



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

In Attendance:	Marion Ladouceur	President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Jim Bomhof	VP Major
	Jenn Matheson	VP Minor
	Andree Davis	VP Field
	Frank Lawrence	VP Officiating
	Michael Varanesi	VP Development
	Sonya Crossey	VP Promotion
	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
	Ron MacSpadyen	Marketing Director
With Regrets:	John Doherty	Past President
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Bruce Codd	Technical Director

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.
2. Stan reminded everyone about the upcoming 2019 Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum's annual golf tournament at Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville. There are three course sponsors and 120 registered golfers. The forecast indicates good weather, which will make for an enjoyable day for all of the golfers.
3. Marion announced that World Lacrosse has officially named the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Trophy in honour of Stan Cockerton. Stan joked that this is the second trophy to be named in his honour ("the first was the Stanley Cup!").
4. Marion solicited Intentions to Return from Jim Bomhof, George MacDonald, Rick Phillips and Michael Varanesi. All four directors indicated that they will stand for election of the positions they currently hold at the 2019 Annual General Meeting.
5. The Board of Directors will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga for the final Board of Directors meeting of 2019.

*To approve the previous minutes dated July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.*

M/ Sonya Crossey

S/ Mike Varanesi

**CARRIED.**

VP Finance (George MacDonald)

1. The OLA is in the midst of its annual audit review which will continue throughout the month of October. Auditors will likely communicate with the Board of Directors throughout the process.
2. Stan recognized the contributions of the office staff for working as a team to fulfill the requirements for the 2019 Ministry Grant Application process.

### VP Development (Michael Varanesi)

1. NTR.

### VP Officiating (Frank Lawrence)

1. Frank asked for advice about introducing a three-official system in box lacrosse. The Board of Directors suggested sending a letter of introduction to the league commissioners proposing the idea. This introduction should include a cost benefit analysis, as well as a budget proposal. Weight should be given to the fact that men's field and women's field utilize three-official mechanics currently. It is important to stress that long-term officiating development strategies support increased opportunities for officials to experience higher levels of play.

### VP Promotions (Sonya Crossey)

1. NTR.

### VP Junior-Major (Jim Bomhof)

1. NTR.

### VP Minor (Jennifer Matheson)

1. It is necessary to strike a committee to review the Automatic Minor Discipline Policy, and to decide how to proceed with GM28's for the 2020 season. More information will be presented at the December meeting.
2. Meetings were promised with the OLOA. A touchpoint meeting should happen at the AGM. No decisions or larger conversations are necessary, but planning should carry through the off-season. Marion recommended that Jenn reach out to Ryan to inquire about hosting a conference call.
3. Caledon Minor Lacrosse Association would like to resume operations. Ron and Sonya are working with a dedicated group of volunteers who will update the club's compliance information and file it with Lynn Orth. Marion explained that a recommendation from the Zone 10 Executive would also be required. More information will be presented at the December meeting.
4. Respect in Sport has partnered with What Not To Yell, and has requested an opportunity to present to the Board of Directors in January.
5. Representatives from Tiverton and Wilmot have inquired about minor lacrosse expansion associations. Initial planning is underway, but documentation has not been reviewed by anyone yet.
6. Cheryl Laplante will not be returning as Ratings/Tournaments Coordinator for the 2020 season. *The Board of Directors engaged in a round of applause for Cheryl's contributions.*

*To approve the establishment of three separate positions to coordinate ratings, tournaments and female box lacrosse for the 2020 season.*

M/ Jennifer Matheson

S/ Frank Lawrence

**CARRIED.**

*To approve the Rob Howey as the female box lacrosse coordinator, Donalyn Dredge as the MyLax Ratings coordinator, and Nicole Roe as the Invitational Tournaments coordinator for the 2020 season.*

M/ Jennifer Matheson

S/ Frank Lawrence

**CARRIED.**

### Staff Reports

1. Ron received a proposal from Great Lakes Lacrosse Tournament about partnership opportunities with the Ontario Lacrosse Association. He will review the proposal in detail to determine whether or not this event could be successful before providing more information to the Board of Directors.
2. Ron is developing a trainers' certification list for publication. This list will be the definitive list of accepted certifications for the 2020 season. It will be presented at the January planning meeting for approval.

### Review of Business:

1. NTR.

### New Business:

1. Jenn circulated three proposals for the 2020 Qualifiers program. Ron detailed the positive impact of the inclusion of the "A" Qualifiers event as part of the 2019 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. The Board of Directors discussed the pros and cons of each proposal. Ron indicated that a decision is necessary to share with the membership at the AGM. Marion instructed the Board of Directors to consider the merits of each proposal carefully before emailing her with their decision. The deadline for responses will be Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Proposed Amendments Review:

1. Fifty-three (53) amendments were submitted by the membership for review.
2. Zero (0) amendments were excluded because they lacked appropriate signatures.
3. Zero (0) amendments were excluded because they were not submitted on or before the published deadline.
4. Four (4) amendments were submitted as a block with a special request to exclude minor lacrosse members from voting. The Board of Directors noted that the block amendments relate to the financial health of the OLA, and as such, necessitated a full vote of the membership. The request to exclude minor lacrosse representatives from voting on this block was not approved.

*To approve the fifty-three (53) submitted amendments that adhere to the published guidelines for dissemination and discussion at the 2019 Ontario Lacrosse Association's Annual General Meeting.*

M/ Frank Lawrence

S/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

*To adjourn the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.*

M/ Sonya Crossey

S/ Michael Varanesi

**CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:55PM.