



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Marion Ladouceur)

1. Marion welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Board of Directors were contacted individually by phone during the last week, and the frustration that people are experiencing is palpable. We are all working harder than we normally would if there was a lacrosse season, and we are all facing negativity from members, which makes it difficult to stay focused and on track. Despite this, the Board of Directors are doing a good job of staying positive and productive through these meetings as we work constructively on return to play. Tonight's discussion will be focused on taking action in light of the Ministry's change in direction for Return to Activity, but there are a small number of agenda items to cover off first.

*This section of the meeting took place in camera.*

Return to Activity Committee (Jim Leworthy):

1. Jim Leworthy circulated an organizational chart which outlines the committee's lead members and associated functions, based on the Board of Directors' proposal from June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Additional names were identified for subcommittees based on their OLA involvement and professional capacities.

*To approve an ad hoc committee of the OLA, chaired by Wendy Cuthbert and Jim Leworthy, for the purpose of preparing the OLA's Return to Activity (RTA) Guidelines for approval by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Culture and Tourism Industries, with implementation at the club and league level to follow.*

m/ Jim Leworthy

s/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

## 2020 Season Outlook (Board of Directors):

1. The time to act is upon us; the cancellation of invitational tournaments, the Ontario Summer Games and Ontario Lacrosse Festival is a necessary cause that the OLA's Board of Directors must reluctantly accept. Further extensions, in line with the extensions of the Ontario Emergency Order made by the Provincial Government, will no longer serve the best interest of our members. It is important to leave the possibility open for modified competition in an outdoor setting as restrictions continue to be eased in certain municipalities. The focus of any season-ending message must highlight the possibility for outdoor programs.

*To direct the cancellation of regularly-scheduled OLA-sanctioned minor, junior and senior box programming in Ontario for 2020, including tournaments, provincials, league play, exhibition play, practices and try-outs, effective immediately.*

m/ Jenn Matheson

s/ Andree Davis

**CARRIED.**

*To permit the sanctioning of alternative OLA-sanctioned outdoor programming, when safe and appropriate to operate, following all RTA Ministry-approved guidelines.*

m/ Jim Leworthy

s/ Jim Bomhof

**CARRIED.**

*This section of the meeting took place in camera.*

## Closing Remarks (Marion Ladouceur):

1. The decision to cancel the minor, junior and senior box seasons is without precedent in over 81 years of indoor lacrosse sanctioning, before any of us were born. The Board of Directors and staff marked the conclusion of this meeting, which declares the conclusion of the 2020 season, with a brief moment of silence to appreciate the gravity of the situation, and to consider all of the people who came before us to establish the programs that are in place today.

*To adjourn the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.*

m/ Jenn Matheson

s/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.