



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – November 2, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
Chuck Miller	Past President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field / Minor Field
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Jim Brady	Major
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Dave Barrie	Senior Field
Owen Missen	Junior Field
Trevor Small	Masters
Mark Gardonio	OLRA
Marlene MacDonald	Women's Box
John Grant	Zone 4 Director
Chris Oliver	Zone 5 Director
Darlene Cordingly	Zone 6 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Jim Fedora	Zone 7 Director
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field

President Report

1. Season Review

John Doherty told the Board that this completed his second year as OLA President. So far he has enjoyed it and wanted to thank everyone for making that possible.

MOTION (Miller, Haynes)

"To approve the minutes dated, September 16, 2007 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Executive Director

1. Financial Statement

Stan Cockerton went through the financial statement with the Board. He told the Board that the OLA made a \$40,000 profit this year. Also the Trillium grant money was up by \$80,000 this year because of projects like the instructional DVD production. Another change Stan noted was that corporate revenue was down this year. That was mainly due to the absence of Toshiba this year. Overall it was a good year financially.

2. Insurance

Stan told the Board that the OLA has a money flow problem. Almost all of the money that the OLA receives comes in the months of June, July and August. Because of this we have to dip into a line of credit in the early months of the year. Stan proposed to the Board that we bill clubs for half of their insurance in March. The amount would be based on the previous year's registration.

MOTION (Small, Miller)

"To accept the 2007 financial statement as presented."

CARRIED

MOTION (Ladouceur, French)

"To approve the new insurance billing process of billing all clubs in March for half of their fees based on last year's registration."

CARRIED

3. Festival Budget

Ron MacSpadyen went over the financials from the 2007 Ontario Lacrosse Festival with the Board. He noted some of the major changes from last year, one being that OLA was not responsible for booking rooms for the Nationals. He said that this year's Festival would end up making roughly \$3,000.

AGM Voting Approval

MOTION (Miller, Vernon)

"To accept as presented, all of the teams that are eligible for voting at the AGM from Major thru to Junior B"

CARRIED

MOTION (Miller, Luey)

"To accept as presented, all of the associations that are eligible for voting at the AGM from minor box"

CARRIED

MOTION (Miller, Haynes)

"To accept as presented, all of the associations that are eligible for voting at the AGM from minor field"

CARRIED

MOTION (Miller, Haynes)

"To accept as presented, all of the teams that are eligible for voting at the AGM from Junior Men's field"

CARRIED

MOTION (Miller, Haynes)

"To accept as presented, all of the teams that are eligible for voting at the AGM from Senior Men's field"

CARRIED

MOTION (Miller, Haynes)

"To accept as presented, all of the associations that are eligible for voting at the AGM from Women's field"

CARRIED

Executive Director

4. OLA Office move

Stan told the Board that the OLA office will be moving prior to June 1st, 2008. He explained how the lease on the current building will expire soon and that the Sport Alliance had found a new location just a few blocks away.

5. Cornwall Lawsuit

Stan updated the Board on the situation, telling them that the OLA is not on the list for this lawsuit anymore.

6. Ontario Lacrosse Face-Off

Stan told the Board that Ron has been working on a concept to recreate the Ontario Lacrosse Festival but for the Bantam, Midget and Intermediate age groups. The event is just a concept right now and Ron will be making a presentation on it at the Minor Council meeting later on tonight.

Major Report

1. Mann Cup

Jim Brady told the Board about the Mann Cup. He said that there was a smaller attendance this year than in years past due to the size of the arena and ticket prices. Overall things went well over in BC and that it capped off a great season.

Senior B Report

1. League Update

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that this was her first full year as the Senior B Commissioner. She felt it was a successful year and was very competitive between all the six teams; who will be returning next year. She also thanked John Doherty and Gary Martin for their help at the President's Cup in Owen Sound.

Junior A Report

1. League Update

Dean McLeod mentioned to the Board that Six Nations had won the Minto Cup out in BC. He also wanted to thank Ron, Tyler and all of the other volunteers that helped put together the Junior 'A' All-Star game.

Junior B Report

1. League Update

Dave Vernon told the Board that all teams will be returning for next year. He also mentioned that the 2008 Founders will be held in Guelph.

2. Team Transfer

Dave told the Board that the Saints will be transferring to Newmarket for the 2008 season. It was put to a vote within the Junior 'B' and passed.

MOTION (Vernon, Luey)

"To approve the transfer of the Junior 'B' Saints to Newmarket based on the email vote within the Junior 'B' League."

CARRIED

Senior Field Report

1. League Update

Dave Barrie told the Board that they divided into two divisions, A & B, this year based on competitive level. Right now they are working on shedding the perception that this league is a "beer league".

Junior Field Report

1. League Update

Owen Missen told the Board that they had 3 divisions this year which resulted in better competition. They held their provincials with Senior Field last weekend. Owen wanted to thank all of the volunteers and the people from Mississauga that helped out with the provincials. He mentioned that they did a great job.

Minor Field Report

1. Update

Terry Lloyd told the Board that Minor Field went very well this year. Right now they are discussing starting earlier and playing on turf fields. Also they will be voting on a new Minor Field Commissioner in a meeting later at the AGM.

Masters Report

1. Update

Trevor Small said that their season was successful. They held six different tournaments this year and also started a referee clinic to bring more referees into the program.

OLRA Report

1. Update

Marc Gardonio told the Board about the mentoring program that the OLRA used this year in the Junior 'B'. He mentioned that the program was very successful and they will be looking to expand it in 2008.

Zone 5 Report

1. Zone Update

Chris Oliver told everyone on the Board that at the start of the season two associations folded. As a result the players from those associations went to other clubs making the remaining associations in Zone 5 stronger. He mentioned that Zone 5 was very competitive within the zone and took home a few provincials also.

Zone 6 Report

1. Zone Update

Darlene Cordingly told the Board there was nothing new to report from Zone 6.

Zone 8 Report

1. Zone Update

Don Edgerton wanted to thank Marlene MacDonald and the Minor Council for helping him out in his first year as Zone Director.

Zone 9 Report

1. Simcoe

Mary Sticca told the Board that Simcoe has struggled so far in its first year of existence and recommended that they remain on probation for one more year.

MOTION (Sticca, Ladouceur)

"To maintain Simcoe's probation period for one more year"

CARRIED

Zone 10 Report

1. Update

Daryl Haynes told the Board that there were a few unusual challenges this year in the Zone but nothing that couldn't be taken care of. He mentioned that the Zone executive will remain the same for next year as well.

Girls Box Report

1. Season Recap

Marlene MacDonald told the Board that there were four different age divisions this year in Girls Box lacrosse. All of the provincials were held at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival.

New Business

1. Equipment

Chuck Miller told the Board that the standardized goalie equipment will come into affect in the 2009 season. Chuck also mentioned that lacrosse masks attached to hockey helmets could be CSA approved as early as 2010.

2. Junior 'C' League

Don asked the Board for some guidance on a group looking to create a Junior 'C' League. John mentioned that he had spoken to the group as well and in order for the Board to do anything they would need to see a proposal.

3. Girls Box National

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that she would like to approach the CLA about creating a Girls Box lacrosse national championship. She was unsure about what age division it should start in but was more focused about getting the idea in motion.

MOTION (Cuthbert, Small)

"To put forth a proposal to the CLA about creating a National Championship for Girls Box Lacrosse"

CARRIED

4. Rule Changes

Dean asked if Doug Luey would chair a meeting with the four league commissioners and Mark Gardonio to go over any rule changes they may have for national competitions.

5. Standardized Nets

Ron told the Board that the equipment review committee is looking at creating a standardize net. It is still in the works but if it happens it will be phased in.

6. Vendor List

Mary asked Ron why there was only one ball on the certified ball list. Ron answered that it was only one because they were the only ones to pay at the time. He said there may be more by the end of the year. Also Mary asked that the OLA approved vendor list be posted earlier this year to make it easier to acquire vendors for invitational tournaments.

MOTION (Luey, Cordingly)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED