



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

In Attendance:	Marion Ladouceur	OLA President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Jim Bomhof	VP Major
	Laurie Hansen	VP Minor
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Lynn Orth	VP Promotions
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
	Bruce Codd	Technical Director
Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director	
With Regrets:	John Doherty	Past President
	Michael Varanesi	VP Development
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:46 PM.

Chair's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending. Marion offered Stan's regrets due to his trip to Baltimore for FIL Meetings.
2. Marion announced that Damien Roy had been selected by the Quebec Lacrosse Federation as the new Technical Director.
3. Marion asked if anyone had items for new business to be reviewed during the meeting. Frank, Ron, Jim and Rick were added to the New Business section of the agenda.

*To approve the previous minutes dated April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

M/ Laurie Hansen

S/ Jim Bomhof

**CARRIED.**

VP Finance Report (George MacDonald):

1. NTR.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence):

1. Frank stated that there was confusion amongst referees and zones on how to apply the 26/36 penalty minute rule in minor lacrosse. Frank agreed to work with the RDT to establish an FAQ to disseminate across the province.
2. Frank announced that Jeramie has finished the regularly scheduled box certification clinics and was working with a small number of returning referees to finalize their certification. An additional regularly scheduled clinic will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the OLA Office.

### VP Junior – Major Report (Jim Bomhof):

1. Jim announced that teams in the Junior divisions begun operations for the 2017 season (exhibitions and regularly scheduled games) and Senior B has held most of their camps. An average number of player release and transfer situations are ongoing, but commissioners are working diligently to avoid any issues. Marion asked if there is a database record of all player transfers that occur in a given season. Jim replied that there is an online database maintained by the CLA to track all player transactions.
2. Jim stated that he was working closely with Major Series Lacrosse given that the league has elected to work without a commissioner for the 2017 season.

### VP Field (Joe Hiltz):

1. Joe reported that many associations have claimed that the separate box/field release process is inefficient because it results in players submitting multiple release requests in the same season. Joe asked to work with Laurie to find a solution whereby the release process would consider a player's field and box combined association rights. Marion asked what the timeline would be for this proposal. Laurie said that the May 6<sup>th</sup> Minor Council would discuss this situation first. Marion asked Jeramie Bailey to work with Dave Vernon during the off-season to establish a player release request form that could be used by all three sectors in conjunction with this proposal.

### VP Development (Lynn Orth):

1. Lynn stated that the SAGM's feedback had been incredibly positive despite a lack of attendance in some of the modules.
2. Lynn announced that her focus will now shift to begin Festival volunteer planning. Laurie confirmed that she will continue to be in charge of coordinating volunteers, but that she will have additional responsibilities during Festival as the VP of Minor Box.

### VP Minor Box (Laurie Hansen):

1. Laurie spoke about procedural anomalies in the OLA's appeals process which ought to be examined to prevent miscommunication regarding registrations. Marion responded that there is a misconception that the OLA's level of appeals will always overturn decisions. Ron suggested that a scorecard is needed to

show that, overwhelmingly, the OLA upholds the decisions of each zone to dispel this myth.

#### VP Coaching (Rick Pillips):

1. Rick indicated that Bruce has had a very positive impact on the coaching certification process so far. Rick stated, however, that there is still a problem with coaches attempting to bypass their community development certification in favour of attending competitive introduction immediately. Bruce suggested that online registration for coaches clinics may eliminate this problem in the future since coaches would be required to enter their community development credentials before progressing through the registration process.

#### Staff Reports:

1. Bruce provided an update on the in-school program, including a proposed update on the social studies portion of the clinic. Bruce expressed an interest in purchasing women's field sticks to provide equal opportunities and increase the likelihood of introducing modified lacrosse programs to each schoolboard. Ron asked if there was an opportunity for this type of quality program to generate revenue, to which Bruce responded that he would investigate the prospects of this request.
2. Bruce provided an update on the Team Ontario program, which is set to host its first try-out camps for the 2017 season. Bruce shared that the junior and senior women's programs do not currently have enough support from other provinces to compete in a tournament format at this point. Bruce asked Ron if a Bantam Nationals schedule has been prepared by Saskatchewan yet; Ron replied that he would follow up with Randy Trobek to determine the status of the schedule.
3. Ron asked the Board of Directors to review MR3.01 which states that players must be registered by a certain date in order to be eligible to request a release. Ron reiterated that the Ontario Lacrosse Association is working to uphold the intent of MR3.01 by working directly with clubs to ensure that all players are registered in a timely manner, but suggested an amendment to clarify the process would be beneficial for everyone involved.

#### Review of Old Business

1. Marion asked for a motion to ratify the email vote on the policies that were required to be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

*To ratify the email vote of the policies submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

M/ Laurie Hansen

S/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED.**

2. Marion asked for a motion to ratify the email vote on insurance clause acknowledgement waiver for non-Ontario residents participating with the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

*To approve the insurance clause acknowledgement waiver as presented.*

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

#### New Business

1. Frank presented the international travel requests for himself and Jeramie to the Board of Directors. Frank spoke to the importance in assisting international lacrosse communities through officiating, assessing and certification programs.

*To approve the international travel requests of Frank Lawrence and Jeramie Bailey to attend the 2017 Ales Herbesky Tournament in Prague, Czech Republic.*

M/ Rick Phillips

S/ Jim Bomhof

**CARRIED.**

2. Ron presented a proposal to distribute a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lacrosse jersey patch in honour of the 2017 season. Ron specified that patches would be made available to an entire association at cost (\$1.50/patch) along with the defined location of where the patch will be worn on the jerseys. Marion directed Jim, Laurie and Joe to survey their sectors to solicit interest in this idea and provide their findings by April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Ron added that patches will only be made available to associations to order, as opposed to selling to individual teams within an association.
3. Ron shared the 3-on-3 LTAD mini-game format proposal with the Board of Directors. Ron stated that the success of this program will be based on those involved executing the program as it is intended to be used; modifications within each association will not benefit the grassroots development level of lacrosse.

*To approve the Ontario LTAD 3-on-3 mini-game format for 2017 in Welland, Hamilton, Uxbridge and Thunder Bay.*

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED.**

4. Frank presented the interprovincial transfer form for Rob Pollock. Mr. Pollock is originally from Wallaceburg, Ontario, but had relocated to Alberta for an employment opportunity. During his time in Alberta he continued to work on his development, and had been selected by the ALA to officiate in the 2016 Founders Cup. Mr. Pollock's interprovincial transfer form indicated that he is currently a member in good standing with the ALRA.

*To approve the interprovincial transfer form of Rob Pollock as a Level 4 official within Ontario, pending successful evaluation at the 2017 Qualifiers.*

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Joe Hiltz

**CARRIED.**

5. Jim presented repayment proposals for the Junior C Six Nations Warriors who have outstanding payments owed to the Ontario Lacrosse Association. Jim thanked Fiona for working out the repayment proposal in order to

*To approve the full repayment of outstanding amounts owed by the Junior C Six Nations Warriors no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, according to the plan submitted by Wayne Garlow.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

6. Rick Phillips stated that the Ottawa Nemesis lacrosse club had arranged for a last-minute coaching clinic but haven't remitted payment to the instructor for this clinic, or to the hosting facility. Rick confirmed that the instructor is a registered course facilitator with the Canadian Lacrosse Association. Marion directed Joe Hiltz to notify the Ottawa Nemesis to submit full payment in the amount of \$2625.00 at their earliest opportunity.

*To automatically suspend the Ottawa Nemesis Lacrosse Club if full payment is not received by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

7. Ron updated the Board of Directors on his efforts to finalize the Minor Residential Boundaries list which was presented at the previous Board of Directors meeting. An additional eight associations have had their boundaries finalized by their municipality's planning departments.

*To approve the updates to the OLA's Residential Boundaries List as presented.*

M/ Jim Bomhof

S/ Laurie Hansen

**CARRIED.**

8. Laurie asked that the results of any discipline / appeals be shared with the Board of Directors so that everyone knows what has transpired. Laurie suggested that knowing the reasoning for each determination can help for future committees to stay consistent in their rulings.

*To direct each discipline / appeals committee to submit detailed reasons for their rulings to be kept on confidential file with the Ontario Lacrosse Association so that previous situations can be called upon, if determined to be useful by the chair of a current committee.*

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ Jim Bomhof

**CARRIED.**

9. Frank discussed the situation involving assessor's selections for the 2018 FIL Manchester World Lacrosse Championships. Frank shared a drafted letter which objects to the process used to select assessors which is intended to be forwarded to Stan for review before being forwarded to the CLA's Referee-in-Chief.

*To forward the draft letter prepared by Frank Lawrence which outlines Ontario's objections to the CLA selection process of assessors for the 2018 Men's Lacrosse World Championships in Manchester, England.*

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ George Macdonald

**CARRIED.**

Closing Remarks (Marion Ladouceur):

1. Marion asked if there was any other new business to discuss.

*To adjourn the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.*

M/ Joe Hiltz

S/ Frank Lawrence

**CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:41PM.