



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY MARCH 8, 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 7:02 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Greg Hummel)

1. Welcome to a special session of the OLA Board of Directors, which is called in advance of the special session of the OLA Board of Governors meeting on March 9th, 2022.
2. Jeramie recited a land and territory acknowledgement.

To approve the agenda of the March 8th Board of Directors meeting, with four additional agenda items.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

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

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

Pressing Business:

1. The Board of Directors discussed the agenda and unapproved minutes from the February Minor Council meeting. A large volume of information was presented to Minor Council for the first time, which has been organized into a specific folder that is accessible to Zone Directors. This folder will continue to be updated with information throughout the season.
2. Player movement clauses were temporarily suspended during RTA play in both the 2020 and 2021 seasons. As a result, these seasons are not considered or applied in any way for the purpose of player releases as the OLA returns to its scheduled programming. All player movement articles are automatically returned to effect as of January 1, 2022, and players who register to participate must do so with their residence club for this season.
3. The agreement between the OLA and the FCQ is currently expired. Agreements have been signed between the two provinces since 2008, with

varying degrees of involvement between the provinces over the seasons. The priorities for both MA's have shifted as a result of the pandemic, and the next agreement will need to focus primarily on rebuilding each MA's player base. Participation in invitational tournaments and OLA Provincials will not be included in the next interprovincial agreement, but may be examined in future seasons if it is determined to be beneficial to both MA's.

To prepare an interprovincial agreement which provides an opportunity for exhibition play within Zone 5 for FCQ-based minor box clubs, provided that any teams involved are registered with the OLA and subject to applicable rules and regulations as determined by the agreement.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Ian Garrison

CARRIED

4. The Game Sheet Inc., pilot program, which was prepared for Zone 8 and Zone 9 for the 2020 season, will continue as originally approved. Zone 7 has submitted an application to be added into the pilot program.

To approve Zone 7 to join the pilot program for Game Sheet Inc., for the 2022 season, provided all of its clubs are in agreement that the technology will be utilized at each level of play. Tournament use is optional, at the decision of the hosting club.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

5. Dialogue at the 2021 OLA AGM resulted in a decision for the OLA and the Junior-Major Operating Council to reach an agreement on registration fees for clubs above minor lacrosse to be eligible to participate in the AGM at a reduced fee. A detailed proposal to reduce the up-front fee by 50% for these clubs has been finalized.

To support the Junior-Major AGM Registration Fee proposal as presented.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

6. Major Series Lacrosse has announced its Entry Draft for March 20th, 2022. Despite the Board of Directors' decision (upheld on appeal) against the franchise transfer and relocation, the league has continued to demonstrate its unwillingness to respect the outcome and comply with the Board of Directors. MSL has also failed to satisfy previous seasons' entry draft fees to the applicable Junior leagues. Under OLA Regulation 6.23(d), those 49 graduated Junior players whose draft fees are not paid by the annual deadline are automatically deemed to be free agents.

To direct Chuck Miller, Greg Hummel, Sean O'Callaghan and Ian Garrison to meet with the governors of Major Series Lacrosse to communicate the rulings of the Board of Directors.

m/ Sonya Crossey

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

7. In accordance with OLA Regulation 25.03, documentation was reviewed as part of a Senior "B" franchise transfer request between Mena Briscoe and Jamie Dawick. The documentation included an endorsement from the Ontario Series Lacrosse league and a copy of the ownership transfer agreement between the parties. 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 Oakville, ON. The franchise is permitted to carry on as the Oakville Senior "B" Titans, or may rebrand itself as the Oakville Senior "B" Rock, subject to OSL approval.

To approve the franchise ownership transfer of the Oakville Senior "B" Lacrosse Club from Ms. Mena Briscoe to Mr. Jamie Dawick, subject to the conditions stated in the ownership transfer agreement and with the understanding that the club must continue to operate within the municipality of Oakville, ON.

m/ Sean O'Callaghan

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

8. The Caledon Junior "C" Bandits and the Oakville Junior "C" Buzz have submitted requests to the Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse League to exercise their single-season hiatus privileges under OLA Regulation 25.05. Each club has indicated its commitment to return to the OJCLL for the 2023 season.

9. Revisions to the OLA's vaccination policy have aligned with the current provincial health regulations. This modification will provide for the removal of any requirements for proof of vaccination prior to registration with Ontario Lacrosse. This decision maintains the OLA's approach since provincial restrictions were first introduced: any policy implementation would be no more or less restrictive than Ontario Public Health and the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries would require for all Provincial Sports Organizations.
10. Coaches, trainers and team managers over the age of 18 who were properly registered and approved for the 2019 season will be permitted to complete an Offense Declaration form which covers the period of 2020 and 2021. Those who were not registered and/or approved in 2019 would require a CRC to be submitted to their clubs in order to become registered and approved for the 2022 season.

To approve proposed modifications to the OLA's Screening Policy to permit any volunteers who were properly registered and approved in 2019 to submit an Offense Declaration form to their club or league Privacy Officer in lieu of a Criminal Record Check (Vulnerable Sector Search) to cover the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Those volunteers who were not registered and approved in 2019 are subject to the existing policy, and will require a full screening prior to registration.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

11. Rules that dictate the first and final levels of appeals can be found within OLA Operating Regulation 11.4 which stipulates the appeals process. Members to form the final appeals panel can be made up of five areas: current members of the Board of Directors, past members of the Board of Directors, Mr. Lacrosse Award winners, OLA Life Members, and current members of the Board of Governors. All appeals panels are comprised of three members, none of whom have a conflict of interest or prejudice in the matter. Scheduled meetings and/or special meetings of the Board of Governors are not appeals hearings.
12. Concerns have been raised about the methods used by Lacrosse Canada to select the Canada Summer Games Officials-in-Charge and Officials Assessors. Chuck Miller stated that he would look into the matter and, if appropriate, the OLA will initiate an appeal of the decision.

13. At the most previous Board of Directors meeting, Greg Hummel was asked to initiate the process to formally reclaim the status of Large Member representative of Lacrosse Canada, which was forfeited without the request of the Board of Directors. Greg will follow up on this request prior to the April meeting.
14. The Board of Directors will provide recommendations to the OWFL in regards to the Junior Elite Women's Loop in order to ensure that it is in compliance with the OLA's Rules and Regulations. Discussions about "approving" versus "improving" will ensure that all program offerings are meeting the mission and mandate of the OLA. This discussion will be deferred until the following meeting to allow for greater understanding of the direction and format of this program.
15. The Hill Academy has approached the OLA to discuss partnership field lacrosse event opportunities. A detailed proposal for a three-day event for U13, U15 and U17 OMFLL players to take place at The Hill in May was discussed. This sanctioned program would provide additional opportunities for promotion and development of OLA players. Representatives of The Hill have stated their commitment to working with the OLA and supporting community lacrosse clubs and leagues.

To strike a committee to review the proposal and meet with representatives of The Hill Academy to determine next steps. If it is determined to be a beneficial partnership, the committee will be empowered to move forward with the event's proposal.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

16. A second event proposal for graduated Junior players was discussed. Consensus was reached to defer approval until an email vote can be scheduled to allow for Sean O'Callaghan to forward this information to the Senior commissioners. Innovative ways to create opportunities for players will benefit the return to lacrosse in 2022, which includes increasing opportunities for graduated junior players who have provided survey feedback to indicate their desire to stay involved in the game. A scaled down version of the proposal, circulated by Sean, will be provided to solicit feedback.
17. The FCQ has withdrawn from hosting the Canadian National Field Lacrosse Championships for the 2022 season, and Lacrosse Canada is actively

soliciting MA's to volunteer for this responsibility. Mark Schuetzkowski is permitted to explore the feasibility of the OJMFL and OSMFL partnering to host the event on behalf of the OLA, subject to review of a business plan endorsed by the Board of Directors no later than the June meeting.

18. The HR Committee has withdrawn the application for the OLA's Technical Director position in order to make adjustments to the job description. A revised posting will be made available in the near future.

To adjourn the March 8th Board of Directors' meeting.

m/ Sean O'Callaghan

s/ Mark Schuetzkowski

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:33pm.