



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 13, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for submitting their reports. It is important to provide updates on portfolios and action plans to ensure that there is a record of the Board's activities.
2. The CLA has reached a tentative agreement with the NLTPLA related to Team Canada's participation at the 2018 FIL Men's Lacrosse World Championships in Netanya, Israel. The players have 48 hours to ratify the agreement; all signs indicate that Team Canada will be defending its world championship title.
3. The CLA's Semi-Annual Meeting was held in Halifax, NS from May 23 – 26th. Updates were made to the Fall Back Rule in Appendix E of the Tyke Rules Option for box lacrosse. Deadlines were changed for rule change proposals, coaching and officiating evaluations and timeline end dates for projects. Minor Nationals policy updates were made to adopt the OLA's tie-breaking rules, and to modify the discipline committee procedure. The Equipment Review committee revised the goaltender equipment policy to consider height as opposed to weight when granting permission for goaltenders to wear equipment outside of their approved category, and confirmed that earpieces must be worn in the helmets of all players and referees who participate on the floor at any division.

To approve the previous minutes dated Apr 11th, 2018.

m/ Laurie Hansen

s/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

VP Finance (George Macdonald)

1. Discussion took place regarding the way the OLA assists clubs and leagues in tracking and reporting financials. George and Lynn discussed the measures taken, including informational sessions at the OLA SAGM and compliance assistance throughout the season. George offered to assist one club with an

internal issue. Marion will confer with George to determine whether standardization of reporting financials for clubs and leagues is necessary.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

1. The CLA process for officials and RICs to attend national championships as a representative of an MA bypasses the MA approval process by requiring the official to apply directly to the CLA. Marion asked Frank to find out where this CLA procedure is written and how it was approved.
2. Terry King has expressed difficulty in assigning due to low number of referees available to officiate. There are four senior officials that have tentatively expressed interest in officiating, but are currently uncertified. Certifying these officials would be classified as an emergency measure to address Terry's concerns.

To approve the request to make an online certification option available to Mark Gardonio, Chris Williams Josh Hiltz and Nick Dupon. This emergency measure is necessary to address the shortage of officials in the 2018 season and is based on the direct request of the Junior - Major assignor and recommendation of the RDC.

m/ Frank Lawrence
s/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

VP Junior – Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. Report submitted.

To approve Dante Kulas to be eligible to compete for the Clarington Junior “C” Shamrox during the 2018 season.

m/ Laurie Hansen
s/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

To approve the Junior – Major Team Affiliation List for 2018.

m/ Laurie Hansen
s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED.

To ratify the email vote which modifies the Rule 68 of the CLA Playing Rules for Box Lacrosse for OLA competition in 2018, resulting in the operation of the 30 second clock during all possessions at all levels of play.

m/ Michael Varanesi

s/ Lynn Orth

CARRIED.

VP Field (Joe Hiltz)

1. Report submitted.

VP Promotions (Lynn Orth)

1. Club compliance has improved since the April 11th Board of Directors meeting.
2. The OLA Summer Games Committee held a pre-competition meeting with the Ontario Summer Games staff.

To mandate the review of all player eligibility by the assigned OLA Regional Registrar prior to team roster approval for OWFL Ontario Summer Games to ensure compliance with the requirement that all players attending try-outs are also registered in the current year to compete with their appropriate OLA club team. Payment for the approval process will be the responsibility of the OWFL Executive.

m/ Lynn Orth

s/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

3. The Board of Directors reviewed the attendee feedback from the 2018 OLA Semi-Annual General Meeting. Marion directed Lynn to schedule a 2019 SAGM Planning Meeting in September.

VP Minor (Laurie Hansen)

1. Credit was given to Cheryl, Fiona and the OLA Tournament Committee for their efforts in organizing the 2018 tournament listing.
2. A letter submitted to the Board of Directors by Lindsay Lickers was reviewed by the Board of Directors. Marion will respond directly to this concern.
3. Ron asked for clarification on how final scores are entered into MyLax Rankings when a game is forfeited by one of the competing teams, whether or not the

game is cancelled or partially completed. All forfeited scores are entered as 1-0 final in favour of the non-offending team, regardless of the outcome of the game.

VP Development (Michael Varanesi)

1. Meeting the goals of the OLA's School Program are made difficult by the lack of personnel who are able to direct the operation in local associations.
2. Another problem for development is that a large portion of the membership (or organizations that the OLA wishes to partner with) aren't aware of the programs that are offered by the OLA. Try Lacrosse and OLA 3-on-3 Mini Game are examples of programs that would benefit all clubs across the province, but only a small number are taking advantage of these options.

VP Coaching (Rick Phillips)

1. Report submitted.

Staff Reports:

1. Ron explained that, thanks to online registration, all submissions are time-stamped. The existing time window for registration is sufficient to register participants properly.
2. Ron presented the Festival 2.0 Proposal, which will include the "A" Qualifiers Program playing a full round robin game schedule as part of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival beginning in 2019. Other enhancements consist of the introduction of the International Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget club divisions. Fiona discussed concerns about incorporating the "A" Qualifiers Program as part of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival. Marion directed Fiona, Ron, Jeramie, Bruce, Frank, Laurie and Terry to arrange a meeting prior to July 7th to discuss the logistical issues raised by Fiona. A final proposal will be presented to the Board of Directors on July 11th.
3. Bruce displayed the new jerseys and shorts that will be used for a series of how-to videos featuring OLA athletes.

Review of Old Business:

1. NTR.

New Business:

1. NTR.

To adjourn the June 13th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

m/ George Macdonald

s/ Frank Lawrence

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13PM.