Kitchener
Mimico	Halton Hills
Niagara	Oakville
Orangeville	Oshawa
Essex	Six Nations
St. Clair	EG/Newmarket
Saints	West Durham
Mississauga	Barrie

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O.L.A. WOMEN'S FIELD

Orangeville U19
Burlington – U19
Orangeville Sr.

K-W U-15
Orillia – U19
Six Nations U-15

Mississauga U-15
Orangeville – U15

O.L.A. MASTERS BOX TEAMS - Senior

*Aurora
*Halton Hills
*Owen Sound

*Brampton #1
*Oakville Sr.
*Toronto Sr.

*Huntsville Sr.
*London
*Whitby Sr.

O.L.A. MASTERS BOX TEAMS – Junior

*Barrie
*Fort Erie
*Whitby #1

*Caledon
*Toronto Beaches
*Whitby #2

*Georgian Bay
*Welland
*Orangeville

CALL TO ORDER:

OLA Executive Director, Mr. Stan Cockerton called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Cockerton thanked the 2007 OLA Board of Governors and the OLA Staff for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked all of the Lacrosse Festival Volunteers, OLA Corporate Sponsors and Partners for their continued support of Lacrosse in Ontario, we could not gain our financial success without them.

Mr. Cockerton congratulated all of our National Championship winners (all from Ontario). Stan went on to explain that lacrosse growth is up and with all of the above National Championships won, Ontario is the leader in Canada when it comes to the Sport of Lacrosse.

Thankfully the National Lacrosse League saw the light and averted a player strike – Lacrosse could not afford not having promotion from the Rock Lacrosse Club with whom we have an excellent relationship. Stan also mentioned that 2008 would be the Toronto Rock's 10th Anniversary.

Congratulations to the U19 Women's World Championships (held in Peterborough, Ontario) their hosting of this event and their extraordinary efforts made us all very proud both on and off the field.

OLA Office move in April or May of 2008 – details will be sent out to the members when time has been finalized.

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CLA/OLA Life and Hall of Fame Members were recognized.

VOTING DELEGATES:

Mr. John Herd announced that this years voting delegates numbered 184 eleven down from the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

VOTING PROCEDURES:

Mr. Stan Cockerton, Executive Director gave an overview of the voting procedures and amendment protocol – when going to the microphone on your amendment state your name and the association you are from. Also that you require 2/3 majority to have the amendment pass. Scrutineers were Life Members John Herd and Dean McLeod and if required would count the votes on close voting issues. Mr. Cockerton introduced Mr. Drew Girard who would make sure that the Roberts Rules of Order were followed correctly for our meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION:

It was regularly moved and seconded the “Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved”. (Harry Benham/Willy Poitras)

CARRIED

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Stan Cockerton introduced OLA President, Mr. John Doherty who detailed some of the many accomplishments this past year i.e. great people to work with, people willing to help, winning 3 of 4 National Championships. Mr. Doherty went on to say that the Board of Directors worked well together, quality of the board 2nd to none and did manage to have some fun.

Mr. Doherty mentioned that the Mann and Founders Cups National Championships would be held in the East in 2008.

Mr. Doherty mentioned the success of the Halifax World Indoor International Box Lacrosse Championships with Team Canada being successful over the Iroquois Nationals in a very close game. Mr. Doherty also mentioned that the National Field championships First Nations and Alumni Cups were both won by the Oshawa Field representatives. Mr. Doherty congratulated Team Ontario for their PeeWee National championship and the Iroquois National Team for their Bantam National championship.

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Mr. Doherty thanked Ron MacSpadyen and group for an outstanding Festival, Marion Ladouceur and the Minor Council as volunteers who work diligently for the Sport of Lacrosse and Wendy Cuthbert for her work with the Quest for Gold.

Mr. Doherty stated that we will move forward in the 2008 season and continue to work together as we have, our quality and the game itself will prosper.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Statement was highlighted by V.P. Finance George MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the OLA was in a good financial situation. Mr. MacDonald also stated that in March of 2008 Insurance will be billed to each association approximately half of what was billed in 2007. This will bridge a financial gap that occurs every year (just prior to the season start) and will prevent us from having to dip into our line of credit which carries a high interest rates. Mr. MacDonald stated that we show a profit of \$48,000. due mainly to a reserve fund set up for legal issues which have since been resolved with no penalty to Lacrosse, therefore the \$40,000. excess is shown. Mr. MacDonald explained that our revenues were down (Corporate donations) and expenses had increased i.e. salary increases (part-time staff member etc.) Mr. MacDonald asked if there were any questions with regards to the financial statement.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the "2007 OLA Audited Financial Statement be accepted as presented". (Jim Bomhof/Chris Oliver)

CARRIED

It was regularly moved and seconded by that "Beckett, Marshall, Read and Company be accepted as OLA 2008 Auditors". (John Herd/Bob Clevely)

CARRIED

It was regularly moved and seconded that the 2007 Audit Committee be accepted consisting of Dean McLeod, Ruby Lang, Mary Sticca. (Bob Clevely/Jim Bomhof)

CARRIED

AMENDMENTS:

R6.08(b) – amended to remove "and also" and add "or to" etc.
(Mike Soulliere/Jim Bomhof) carried – Revised amendment carried

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R6.09 – defeated
R6.43 – defeated
R6.45 – carried
R6.28 – defeated
R6.35(b) – defeated
R19.01 – carried
MR1.06 – defeated
MR2.01 – carried
MR2.04(a) – carried
MR2.11(a) – carried
MR2.12 – carried (delete)
MR2.12(b) – defeated
MR3.11 – defeated
MR7.02(c) – carried
MR7.08 – withdrawn

Please refer to 2007 OLA Convention Booklet for Amendments.

Dean McLeod spoke on Life Membership for the OLA and its criteria –

- must be received in writing
- sent directly to the OLA Executive Director
- for Builders only
- 4 signatures required
- Submission deadline August 31st

When above followed submissions are sent to the Board of Governors for ratification. Mr. McLeod asked everyone to please read the Nomination for Life Membership section in the Rules and Regulations and also requested that the office not send the form out in the pre-AGM package.

Stan Cockerton put a motion on the floor to move the Election of Officers forward on the agenda (Herd/Taylor) accepted.

Mr. Cockerton stated protocol for nominees – nominated from the floor will speak first, nomination ballot received by the OLA will speak second and incumbent will speak last.

Jim Calder spoke to the delegates with regards to the new DVD series on “Catch the Fun” skills and drills. Jim spoke with regards to the \$260,000. budget received from the Trillium foundation to be spent over the next 3 years for these DVD's. Jim thanked all those involved, Stan, Ron, Chris, pro players, Duane Brad – script writer, Bill McBain, Ed Commeau, Mississauga Production 2007

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company, sponsors, Warrior/Brine/New Balance, PLPA, City of Brampton, Sport Canada, Coaching Canada, Powerade, National Lacrosse League, Lacrosse Associations from, B.C., Alberta, New Brunswick, Chris Driscoll, Delby Powless, Shawn Williams, Lewis Ratcliffe, Bob Watson, Jim Veltman.

OLA will be sending out a DVD information kit with order form etc. in the near future. Stan thanked Jim and players for all of their efforts.

The OLA received a cheque from the Durham Residence Conference Centre. Mr Matt Collins stated that for every room booked by the OLA a fee is returned to the Ontario Lacrosse Association. This has been a significant fundraiser for the OLA – Mr. Collins presented the OLA with a cheque for \$31000.00 indicating this seasons sponsorship return.

O.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

President	John Doherty	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Admin. Major	Doug Luey	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Admin. Minor	Marion Ladouceur	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Admin. Field	Terry LLOYD	ACCLAMATION
V. P. Finance	George MacDonald	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Tech./Officiating	Kevin MacPherson	MEMBERSHIP VOTE
V.P. Tech./Coaching	Rick Phillips	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Development	Wendy Cuthbert	ACCLAMATION
V.P. Promotion	Kathy French	ACCLAMATION

Motion by Chuck Miller to destroy ballots – seconded (Dean McLeod)

CARRIED

Moved by John Herd and seconded by Dean McLeod that the 2007 AGM be adjourned.

CARRIED