



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

|                |                    |                         |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| In Attendance: | Greg Hummel        | President & Chairperson |
|                | Marion Ladouceur   | Past President          |
|                | George MacDonald   | VP Finance              |
|                | Mark Schuetzkowski | VP Field                |
|                | Rick Phillips      | VP Coaching             |
|                | Ian Garrison       | VP Officiating          |
|                | Colleen Grimes     | VP Promotions           |
|                | Sonya Crossey      | VP Development          |
|                | Chuck Miller       | Executive Director      |
|                | Ron MacSpadyen     | Program Director        |
|                | Jeramie Bailey     | Promotions Director     |
|                | Fiona Clevely      | Administration          |

Regrets:

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**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Greg Hummel)

1. Welcome to the April session of the OLA Board of Directors.
2. Jeramie shared a land and territory acknowledgement.

*To approve the agenda of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting*

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ George MacDonald

**CARRIED**

*To approve the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.*

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

Major Series Lacrosse Strategy:

1. The Board of Directors discussed the strategies to assist MSL to resolve its internal dispute prior to the 2022 season. John Wilkinson was invited to share his perspective, with respect to the obligations of the OLA.

*To move the meeting in-camera in order to discuss strategies for the 2022 Senior "A" season with John Wilkinson.*

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Sonya Crossey

**CARRIED**

*To move the meeting out of camera.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Marion Ladouceur

**CARRIED**

*To permit the Major Series Lacrosse league to operate as a five-team league, which includes the Brooklin Lacrosse Club, the Cobourg Kodiaks, the Oakville Rock, the Peterborough Lakers, and the Six Nations Chiefs for the 2022 season.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Sonya Crossey

**DEFEATED**

*To permit the Major Series Lacrosse league to operate as a six-team league, which includes the Brampton Excelsiors (operated under the leadership of Glenn McLelland), Brooklin Lacrosse Club, the Cobourg Kodiaks, the Oakville Rock, the Peterborough Lakers, and the Six Nations Chiefs for the 2022 season. MSL's option to expand to a seven-team league, which includes Owen Sound (operated under the leadership of Joe Norton), would be permitted pursuant to OLA Bylaw III (Members), contingent upon MSL's recognition of this motion. Players belonging to the disputed club would be given the choice between reporting to either competing club for the 2022 season. Having made their choice, these players' rights would become the property of their choice club moving forward, unless traded or otherwise released in accordance with MSL policies and OLA regulations. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this motion, all previous decisions regarding the application of Regulation 6.23(d) are also upheld.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED**

**In Favour:** Marion Ladocueur, George MacDonald, Sean O'Callaghan, Mark Schuetzkowski, Ian Garrison, Rick Phillips, Sonya Crossey, Colleen Grimes

**Against:** None

*Should the Major Series Lacrosse Commissioner fail to comply with these terms by April 30th, 2022, the Ontario Lacrosse Association will cease to recognize the MSL Executive as the body which manages the affairs of Senior "A" (Major) Lacrosse in Ontario, and will immediately assume sole responsibility for overseeing the 2022 MSL season and determining who will compete to represent the OLA in the Mann Cup Senior "A" Box Lacrosse Championship of Canada.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED**

*Should Major Series Lacrosse fail to comply with this direction by April 30th, 2022, the Ontario Lacrosse Association will expel Mr. Doug Luey from all lacrosse activities governed by the OLA for a period of five years beginning on May 1st, 2022, with an option to submit an appeal of this decision to the Board of Directors for consideration no sooner than May 1st, 2026.*

m/ Ian Garrison  
s/ Sonya Crossey

**CARRIED**

*The Board of Directors upholds the decision previously made to confirm the free agent status of Jeff Teat, Connor McLelland, Clarke Petterson and Tyler Burton under Regulation 6.23(d). Graduated players whose rights are also affected by R6.23(d) will be added to a list to be supplied by the commissioners of the Junior "A", Junior "B" and Junior "C" leagues. Compensation agreements may be communicated by MSL team representatives to VP Finance George MacDonald in order to retain status as Members in Good Standing.*

m/ Ian Garrison  
s/ Sean O'Callghan

**CARRIED**

2. Ian Garrison confirmed that officials have not been assigned to any Major Series Lacrosse games, not has a league schedule been provided to the OLA for officials to be assigned to games. Officials will not be assigned in MSL until compliance with this direction has been received by the league.

#### Non-Sanctioned Leagues Strategy:

1. The Board of Directors discussed the strategies to assist recognized leagues and teams with respect to the organization's mandate. Emily Stonk was invited to share the latest information and direction.

*To move the meeting in-camera in order to discuss strategies for 2022 season with Emily Stonk.*

m/ George MacDonald  
s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

*To move the meeting out of camera.*

m/ Sean O'Callaghan

s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

2. The OLA's best interests and mandate are protected through this process, and will continue to be in the future. The organization is strengthened through this development.

*To permit Emily Stonk to act as an agent on behalf of the Ontario Lacrosse Association to continue through the process, according to the direction provided.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Colleen Grimes

**CARRIED**

Ratification of March e-Votes:

*To approve Shane Hubbard to serve as the OLA Junior-Major box Assignor for the 2022 season. All officiating assignments in Junior-Major will be communicated solely through Shane Hubbard.*

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Colleen Grimes

**CARRIED**

*To sanction the Graduated Junior event proposal as presented for the 2022 season. Approval of this event does not preclude players, coaches or officials from simultaneously participating in Major Series Lacrosse, Ontario Series Lacrosse or Senior Series Lacrosse leagues.*

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sonya Crossey

**CARRIED**

*To adopt the recommendations to the Coaching Certification Pathway as presented for the 2022 season only.*

m/ Rick Phillips

s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

New Business:

1. The Caledon Junior “C” Bandits and the Oakville Junior “C” Hawks have requested a one-year hiatus to restructure their operations and prepare financially. Commissioner Reg Holinshead has granted preliminary approval to both clubs for the 2022 season, pending approval of the Board of Directors. Players affected by this decision are automatically released to their next closest center for a period of one-year, but must return to their home club for the 2023 season.

*To recognize the hiatus of the Caledon Junior “C” Bandits and the Oakville Junior “C” Hawks for the 2022 season.*

m/ Sean O’Callaghan

s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

2. Operation of the St. Catharines Junior “B” Spartans has been assumed by the St. Catharines Junior “A” Athletics. In accordance with OLA Regulation 25.03, all documentation related to the franchise transfer has been reviewed as part of the request submitted to the Board of Directors. The documentation includes endorsement from the St. Catharines Junior “B” Lacrosse League. In addition to the conditions outlined in the transfer agreement, the approval is subject to the condition that the club continues to operate within the municipality of St. Catharines, ON. The franchise is permitted to carry on as the St. Catharines Junior “B” Spartans, or may rebrand itself as the St. Catharines Junior “B” Athletics, subject to OJBLL approval.

*To approve the franchise transfer of the St. Catharines Junior “B” Spartans from Chris Spiers to the stewardship of Paul Coates, operator of the St. Catharines Junior “A” Athletics, subject to the conditions stated in the franchise transfer agreement and with the understanding that club must continue to operate within the municipality of St. Catharines, ON.*

m/ Sean O’Callaghan

s/ Mark Schuetzkowski

**CARRIED**

3. Lacrosse Canada has solicited applications to fill the role of National Director of Officiating. Currently, that role is held by Bruce Paton of

Lacrosse Manitoba. The role oversees the three sector Officials-in-Charge, and is responsible for governing matters related to officiating at the national level. The OLA's Board of Directors supports Ian Garrison's name to be brought forward for consideration for this position.

*To endorse Ian Garrison for the position of National Director of Officiating.*

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Marion Ladouceur

a/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

4. The Ontario Lacrosse Festival has been home to the Provincial Championships since 2004. A return to normal operations is in the best interest of the sport, and will serve to re-establish the event and the sport's presence within Ontario.

*To prepare for the Ontario Lacrosse Festival for the 2022 season according to the historically established dates of July 29 – August 7, with an entry fee of \$750/team.*

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Colleen Grimes

**CARRIED**

5. Historical interprovincial agreements between the OLA and the FCQ have been shared with Greg Hummel. Greg will continue to work with the interested parties to complete a new agreement between the two MA's for the 2022 season. This should be completed by the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting.
6. Ontario is hosting three box lacrosse national championships in 2022: the Founders Cup (Brampton, Junior "B"), the Minto Cup (Location TBA, Junior "A") and the Mann Cup (Location TBD, Senior "A"). Lacrosse Canada has opened the nominations for the position of Official-in-Charge (OIC). Ontario intends to endorse nominations for all three events. All nominations are currently certified officials in Ontario, Members in Good Standing with the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association, and supported by the Officiating Development and Oversight Committee. Additionally, all three individuals have confirmed their interest to serve in the role, if selected.

*To nominate Josh Hiltz to serve as the OIC of the Founders Cup, the Junior “B” National Championship of Canada.*

m/ Sean O’Callaghan

s/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED**

*To nominate Ian Garrison to serve as the OIC of the Minto Cup, the Junior “A” National Championship of Canada.*

m/ Sean O’Callaghan

s/ Rick Phillips

a/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

*To nominate Mark Gardonio to serve as the OIC of the Mann Cup, the Senior “A” National Championship of Canada.*

m/ Sean O’Callaghan

s/ Rick Phillips

**CARRIED**

7. The OSMFLL has submitted an application for an expansion franchise in Milton. The league has voted to accept the team to begin play in 2022. The Board of Directors reviewed the expansion application in detail. This addition will permit an even balancing of the league.

*To permit the expansion of the Milton Ontario Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse club on a one-year probationary status, with a league recommendation for consideration at the conclusion of the 2022 season.*

m/ Mark Schuetzkowski

s/ Ian Garrison

**CARRIED**

8. The OJMFLL is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an established league, and is requesting support from the Ontario Lacrosse Association to provide for jersey patches for all teams and officials to commemorate the season, which feature a special logo that marks the seasons between 1982 and 2022. The Board of Directors is prepared to support this request.



*To supply the OJMFL with jersey patches that celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> year of competition.*

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Ian Garrison

a/ Mark Schuetzkowski

**CARRIED**

9. Members of the OMFL executive are prepared to attend the Last Chance field lacrosse certification clinic to serve on standby through the season if called upon. Those officials will be provided with certification on behalf of the OLA, as part of their commitment to the game.
10. Lacrosse Canada is seeking nominations for the Box Sector chairperson, ahead of their Semi-Annual Meeting. Nominations for this position should be shared with Marion.

*To adjourn the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors' meeting.*

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Marion Ladouceur

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 10:52pm.