



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 2022**

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:22 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Greg Hummel)

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

To approve the agenda of the June 15th Board of Directors meeting.

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Marion Ladouceur

CARRIED

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

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

Ratification of Email Votes:

1. Via email, the Board of Directors has approved the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League (OJLL) and Major Series Lacrosse (MSL) to proceed with modified playing rules for the 2022 season. The Board recognizes Bob Clevely for his work in preparing these rules for circulation and approval.

To approve the implementation of the modified playing rules, as presented, for the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League and Major Series Lacrosse League for the 2022 season. VP Officiating Ian Garrison will be responsible for leading the implementation process in each league, and addressing situations that may arise throughout the season.

m/ Sean O'Callaghan

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

Lacrosse Canada Semi-Annual Meeting Summary:

1. Lacrosse Canada has proposed increasing its participant registration amounts. Under the proposal, player fees would increase from \$4 to \$15, coaches fees would increase from \$15 to \$20, and officials fees would increase from \$15 to \$25. This proposal will be voted on at the Lacrosse Canada Annual General Meeting. The Ontario Lacrosse Association is unequivocally opposed to this proposal, and will speak strongly against it.
2. Quebec has signalled that it is unable to host the President's Cup in 2023; the Ontario Senior "B" League has submitted a proposal to host the event in Quebec's place.
3. Randy Trobak (SK) remains as the Box Sector Chairperson. Chris Gallup (NB) has joined Lacrosse Canada's Board of Directors. Steve O'Shaughnessy (NB) has been appointed as the Director of Officiating.
4. Proposals to align age categories across all sectors were adopted.
5. Lacrosse Canada admitted that their process to select the Canada Summer Games Officials-in-Charge was both flawed and biased, but they chose not to rectify the situation despite repeated requests from multiple MA's to address concerns.
6. Doug Luey, during the short period in which he served as President of the OLA, advised Lacrosse Canada that Ontario Lacrosse did not wish to hold the position of Member (Large) for Lacrosse Canada; a position which Jim Leworthy had secured on behalf of the OLA. At no point did the Board of Directors advise or instruct Mr. Luey to take this course of action. Despite attempts to reverse this action, Lacrosse Canada is unwilling to reconsider.

Major Series Lacrosse Update:

1. The Board of Directors met with representatives and governors of Major Series Lacrosse to work towards the goal of preparing for the 2022 season. Discussions were facilitated by an experienced mediator who worked through many of the issues raised by the stakeholders. A preliminary agreement has been reached, which will permit MSL to operate for the upcoming season. The specifics of the agreement are still being reviewed at this time, and all parties involved must be bound by the terms in order for a season to be sanctioned.

The OLA agrees to the six terms outlined in the discussion between the governors of MSL, whereby the league will operate in 2022 with representatives of both Brampton and Owen Sound mutually agreeing not to participate in on-floor competition. Effective immediately under Regulation 5.04, Brampton and Owen Sound will be granted a seat at the table of Major Series Lacrosse, with full membership privileges aside from participation in on-floor competition, and the league will be sanctioned for competition in 2022 as soon as consent to the terms is provided in writing to the Board of Directors by the representatives of Major Series Lacrosse. Neither Brampton nor Owen Sound will be compelled to provide an expansion franchise fee to Major Series Lacrosse under this agreement.

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

2. The Cobourg Kodiaks have outstanding accounts that are over 90 days past due. The Board of Directors instructed Chuck Miller to resolve this situation prior to the Kodiaks participation in 2022.

New Business:

1. The OLA's Expense Submission Policy has been updated to reflect the rising costs of gasoline. The policy is presented for review and, pending feedback, will be adopted at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting.
2. Wendy Bennett-Costante has not apologized for breaching decorum at the March 9th Board of Governors meeting, which infringes on the unanimous motion by those present.

To advise Wendy Bennett-Costante that failure to adhere to the direction of the Governors by 5:00pm on Friday, June 17th will result in the situation being referred to the discipline committee.

m/ Ian Garrison

s/ Rick Phillips

a/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

3. In-person meetings offer an opportunity for the Boards of Directors and Governors to sit together to solve problems. The in-person meeting involving MSL demonstrated productivity and cooperation; prior to the pandemic, virtual meetings were considered only as a last resort. The

Board of Directors unanimously agreed that virtual meetings are valuable on occasion, but that the return of in-person meetings will serve the membership more effectively. For the remainder of the 2022 calendar year, providing provincial health regulations remain unchanged, the OLA will resume its practice of in-person meetings on a monthly basis.

4. The Rob McDougall Celebrity Classic charity lacrosse game is schedule to take place on Saturday, June 18th. McDougall, one of Canada's premiere sports artists and a supporter of Oakville Lacrosse, was also one of the original organizers of the first OLA Celebrity Lacrosse Classic in 1996. He was instrumental in building the Oakville association through years of volunteerism. The game is part of a weekend of OLA events, including a paperweight invitational tournament and a regular season OJLL game between the Oakville Buzz and the Burlington Chiefs.

To sanction the Rob McDougall Celebrity Classic lacrosse game for the 2022 season.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

To approve a contribution of \$250 to the KidsSport Charity in Rob MacDougall's Name.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

To adjourn the June 15th Board of Directors' meeting.

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:52pm.