



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Laurie Hansen)

1. Laurie welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.
2. Stan provided a brief update on Marion's negotiations with the OLRA.

To approve the previous minutes dated December 7th, 2017.

m/ Lynn Orth

s/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

Guest Presentation (Academy for Student Athlete Development)

1. Bruce introduced Kelly and Chad from the Academy for Student Athlete Development (ASAD). Located at the Abilities Centre of Iroquois Park, ASAD is a synthesis program for elite athletes who are interested in pursuing a combined approach to academics and athletics. ASAD has partnered its academic stream with the Durham District School Board, and enrolled athletes complete high school courses by correspondence. Kelly and Chad presented a proposal for partnering with the OLA for ASAD's lacrosse program.

VP Finance (George Macdonald)

1. The 2018 Operating Budget will be presented for approval to the Board of Governors on Sunday, March 4th. Included in the Operating Budget will be a breakdown of the Ontario Lacrosse Festival and the Team Ontario Program.

VP Promotions (Lynn Orth)

1. Registrations for the 2018 SAGM are currently low. Lynn asked Laurie to email the Zone Directors with a list of associations who haven't yet registered any members to attend the SAGM.
2. Association compliance with OLA-required membership documentation is becoming a problem. Lynn will follow up at the April 11th meeting with a detailed list of who is outstanding.

VP Development (Michael Varanesi)

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VP Minor (Laurie Hansen)

1. Whitby and Clarington have submitted a detailed proposal to participate in an interlock house league program.

To approve the Whitby and Clarington interlock house league proposal as presented for competition beginning in 2018, subject to review prior to the 2019 season.

m/ Lynn Orth

s/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

1. Box and men's field referee clinics are set to begin in one week.
2. There will be an Association RIC module at the SAGM which will cover expectations ahead of the 2018 season.
3. Zone RICs are being directed to hold a pre-season meeting with their Association RICs and referees. The content of this meeting will be provided to each Zone RIC in an agenda form.
4. Contract negotiation with the OLRA is ongoing; Marion will be meeting with OLRA representatives during the SAGM weekend.
5. FCQ has been asked to provide a list of referees who are suitable for officiating Junior "C" games. These officials will register with both the FCQ and the OLA, and will attend an on-person certification clinic in Quebec in addition to completing the Level 3 e-Learning certification in Ontario.
6. Helmets will be worn by on-floor officials in all levels of box lacrosse in compliance with the CLA's directive. It is anticipated that this move will cause unnecessary negative attention on the referee program. Stan directed Frank to request that the RDC prepare a recommendation to the CLA to allow Member Associations to take responsibility for the referee program at the local level.

Review of Old Business:

1. Laurie presented the results of the seven e-mail votes that required ratification for approval. The results of each motion were presented to the Board of Directors for review, prior to unanimous ratification.

To approve the proposed registration fee structure for the 2018 OLA Semi-Annual General Meeting as agreed upon by the Board of Directors and Staff at the 2018 Planning Meeting in Niagara Falls.

m/ Jim Bomhof
s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To approve the Welland Raiders Minor Lacrosse Association transfer to establish the Pelham Raiders Minor Lacrosse Association, on the condition that the executive transfer the incorporation name to Pelham Raiders Minor Lacrosse Association and update the associated financial accounts (banking and Peloton) to reflect this change. The Ontario Lacrosse Association will supply the association executive and zone executive with the recognized municipal boundary.

m/ Laurie Hansen
s/ Jim Bomhof

CARRIED.

To approve an interlock houseleague schedule which includes Whitby, Clarington and Oshawa for implementation in 2018, to be reviewed prior to the 2019 season.

m/ Laurie Hansen
s/ Joe Hiltz

CARRIED.

To approve, contingent upon the successful completion of the appropriate 2018 certification clinic, the 2018 Founders Cup Ontario referee pool names as: Joel Firmin, Davey Hallett, Kyle Kennery, Matt Khalaf and Mark Thompson. These names are presented in alphabetical order.

m/ Jim Bomhof
s/ Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

To approve the 2018 OLA Quest for Gold Application Selections Committee members as Jodi Lloyd, Bruce Codd, Lynn Orth and Michael Varanesi.

m/ Jim Bomhof
s/ Joe Hiltz
a/ Lynn Orth, Michael Varanesi

CARRIED.

To approve the inclusion of the North Shore and South Shore lacrosse clubs for competition in Zone 5 and OLA invitational tournaments during the 2018 season under the submitted agreement between the Ontario Lacrosse Association and the Federation de Lacrosse du Quebec and subject to review prior to the 2019. All non-resident players and coaches participating in OLA-sanctioned games must be duly registered and insured as OLA members with the Ontario Lacrosse Association, and are subject to all rules and regulations that govern OLA membership including insurance requirements. All players and coaches participating in FCQ-sanctioned games must be duly registered and insured with the Federation de Lacrosse du Quebec. Additionally, the Board of Directors gives consideration to the conditions of participation established by the Zone 5 Executive (below), and the approval of OLA membership is contingent upon the approval of an interprovincial agreement between the Ontario Lacrosse Association and the Federation de Lacrosse du Quebec.

Zone 5 Recommendation: accept the South Shore Centurions into the OLA and specifically Zone 5 for the 2018 lacrosse season in a probationary status for review prior to the 2019 season. In order to ensure that lacrosse continues to grow in Quebec without being damaged by this recommendation, we feel that the status of lacrosse in Quebec and the membership of South Shore Centurions be reviewed bi-annually. If an opportunity eventually exists for the club to return to play in Quebec, this is the preferred option to further grow lacrosse in Quebec.

Zone 5 Recommendation: accept the North Shore Kodiaks into the OLA and specifically Zone 5 for the 2018 lacrosse season in a probationary status for review prior to the 2019 season. In order to ensure that lacrosse continues to grow in Quebec without being damaged by this recommendation, we feel that the status of lacrosse in Quebec and the membership of North Shore Kodiaks be reviewed bi-annually. If an opportunity eventually exists for the club to return to play in Quebec, this is the preferred option to further grow lacrosse in Quebec.

m/ Michael Varanesi

s/ Laurie Hansen

CARRIED.

To review the submitted Code of Conduct complaint by Gord Lyons against Dan Gognavic for merit.

m/ Michael Varanesi

s/ Lynn Orth

DEFEATED.

New Business:

1. Jeramie advised the Board of Directors that the Rules and Regulations document was renumbered with Marion's permission in accordance with the changes made by the membership at the 2017 AGM for orderly publication prior to the 2018 season. Stan directed Jeramie to include a clause in the 2018 amendment process indicating that renumbering of sections for uniformity would occur with future amendments.
2. Laurie directed Bruce to circulate detailed ASAD materials for consideration to the Board of Directors prior to the April 11th, 2018 meeting.

To adjourn the February 21st, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

m/ Joe Hiltz

s/ George Macdonald

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM.