



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2021**

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:	Jim Leworthy	President
	Marion Ladouceur	Past President VP
	George MacDonald	Finance
	Tanya Thompson	VP Minor
	Mark Schuetzkowski	VP Field
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Colleen Grimes	VP Promotions
	Sonya Crossey	VP Development
	Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
	Bruce Codd	Technical Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
	Fiona Clevely	Administration
With Regrets:	Stan Cockerton	Executive Director
	Ian Garrison	VP Officiating
	Vacant	VP Junior-Major

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

President's Welcome (Jim Leworthy)

1. Welcome to this OLA Board of Directors meeting.
2. Jeramie recited a land and territory acknowledgement.
3. Best practices for meeting decorum and operating as a cohesive Board of Directors were discussed. Respect is expected at all times.
4. Provided there are no provincial restrictions against it, in-person meetings will resume at the OLA Office for the Directors to conduct business, following the September 8th Board of Governors meeting. Virtual meetings may continue to be utilized in the future if necessary, on short notice. If provincial regulations mandate vaccinations as part of in-person events, the Board of Directors will observe that expectation.
5. Best practices for email security were reviewed.

To approve the agenda of the August 18th Board of Directors meeting.

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

To approve the meeting minutes of the July 14th Board of Directors' meeting.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Mark Schuetzkowski

CARRIED

To move this portion of the meeting in-camera.

m/ Mark Schuetzkowski

s/ Tanya Thompson

CARRIED

To move this portion of the meeting out of camera.

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ Marion Ladouceur

CARRIED

To approve the franchise sale and relocation of the Brampton Major Excelsiors, based on the information provided.

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Tanya Thompson

a/ George MacDonald, Rick Phillips

DEFEATED

To direct the commissioner of Major Series Lacrosse, as the governing league in which the Major Excelsiors lacrosse team participates, to resolve this matter between the stakeholders consistent with the requirements as outlined in the attached document, prior to returning the matter to the OLA's Board of Directors for final approval of the sale and/or relocation of the franchise.

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

2021 and 2022 Team Registration Fees (George MacDonald)

1. As discussed at the most recent Board of Directors meeting, the OLA is in favour of waiving all scheduled CPI increases to its team entry fee schedule for the 2021 and 2022 seasons, as a gesture of goodwill towards its participating teams.

To waive the scheduled team entry fee increases for the 2021 and 2022 seasons for all sectors and divisions of play.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Mark Schuetzkowski

CARRIED

2. Given the partial season for box lacrosse which began mid-July, it is recommended that team registration fees be applied at a cost of \$291/association, as opposed to \$291/team, regardless of the number of teams entered into play for the season, as a gesture of goodwill towards participating teams who were not afforded the opportunity to participate in

a full season of play.

To permit the cost of participating box associations for the 2021 season at \$291 per association or club at all levels, regardless of the number of teams entered into play.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

VP Field Report (Mark Schuetzkowski)

1. Ian Garrison has brought forth Ryan Dutkus to be named as the assignor for all fall minor and men's field lacrosse leagues for the 2021 season.

To approve Ryan Dutkus as the on-field officiating assignor for fall minor and men's field lacrosse leagues in 2021.

m/ Mark Schuetzkowski

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

2. Innisfil has expressed interest in entering a club into competition in the OJMFL. The association already participates at the OMFL level. It would be beneficial for players who live north of Toronto to have a location association to participate with.

To approve the Innisfil Junior Lacrosse Club for participation in the Ontario Junior Men's Field Lacrosse League for the 2021 season on probationary status, with a written commissioner recommendation and OJMFL consent at the league's next AGM required for full OLA approval in 2022.

m/ Mark Schuetzkowski

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

3. It is recommended that leagues be authorized to approve teams for one-year probationary status in the future where teams have previously existed in the community at a lower age division, to help expedite the process for clubs like Innisfil to be able to participate without waiting for the next Board of Directors meeting to take place. A proper procedure to authorize

participation in the following year, including approval from the OLA's Board of Directors, would be required to be developed.

To grant the OJMFL and OSMFL leagues the authorization to permit entry from club teams where an existing team participates at the division below, for a one-year probationary status that includes notification to the OLA's Board of Directors and staff, for the 2021 season only.

m/ Mark Schuetzkowski

s/ Tanya Thompson

CARRIED

4. The officiating leadership team has communicated that it is facing a shortage of registered officials for the 2021 season. A number of communications have gone out to returning officials to encourage them to certify at the reduced rate. Tanya recommended that registered minor box officials be encouraged to cross-over to become field officials.

VP Promotion Report (Colleen Grimes)

1. A "Play Lacrosse" 2022 club initiative proposal has been provided for the Board of Directors to consider ahead of the October meeting.

Sanctioning of the Survivor's Cup Tournament (Board of Directors)

1. The OLA received a request to sanction the Akwesasne Survivor's Cup tournament. The proposal was discussed and supported by the Board of Directors, provided the players become registered members of the OLA and compete according to the rules and regulations of the OLA. Both commissioners of the OJLL and the OJBLL have offered their support for this event.

To sanction the participating teams of the Survivor's Cup event according to the proposal received by the OLA.

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ Tanya Thompson

CARRIED

Vaccination Status for Registered Participants (Board of Directors)

1. A number of other Provincial Sports Organizations have begun examining whether vaccinations should or could be mandated for registered participants, including players (above the age of 12), coaches, officials and volunteers. The OLA will continue to monitor the best practices of other sports organizations under the guidance of the Ministry and related provincial health bodies. The OLA will continue to recommend the benefits of vaccinations for all eligible members as a public health best practice.

New Business (Board of Directors)

1. Jim Bomhof has tendered his resignation, which he felt was in the best interest of the OLA and his family. In accordance with the OLA's Bylaws, the VP Junior-Major assumes the responsibilities of the office until the next AGM, where a special election will be held.
2. Sean O'Callaghan has offered to assist the Board of Directors until the Annual General Meeting. He will support the president at his request as a non-voting member, and has agreed to step an arms' length away from his positions with the Mimico Junior "A" Mountaineers and the Ontario Junior "B" Lacrosse League during this period.
3. The email vote to approval minor adjustments, at the request of the league commissioners, to OLA Regulation 6.07 was affirmed.

To approve amendments to OLA Regulation 6.07 as presented.

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ Tanya Thompson

CARRIED

4. Glen Flippance's resignation as OLA Case Manager has prompted a vacancy which must be addressed. A proper job description will be prepared for circulation to consider qualified applicants for appointment.

To circulate a job description for the recruitment of the OLA's Case Manager, which will be finalized by email vote at the conclusion of the application period.

m/ Tanya Thompson

s/ Marion Ladouceur

CARRIED

To adjourn the August 18th Board of Directors meeting.

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.