



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:26 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.
2. An update on the ongoing negotiations between the OLRA and the OLA was provided. The final contract is expected to be signed by April 16, 2018.

To approve the previous minutes dated February 21st, 2018.

m/ Laurie Hansen

s/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

VP Finance (George Macdonald)

1. NTR.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

1. Referee clinics have been very positive for both men's field and box. Women's field clinics begin next week. There have been a lot of last minute registrations, but the OLA office has been very accommodating to get everyone certified.
2. The OLRA and the OLA have partnered to design and purchase commemorative coins to gift to OLA officials who are travelling to international championships. The coin displays the OLA logo on one side and a modified version of the OLRA logo on the reverse side. An email vote to approve the OLA's financial commitment requires ratification.

To approve the OLA's financial commitment of \$500.00, based on the approved design, toward the purchase of commemorative coins for OLRA officials selected to officiate international championships.

m/ Frank Lawrence

s/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

3. Major Series Lacrosse has verbally requested to amend Rule 68 to run the 30-second clock during all possessions beginning in 2018. Discussion took place regarding the implications for setting a precedent of permitting a change to the CLA's rules of play. Marion directed Jim to gather written documentation of the request, which would require OLA approval prior to implementation.
4. The OLA RIC's have been selected for 2018. Both RICs will report directly to Frank and hold their capacity for a one-year term, ending in January of 2019.
 - a. Neil Macdonald; OLA minor field RIC
 - b. Ryan Wilson; OLA minor box RIC

VP Junior – Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. Player transfers are underway. There have been an even mix of approvals and denials based on the established rules.
2. London has applied for inclusion to the OWBLL for competition beginning in 2018. The OWBLL Council has approved the team's request for membership.

To approve London for inclusion in the OWBLL beginning in 2018 and subject to review prior to the 2019 season.

m/ Jim Bomhof

s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

3. North Shore Kodiaks and Eastern Townships Extreme Eagles have applied for inclusion to the OJCLL for competition beginning in 2018. The OJCLL Council has approved each team's request for membership.

To approve the North Shore Kodiaks and Eastern Townships Extreme Eagles for inclusion in the OJCLL beginning in 2018 and subject to the 2018 interprovincial agreement between the OLA and FCQ.

m/ Jim Bomhof

s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

4. The MSL's Brooklin Redmen have applied to assume ownership of the OSBLL's Brooklin Merchants. A proposal submitted by Brad MacArthur details the revised ownership plans. An email vote to approve the transfer of ownership requires ratification.

To approve the Brooklin Merchants' transfer of ownership to the Brooklin Redmen, provided that an ad-hoc committee established by the Brooklin Redmen submits an acceptable repayment plan to OLA's Board of Directors and the Town of Whitby prior to May 1st, 2018. Additionally, an acceptable repayment plan addressing outstanding funds owed to the OLA must be agreed upon by the Board of Directors prior to the 2018 OSBLL season.

m/ Frank Lawrence

s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

5. Resolving the outstanding 2017 OWBLL Akwesasne Tournament situation will require an in-person meeting involving Jim Bomhof, Sue Powless and Frank Lawrence to determine an appropriate outcome.
6. Affiliation requests are being submitted gradually. The Board of Directors will be presented with the final list of affiliations for approval following the due date of Tuesday May 1, 2018.
7. The First Nations Lacrosse Association intends to host the 2018 Founders Cup in Allegany, NY.

VP Field (Joe Hiltz)

1. The OMFLL has submitted a centralization proposal during the fall field season. The Board of Directors discussed the proposal. Marion directed Joe to prepare the list of questions, connect with the OMFLL Executive for answers, and return to the June Board of Directors with an update.
2. The Ottawa Nemesis Lacrosse Club has ignored repeated requests to settle payment for outstanding coaching clinic expenses.

To approve the immediate and indefinite suspension of the Ottawa Nemesis Lacrosse Club and its executive members from participation with the Ontario Lacrosse Association because of outstanding coaching clinic fees from 2016. Prior to applying for reinstatement with the OLA, the Ottawa Nemesis Lacrosse Club will be required to submit a performance bond of \$500.00 and repayment of outstanding funds must be made in full.

m/ Joe Hiltz

s/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

3. Zone 8 has submitted a tournament proposal to host a Turkey Shoot during the fall field season. The Board of Directors discussed the proposal. Marion directed Joe to prepare the list of questions, connect with the tournament organizers for answers, and return to the June Board of Directors with an update.

VP Promotions (Lynn Orth)

1. Many clubs are falling behind in their compliance requirements. Marion directed Lynn to submit a list of outstanding club compliance requirements to Fiona to be checked against associations who are hosting/playing in tournaments. Fiona will coordinate the list and then provide them to Laurie to be communicated directly to each club president. Failure to make arrangement for club compliance prior to April 30th, 2018 will result in ineligibility to participate and/or host tournaments for this season.
2. SAGM Survey results are under review.
3. The Ontario Summer Games met with the OLA to discuss the 2018 event. The Ontario Summer Games will be hosted in London from August 2-5, 2018.

VP Minor (Laurie Hansen)

1. Two clubs in Zone 8 have submitted requests for their municipal boundaries to be reviewed. Laurie proposed that a boundaries review committee be struck to consider the submissions. The Board of Directors discussed the merits of each proposal in detail. The OLA currently recognizes the municipal boundaries as published at <https://ontariolacrosse.com/administration/ola-residential-boundaries> and approved by the Board of Directors under MR2.03.
2. Jenn Matheson submitted a proposal for the establishment of a tiered vendors fee structure which may accommodate local vendors at invitational tournaments. Ron explained the established vendor fee structure and asked Laurie to follow up with Jenn with this information.
3. Two new clubs have been approved for competition by the Zone 8 Executive: Bruce County and West Grey. Membership proposals were presented for the Board of Directors to review in detail.

To approve the Bruce County Minor Lacrosse Association for OLA membership beginning in 2018 and subject to review prior to the 2019 season. The Ontario Lacrosse Association will supply the association executive and zone executive with the recognized municipal boundary: the Town of Saugeen Shores.

m/ Laurie Hansen

s/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

To approve the West Grey Minor Lacrosse Association for OLA membership beginning in 2018 and subject to review prior to the 2019 season. The Ontario Lacrosse Association will supply the association executive and zone executive with the recognized municipal boundary: the Township of West Grey.

m/ Laurie Hansen

s/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

Staff Reports:

1. Ron reviewed the OLA 3-on-3 Mini-Game format in its entirety for the Board of Directors, including a display of the program's equipment and materials. Soft Lacrosse players are permitted to play with paperweight players under the published OLA 3-on-3 Mini Game rules as part of this program.

To approve the OLA 3-on-3 Mini Game as presented by Ron, including updates to the program's design and execution.

m/ Joe Hiltz

s/ Frank Lawrence

CARRIED.

Review of Old Business:

1. The Board of Directors reviewed the wording under section four in the 2018 interprovincial agreement between the OLA and the FCQ. For players and non-playing bench personnel from FCQ who are participating in the OLA in 2018, full compliance with registration and financial requirements for OLA membership is necessary, including online registration protocols and insurance fees as set forth by the OLA.
2. Lynn Orth presented a partnership proposal received by the You Can Play organization. The Board of Directors discussed the partnership proposal in

detail. Consideration was given to both the cost of the proposal and whether the proposition appropriately relates to the mandate of the OLA under B2.01. The Board of Directors determined that it would be necessary to discover alternative approaches to educate the membership about this topic.

New Business:

1. Jim presented the list of clubs who maintain an outstanding balance with the OLA. Payment deadlines were set, which will be communicated by the OLA Office. Failure to propose acceptable arrangements for payment prior to the deadlines will result in sanctions against the clubs named in the list.
2. Frank discussed a proposal for the OLA to partner with Agilex Administrative Systems for operation of the Referee Supervision Database.

To approve 50% of the total cost of the implementation of the Agilex Administrative System for operation of the Referee Supervision Database which will be administered by the OLA office staff and the Minor Box RIC and overseen by the VP Officiating.

m/ Frank Lawrence

s/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

3. Joe discussed the proposal for the Niagara Raiders to operate house-league field lacrosse program beginning in 2018. An email vote to approve the operation of the league requires ratification.

To approve the operation of a house-league U-9 field lacrosse program by the Niagara Raiders for the 2018 season, subject to review prior to the 2019 season.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

4. Marion presented the six policies circulated to the Board of Directors prior to the April 11th meeting as required for compliance by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and prepared by the OLA staff for publication at <https://ontariolacrosse.com/administration/ola-operating-policies>. An email vote to officially approve the authority of each policy requires ratification.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's Anti-Doping Policy, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's Confidentiality Policy, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's General Inclusion Policy, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's LGBTIQ+ Policy, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's Screening Handbook, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the authority and publication of the OLA's Transgender Athlete Policy, effective immediately.

m/ Lynn Orth
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To adjourn the April 11th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

m/ Jim Bomhof

s/ Frank Lawrence

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04PM.