



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – September 16, 2007

Attendance

John Doherty	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Marion Ladouceur	V.P. Minor
Wendy Cuthbert	V.P. Development
Doug Luey	V.P. Major
Gary Martin	V.P. Officiating
Kathy French	V.P. Promotion
Dean McLeod	Junior 'A'
Dave Vernon	Junior 'B'
Lynn Thomas	Women's Field
Chris Oliver	Zone 5 Director
Darlene Cordinly	Zone 6 Director
Leslie Kavanaugh	Zone 7 Director
Mary Sticca	Zone 9 Director
Daryl Haynes	Zone 10 Director
Tyler Dalton	Promotions Director

Regrets

Chuck Miller	Past President
Sharon McKeachnie	Senior 'B'
Owen Missen	Junior Field
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
Terry Lloyd	V.P. Field / Minor Field
Jim Brady	Major
Trevor Small	Masters
John Grant	Zone 4 Director
Don Edgerton	Zone 8 Director
Marlene MacDonald	Women's Box
Mark Gardonio	OLRA
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
Chris Driscoll	Technical Director

President Report

1. Season Review

John Doherty told the Board that he felt the 2007 season was a productive year. He mentioned that it was a good season with Ontario claiming three of the four Junior to Major championships. John also reminded the Board that the AGM is fast approaching; November 2nd - 4th.

MOTION (Sticca, Haynes)

"To approve the minutes dated, June 17, 2007 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Senior B Report

1. League Update

Jim Bomhof told the Board about the President's Cup. He said that they had an attendance of 24,000 people over the six days of the tournament.

2. Potential New Clubs

Jim told the Board that there was interest from Wallaceburg and Windsor for franchises. The Senior B will look into it further.

Junior A Report

1. Champions

Dean McLeod wanted to congratulate the Peterborough Lakers, Six Nations Junior A & B on their championships. He mentioned that it was the first time that Ontario has won two major championships outside of Ontario in the same province.

2. Paid Player

Dean told the Board about the Grimes/CLA case. He said that there is evidence to suggest that Grimes was paid to go to BC to play in the form of a job he received.

3. Referees

Dean said that the refereeing at the Minto Cup was excellent. He also mentioned that he would like for Gary Martin, Dave Vernon, the OLA and himself to go over rules that need to be changed for the future. This was in regards to NLL competition.

4. Minto Cup

Dean asked if there was anyway of getting out of the TV coverage part of the Minto Cup. He told the Board that the cost of doing it is too much. John told him that it would be something they would have to figure out in the next Minto Cup agreement.

Junior B Report

1. Champions

Dave Vernon told the Board that Six Nations were the Ontario Junior B Champions this year. They defeated the Green Gaels surprisingly in three straight games.

2. Founder's Cup

Dave told the Board that the Founder's Cup was a bit of a mess. The organizers weren't fully prepared and were unsure on how some things were to be run. Dave helped them to fix the problems before the event started. Doug Luey was at the Founders again this year. He was continuing talks from last year about improving the event. One of the things they are looking to do is create set schedules for every number of teams that could be there.

3. Unpaid Fees

Dave asked the Board about a notice of unpaid fees. On the notice it showed that one club hadn't paid registration fees. He wanted to know how this wasn't caught and the team wasn't suspended. The Board went over the process of how this should work in the future so it doesn't happen again.

Junior Field Report

1. Preview

Dave told the Board that they have a six-week schedule set up. The only week they have off is Thanksgiving.

2. Residency Rules

Dave told the Board that there are no residency rules in place in Junior Field. There was a situation this year that may change it for the future. One team lost about 7 of their best players to another team.

Women's Field Report

1. Worlds

Lynn Thomas wanted to thank Chuck, Stan and everyone else involved in putting together the Women's World event in Peterborough this summer. The event was great for everyone. Lynn also mentioned that they had the final day of U15 provincials incorporated with the event. It was a great experience for the girls playing at the venue with the crowd and music.

2. Rules and Regulations/Restructuring

Lynn told the Board that OWL has been delayed on trying to revise its rules and regulations but will continue to work on it. OWL is also working on restructuring and redefining roles within its Board. Lynn also told the Board that she has been meeting with Wendy Cuthbert and Marlene MacDonald about how the two Women's lacrosse groups can work together.

3. New Clubs

Lynn mentioned to the Board that there were a couple clubs that were looking to add new divisions for next season.

Zone 6 Report

1. Director Resignation

Darlene Cordingly told the Board that Charlie Simpson resigned as Zone 6 Director effective July 31, 2007. Darlene has now become Zone Director in Charlie's place. She also told the Board that their Zone will be having elections for positions October 15, 2007.

Zone 7 Report

1. Update

Leslie Kavanuagh told the Board about their Zone's success at provincials this summer; capturing a few championships. Leslie also informed the Board about upcoming elections for the Zone and suspects that she will not be returning as the Zone 7 Director for the next season.

Zone 9 Report

1. Bantam Provincials

Mary Sticca told the Board that the Bantam Provincials went well. They were hosted in St. Catharines by the Zone. Some of the kids were having withdrawals from the Festival but everything went well.

2. Simcoe

Mary told the Board about the newest club in Zone 9, Simcoe. She feels that they haven't lived up to expectations of what a new club should be doing. She believes that they should remain on probation for another year. John told Mary to bring an official report on the club to the next meeting at the AGM.

Zone 10 Report

1. Update

Daryl Haynes told the Board that they had some new executives this year. It caused a few issues this year but nothing too serious. Daryl was pleased with how his Zone did at provincials this year. Daryl told the Board that there was a club who ran into financial troubles this year. It is the second time that has happened in his Zone in three years. They have opened up discussions on the topic to find out ways so it doesn't happen again.

Zone 5 Report

1. Update

Chris Oliver told the Board that he is the new Zone 5 Director. He told the Board that everything has been great recently in his Zone. This year they were able to get a zone schedule completed which has been a difficult task the last few years. Also there were a few teams from the Zone that won provincial championships.

Girls Box Report

1. Season Recap

Wendy Cuthbert told the Board that there teams had doubled from the year previous. She also noted that the playoff format had expanded from a 1 day tournament to a 2 day round-robin. Three of the four championship games went into overtime and one of those went into double overtime.

New Business

1. Invitational Tournaments

Marion Ladouceur brought forth a motion from the Minor Council.

MOTION (Ladouceur, Haynes)

"As of June 1st all players and bench personnel attending OLA sanctioned tournaments must present white original OLA registration forms for approval before playing any tournament games"

CARRIED

2. Provincial Format

Marion told the Board that the provincial format will stay the same for 2008. She mentioned that she has requested that each zone provide a volunteer to assist with the rankings in their zone.

3. Appeal Hearings

Marion told the Board that there have been two dates set for hearings. The first one will be in June near the Minor Council meeting. The second will be the first weekend in July.

4. Quest for Gold

Wendy told the Board that the Quest for Gold information for this year has been release. The rankings will be updated in the near future.

5. Golf Tournament

Kathy French announced that there is a golf tournament September 29th, hosted by the OLA and Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

MOTION (Luey, Ladouceur)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED