



Minutes of the Ontario Lacrosse Association
Board of Governors Meeting – March 1, 2009

Attendance

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| John Doherty | President |
| Marion Ladouceur | V.P. Minor |
| Wendy Cuthbert | V.P. Development |
| Mary Sticca | V.P. Promotion / Zone 9 Director |
| Doug Luey | V.P. Major |
| Rick Phillips | V.P. Coaching |
| George MacDonald | V.P. Finance |
| Terry Lloyd | V.P. Field |
| Kevin MacPherson | V.P. Officiating |
| Sharon McKeachnie | Senior 'B' |
| Dean McLeod | Junior 'A' |
| Dave Vernon | Junior 'B' |
| Gord Robertson | Women's Field |
| Rodney Braun | Minor Field |
| Trevor Small | Masters |
| Wanye Paddick | OLRA |
| Chris Oliver | Zone 5 Director |
| Tina Manning | Zone 6 Director |
| Don Edgerton | Zone 8 Director |
| Stephanie Simpson | Girls Box |
| Stan Cockerton | Executive Director |
| Ron MacSpadyen | Program Director |
| Tyler Dalton | Promotions Director |

Regrets

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| Chuck Miller | Past President |
| Dave Barrie | Senior Field |
| Owen Missen | Junior Field |
| Jim Brady | Major |
| John Grant | Zone 4 Director |
| Jim Fedora | Zone 7 Director |
| Daryl Haynes | Zone 10 Director |
| Chris Driscoll | Technical Director |

President Report

1. OLRA Contract

John Doherty told Board that the OLRA contract has been signed. The deal is for one year and there are discussions on program enhancements for the future.

MOTION (Sticca, McKeachnie)

"To approve the minutes dated, September 14, 2008 of the Board of Governors meeting as presented"

CARRIED

Financial Director Report

1. Financial Statement

George MacDonald went over the financial statement with the Board. He mentioned that the accounts receivable is around \$68,000 which is the lowest it's been in awhile. George feels that we are in good shape overall going into the season.

Executive Director Report

1. Budget

Stan Cockerton went over the 209 budget with the Board. He mentioned it is a big year financially for lacrosse with most grants up for renewal. He asked the Board if they have any promotional ideas to let office know. We may be able to use them for one of the grants. Stan noted that the second lacrosse DVD is now done. Also he has budgeted \$25,000 for the golf tournament this year. The festival is up about \$100,000 this year because it is hosting more provincials.

MOTION (McKeachnie, Sticca)

"To approve the 2009 Budget as presented"

CARRIED

Marketing Director Report

1. Ontario Lacrosse Magazine

Ron MacSpadyen showed the Board the new lacrosse magazine for those who haven't seen it. Ron mentioned that he has received a lot of good feedback on it this weekend and thanked everyone who contributed to the first issue. He asked if anyone from the Board had story ideas to please come forward them. Ron also asked everyone to check with their members to see if they received a copy to ensure we have the right people on the mailing list.

Executive Director Report

2. Awards

Stan told the Board that he would like to increase the Chuck Rowan award from \$500 to \$1,000. Reason for the change is rise in tuition cost. Also Stan would like to create an award in honour of Jamieson Kuhlmann. The criteria of it would be similar to the Chuck Rowan but it would be for a field player.

MOTION (McLeod, MacDonald)

“To create an award in honour of Jamieson Kuhlmann that will be similar to our current Chuck Rowan award. Stan will come back to the Board with the exact details at the next meeting”

CARRIED

3. Long Term Athlete Development

Stan thanked Ron, Wendy and Doug for sitting on the LTAD committee. From their efforts they were able to model the LTAD in a way that it should help us and not hurt us. There are only a few sticking points left to take care of. There will also be a vote on having minor nationals.

4. New Toronto MLL Team

Stan told the Board that there is a new professional field team coming to Toronto. Right now there are a few conflicting games with the teams schedule and the Major Series League schedule.

Senior B Report

1. Schedule

Sharon McKeachnie told the Board that they have increased the amount of games each team will play this year to a total of 20 each.

2. Wellington

Sharon told the Board there is a new ownership group of Kathy French and Mena Briscoe for the Wellington franchise. They also want to change the team name to the Dufferins.

MOTION (McKeachnie, Luey)

“To approve the new ownership group and name change of the Wellington Senior B franchise.”

CARRIED

3. Ajax

Sharon told the Board that the Ajax-Pickering Rock franchise is changing their home arena to Ajax Community Arena.

MOTION (McKeachnie, Luey)

“To approve the arena change for the Ajax-Pickering Rock Senior B franchise.”

CARRIED

Junior A Report

1. League Update

Dean McLeod told the Board that the league schedule is set and will be sent to the office next week.

2. Minto Cup

Dean told the Board that there are Minto Cup meetings coming up and that Ron will be coming to help them market the event. Dean is also working with Kevin to pick an RIC for the event.

Junior B Report

1. Schedule

Dave Vernon told the Board that the schedule is set and it will be sent into the office tomorrow.

2. Nets

Dave told the Board that the Junior B league would be willing to switch to the bigger, standardized nets but the topic is still up for discussion.

3. Stats

Dave told the Board that the Junior B league will be using Pointstreak for their stats this year.

Field Report

1. Senior Field

Terry Lloyd told the Board that the Senior Field Nationals will be held in Mississauga. Six Nations will be representing Ontario at the Ross Cup and Burlington will be playing in the Victory Cup.

2. Junior Field

Terry told the Board that there is a new commissioner, Mark Scheutzkowski. Also there are 2 new teams to play in U19 lacrosse this year, Windsor and Peterborough.

MOTION (Lloyd, Phillips)

"To approve the new Junior Field clubs Windsor and Peterborough"

CARRIED

Minor Field Report

1. New Clubs

Rodney Braun told the Board that there will be 2 new associations, Windsor and Kawartha Lakes playing Minor Field this year.

MOTION (Braun, MacPherson)

"To approve the new Minor Field clubs Windsor and Kawartha Lakes"

CARRIED

2. Team Ontario

Rodney told the Board that Minor Field Clubs aren't getting the message of this year's minor national team being a select team and not a club team. Rod mentioned that Terry has tried to explain it to them but it hasn't worked. John told Rodney that this is a CLA change to the format. John will clarify with the other provinces to what they are doing and Rodney won't send a letter to the CLA.

3. Coaching

Rodney told the Board that his members are finding the new coaching certification process confusing. Rick mentioned that he has sent a document to the office to post on the website that will hopefully make things clearer.

4. U16 Fall Field

Rodney told the Board about the U16 Fall Field League for those who were unfamiliar with it. He mentioned that the league is still in pilot status and falls under Minor Field. He mentioned that if the league were to be removed from pilot status that Minor Field council would have to amend many of their policies to include it. They have asked to be removed from pilot status but were denied. The Board is looking for more information on the league before making a decision when they revisit the issue.

Women's Field Report

1. Director of Officials

Gord Robertson told the Board that their Director of Officials resigned. So far he hasn't found a replacement and for now Stephen Taylor has taken over the position for now.

2. U11 Field

Gord told the Board that the U11 program was a pilot project last year and would like it to be removed from pilot to full league status.

MOTION (Robertson, MacPherson)

"To remove U11 Girls Field lacrosse from pilot status"

CARRIED

3. Camps

John Doherty mentioned to Gord that there have been a lot of requests coming into the office about sanctioning camps. John told Gord that if a camp isn't run by OWL then it won't be sanctioned by the OLA.

Masters Report

1. Dove 2009

Trevor Small told the Board about the DOVE event that will happen again this year June 12th in Aurora. He mentioned that it will be two games in one this year to get the Guinness World Record for longest lacrosse game. Last year the event raised over \$47,000.

MOTION (Small, Edgerton)

"To sanction the 2009 DOVE event in Aurora"

CARRIED

Trevor also made a note that everyone playing in the event will be carded. They will have already signed a registration form for Masters Lacrosse or they will sign one at the event.

2. Masters Rules Clinic

Trevor told the Board that there will be a Masters Rules clinic April 5th. This is not a referee clinic but it is for teaching referees the rules for Masters play.

3. Masters National

Trevor told the Board about the Masters Nationals in Brampton. It will be a CLA Invitational Tournament and has 7 teams from out of province in it.

OLRA Report

1. Structure Change

Wayne Paddick told the Board that he is the new OLRA President. He and a few others have been working on some structure changes of the OLRA. Also in the past the focus of the OLRA has been mainly on board officials. This will change and Wayne is working on having minor officials become more involved. Wayne is aware of the issues from the past with things like voting and is going to work to correct them.

2. Police Checks

Wayne was asked if board officials have to get police checks. Wayne told the Board that it is something they are willing to do and something that could possibly be putting into the OLA/OLRA contract agreement.

3. Senior Womens

Wendy Cuthbert told Wayne about the problems Senior Womens Box league have had in getting referees. Wendy mentioned that some referees were overcharging for their games. Wayne told Wendy that if any of that happens again this year to come forth with the names and those referees will be disciplined accordingly.

Zone 5 Report

1. Akwesasne

Chris Oliver told the Board that Akwesasne has a new executive. The person that was doing most of the work stepped down and a bunch of volunteers have stepped up to help out. They are all going to encouraging better play.

2. Kingston

Chris told the Board that Kingston is hosting an Invitational tournament this year. Participants will have a chance to watch the new Junior C team and get into a game for free.

Zone 6 Report

1. RIC

Tina Manning told the Board that there is a new Zone 6 RIC, Steve Clancy. The zone will also be paying more attention to mileage this summer as they will be paying it out.

2. House League

Tina told the Board that Whitby and Clarington will have an interlocking house league for Intermediate this year. There will be zero tolerance for fighting in the league and an exit survey to see if it was successful.

Zone 8 Report

1. Zone Update

Don Edgerton told the Board that there are a lot of new club presidents for his Zone. Also Merv Perry will be looking after most of the work for Owen Sound this year.

Zone 9 Report

1. Simcoe

Mary Sticca asked the Board what the current status for Simcoe is. She will check with Sharon in the office.

2. New Association

Mary told the Board that Waverly had approached her about joining the OLA but they haven't been in contact with her for awhile and didn't attend the SAGM.

Girl's Box Report

1. New Associations

Stephanie Simpson told the Board that 5 new associations approached her this weekend about starting Girls Box lacrosse programs.

2. Scheduling

Stephanie told the Board that Girls Box will go back to a zone play for games this year. There will be a scheduling meeting for the west. With the distance between some of the clubs it is more difficult to schedule for them. There will be some games play in neutral sites to make this easier as well as encourage other associations to start their own program.

3. League Fees

Stephanie told the Board that their league fees will be \$100 for a house league team and \$140 for a rep team.

4. Bantam Provincials

Stephanie told the Board that with the number of teams they will have this year it is quite possible that Bantam will use a rating system and have separate divisions for provincials.

5. Discipline

Stephanie was asked by the Board how discipline should be handled with regards to Girls Box lacrosse. She told them that it should be no different then the Boys Box lacrosse, it should go back to the Zone.

New Business

1. Registration Module

Marion Ladouceur told the Board that the minor council thinks the Registration module should be moved to the Friday night of the AGM. They will try it at that place for the 2009 AGM.

2. SAGM Review

Mary Sticca handed out a quick review of the SAGM that she had put together. She went through it with some of the comments and concerns she had received from people and will have more information for everyone in the near future.

3. Durham Residence

Mary told the Board that the Durham Residence and Conference Centre thanked us for how we do business. They mentioned that no one else that they have done business with are as diligent and involved in the partnership then we are.

4. AGM/SAGM

Stan told the Board that the AGM will be at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls for the next 2 years. He hasn't booked a location for the next SAGM.

5. Golf Tournament

Mary will be meeting with Stan to discuss plans of a golf tournament for this year.

MOTION (MacPherson, Sticca)

"To adjourn meeting"

CARRIED