



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

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:14 PM.

Chair's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.
2. Marion reminded everyone present that the 2017 Heritage Cup game will be played between Team Canada and Team USA on Saturday, October 21st at the FirstOntario Centre in Hamilton.

To approve the previous minutes dated June 14th, 2017.

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

VP Finance Report (George MacDonald):

1. NTR.

VP Coaching Report (Rick Phillips):

1. Rick stated that he plans to meet with Bruce and Fiona to streamline how non-playing bench personnel are annually approved in order to avoid coaching application rejections. This meeting will take place during the off-season, and the Board of Directors will be advised of its progress.

VP Promotions Report (Lynn Orth):

1. Lynn expressed concern regarding the number of clubs who still remain uncompliant four weeks past the annual deadline. The Board of Directors discussed the importance of association presidents understanding the expectations and requirements for membership. Marion advised Lynn to involve the Zone Directors whenever her correspondence was disregarded.
2. Marion asked Lynn about the discrepancy in Zone 6's policy papers which led to a misunderstanding between members of the executive. Lynn advised the

Board of Directors that she would add “Zone Guidelines / Policy Papers” to the list of required documentation for annual compliance.

VP Minor Report (Laurie Hansen):

1. Report submitted.
2. Lynn reviewed printed copies of the OLA Paperweight Guidelines with the Board of Directors. The guidelines were amended to read:
 - a. #7: there must be five players “and one goaltender (in the crease)” at all times during dynamic play.

To approve the Ontario Lacrosse Association Paperweight Guidelines as amended.

M/ Lynn Orth

S/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

VP Field Report (Joe Hiltz):

1. Joe presented printed copies of the proposed Tucker Williams Award which had been forwarded by Josh Briscoe. The Board of Directors discussed the following details related to the establishment of the award:
 - a. The award will be presented at the discretion of the Ontario Lacrosse Association’s Board of Directors, as opposed to annually.
 - b. The monetary portion of the award is contributed by the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League.

To approve the establishment of the Tucker Williams Award, with timelines and other specificities related to the Award to be determined by VP Promotions Lynn Orth and returned to the Board of Directors for final approval.

M/ Rick Phillips

S/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

VP Junior – Major Report (Jim Bomhof):

1. Jim shared that the OWBLL is continuing to experience issues related to the officials assigned to their games. Marion directed Jim to forward his concerns in writing to Frank in order to reach a resolution.

2. Jim advised the Board of Directors that there has been a reported increase in the number of teams in the junior and senior divisions who are publicly attacking the referees during the game from the team's official social media account. Marion directed Jim to provide the social media policy to each commissioner by email. Discussion took place about requiring each team to disclose the name(s) of their social media coordinator(s) to the Ontario Lacrosse Association at the beginning of each season as part of their association contact list.
3. Jim provided an update on the legal situation of the Ontario Junior "B" playoffs situation between the Wallaceburg Red Devils and the Windsor Clippers. The referees have provided their report, which is being considered along with other submitted evidence. A final outcome will be determined in the off-season and communicated to the Board of Directors.

Staff Reports:

1. Jeramie confirmed the dates of the 2017 OLA Annual General Meeting: November 10th and 11th, 2017.

Review of Old Business

1. NTR.

New Business

1. Joe announced that the Canadian Lacrosse Association's U15 and U18 field lacrosse championships (Alumni Cup and First Nations Trophy) will be held in Ontario in 2018. The location is still to be determined.

Closing Remarks (Marion Ladouceur):

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

To adjourn the July 12th, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

M/ Rick Phillips

S/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.