



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:	John Doherty	OLA Past President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Jim Bomhof	VP Junior – Major
	Laurie Hansen	VP Minor
	Joe Hiltz	VP Field
	Lynn Orth	VP Promotions
	Michael Varanesi	VP Development
	Andrew Ecclestone	OLRA President
	Doug Luey	Major Series
	Sharon McKeachnie	Senior “B”
	Dave Vernon	Junior “B”
	Barry Trood	Junior “C”
	Sue Powless	Senior Women's Box
	Glen Flippance	Senior Men's Field
	Mark Scheutzkowski	Junior Men's Field
	Josh Briscoe	Minor Field
	John Mayo	Women's Field
	Shelly Nobile	Zone 4
	Ian Woolridge	Zone 5 Representative
	Sonya Crossey	Zone 6
	Jenn Matheson	Zone 7
	Steve Kelly	Zone 8
	Nicole Roe	Zone 8 Representative
	Dave Wilson	Zone 9
	Wendy Bennett-Costante	Zone 10
	Fiona Clevely	Administration
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Bruce Codd	Technical Director
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
With Regrets:	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Dean McLeod	Junior “A”
	Marion Ladouceur	OLA President

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM.

Executive Director's Welcome (Stan Cockerton)

1. Stan welcomed everyone and introduced Jim Bomhof as the chairperson for this meeting in light of Marion's absence. Stan provided a brief update on Marion's commitment to her family.
2. Stan asked the Board of Governors for clarification on a procedural situation involving an amendment to the Rules and Regulations that was passed by the Board of Directors in April of 2017. The amendment required ratification by the membership, but it was not included in the amendment's package that was published 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Governors determined that it would be appropriate for hard copies of the amendment to be circulated to the membership prior to the assembly on Saturday morning. Jim asked for a motion to be made under New Business that will permit this to take place.

The OLA Board of Governors shall accept the minutes of the September 10, 2017 meeting, as presented.

M/ Glen Flippance

S/ Sharon McKeachnie

CARRIED.

2017 Financial Review (George MacDonald, Ron MacSpadyen)

1. George MacDonald presented the 2017 financial statements and the 2017 statement of operations. By the external auditor's analysis, the Ontario Lacrosse Association has maintained its projected fiscal responsibility through to the corporation's year-end. Stan addressed increased expenses in relation to the relocation of the OLA office, which included an acknowledgment of the OLA's commitment to secure a long-term lease with the current property management company.
2. Ron MacSpadyen spoke to the revenue and expense lines of the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Festival P&L statement. Ron indicated that, despite

additional busing costs for attending national teams, that expenses had decreased year-over-year, while revenue had maintained consistent. Ron highlighted the Ontario Lacrosse Festival's proposal to shift formats in 2019 to include the "A" Qualifiers program within the event, which he predicted would result in a markedly different financial statement once the program is implemented.

The OLA Board of Governors shall accept the financial reports as presented.

M/ Wendy Bennett-Costante

S/ Sue Powless

CARRIED.

OLA AGM Voting Administration (Stan Cockerton)

1. Stan reviewed the list of eligible clubs and associations for voting privileges at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, which was provided by Fiona Clevely.
2. Stan presented an email submitted by Frank Ham detailing the outstanding financial situations of the Ontario Junior Men's Field Lacrosse League's entire team base. Mr. Ham had received payment in full from each of the teams in the league and was responsible for submitting that payment to the OLA prior to the registration deadline, but was unable to do so because of an unforeseen work-related commitment. Fiona Clevely confirmed that the OJMFL payment had been received by the OLA. Mark Schuetzkowski verified that the OJMFL had never missed a payment in the history of his involvement as commissioner, and that the teams did intend to render payment on time in order to be able to vote at the AGM. Discussion took place about the type of precedent that this unique situation may result in, should the teams be permitted to vote. The Board of Governors ultimately agreed that the group had acted in good faith, and that the actions of a league officer should not result in the forfeiture of the voting rights of the teams.

The OLA Board of Governors shall permit the teams of the Ontario Junior Men's Field Lacrosse League to vote in the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

M/ John Doherty

S/ Laurie Hansen

A/ Mark Schuetzkowski

CARRIED.

The OLA Board of Governors shall approve the list of eligible voters for the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting, as presented.

M/ Josh Briscoe

S/ Glen Flippance

CARRIED.

Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Report (John Mayo)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. The 2018 and 2019 OWFL Provincial Championships are scheduled to be held in Kitchener. In addition to the scheduled provincial championships, the OWFL plans to enter six U-17 all-star teams for competition to the 2018 Ontario Summer Games.
3. London and Ottawa are both attending the 2017 OWFL AGM with expansion proposals. The OWFL Executive is excited about the prospect of league growth.

Zone 10 Report (Wendy Bennett-Costante)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Junior "B" Report (Dave Vernon)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. The Oakville Buzz have applied to transfer their franchise from the Ontario Junior "B" Lacrosse League into the Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse League. This move would require approval from the Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse Council and the OLA Board of Directors, which means that the Oakville Buzz will compete in Junior "B" for 2018 before transitioning to Junior "A" ahead of the 2019 season.

Junior "C" Report (Barry Trood)

1. The Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse Council has accepted the resignation of Lisa Cartman as commissioner. The Council has begun searching for a suitable replacement; at this point, Reg Holinshead is the likely choice to take over as commissioner beginning in 2018.
2. The Wilmot Wild have applied to transfer their franchise from the Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse League into the Ontario Junior "B" Lacrosse League. Preliminary talks have taken place between all of the junior-aged teams in the region, but the Ontario Junior "C" Council is hopeful that Wilmot will remain in the Junior "C" division.

3. The North Shore Kodiaks and Eastern Townships Extreme Eagles of the FCQ have formally applied for membership with the OLA to compete in the Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League beginning in 2018. Jim Bomhof is currently assisting with assessing the applications and preparing an interprovincial agreement for review by the OLA Board of Directors.
4. The Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse Council has received an inquiry regarding the possibility of an expansion team from the Niagara Region. No further details are available at this time.
5. The Fergus Junior “C” Thistles intend to transfer ownership of the franchise to the Elora Mohawks. Once this approved at league level, it will be forwarded to the OLA’s Board of Directors for final approval.

Zone 8 Report (Steve Kelly)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Junior Men’s Field Report (Mark Schuetzkowski)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 7 Report (Jenn Matheson)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. A new group of volunteers have announced their intention to become involved on the Zone 7 executive beginning in 2018, which is an encouraging sign.

Major Series Report (Doug Luey)

1. Major Series Lacrosse has selected Doug to become the permanent league commissioner beginning in 2018.
2. The league is looking to solidify their webcasting plans and schedule for the 2018 season. Multiple proposals have been submitted to the Major Series Lacrosse Council, which are all under review.
3. The Major Series Entry Draft will be held on January 27th in Oakville.

Zone 6 Report (Sonya Crossey)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet by 2017 Zone 6 Director Tina Manning.
2. The Zone 6 executive has experienced a significant turnover in representatives following the 2017 seson.

Minor Field Report (Josh Briscoe)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. A proposal to partner with the You Can Play organization is prepared for submission to the OLA Board of Directors. YCP has also expressed interest in making a 50-minute presentation at the 2018 SAGM in Mississauga. Stan asked for a detailed proposal to be submitted to the Board of Directors for review ahead of the February 4th Board of Directors meeting.
3. Josh, Wendy Bennett and Lynn Orth expressed interest in undertaking a review of the current Rules and Regulations to update the language to reflect the inclusive values of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Zone 5 Report (Ian Woolridge)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Zone 4 Year (Shelly Nobile)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Senior "B" Report (Sharon McKeachie)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.

Senior Men's Field Report (Glen Flippance)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. The 2017 OSMFLL champions are: Toronto ("A" Division), London ("B" Division). The Centre-Wellington Wolves won the 2017 Ross Cup.

Senior Women's Box Report (Sue Powless)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet.
2. An update on the Akwesasne tournament cancellation is expected by the Ontario Women's Box Lacrosse Council. Jim Bomhof responded that he would follow up prior to the February 4th Board of Directors meeting. Glen Flippance asked Sue for the total amount requested by the OWBLL. Sue replied that the league is requesting \$8,000 from the OLA. Jim asked Frank for a detailed report from the referee's perspective.

OLRA Report (Andrew Ecclestone)

1. Year-end report submitted in AGM Convention Booklet. The OLRA met on October 21st to discuss the issues within the year-end report. Andrew will provide an update at the March 4th Board of Governors meeting.

Review of Old Business:

1. Stan thanked the Board of Governors for their participation and support in the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum Annual Golf Tournament.

New Business:

1. Stan asked for a motion from the Board of Governors to resolve the MR2.08(c) situation.

To make hard copies of amendment MR 2.08(c) to be circulated to the membership prior to the Annual General Meeting for ratification on Saturday, November 11th, 2017.

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ Ian Woolridge

CARRIED.

2. Wendy Bennett-Costante asked about the costs for associations to attend the SAGM. Discussion took place regarding whether an association levy could replace the individual attendance price, thus adding value by allowing unlimited numbers of association executive members to attend the modules. Members of Minor Council suggested a \$350 club levy which included two lunch tickets, two SAGM packages and two OLA Directories, with additional lunch tickets and SAGM supplies available for purchase separately. Jim asked Lynn to prepare a written proposal for the Board of Directors prior to the February 4th Board of Directors meeting.
3. Glen Flippance addressed an ongoing situation in the OSMFLL with outstanding team fees and missing equipment. Jim asked for a list of culprits to be forwarded to the Board of Directors if payment hasn't been received and/or team equipment is still missing by the end of November.

Motion to adjourn the November 10, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting.

M/ Jenn Matheson

S/ Steve Kelly

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.