



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023**

7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

In Attendance:	Sean O'Callaghan	President & Chairperson
	Marion Ladouceur	Past President
	George MacDonald	VP Finance
	Reg Holinshead	VP Junior-Major
	Mary Sticca	VP Minor
	Jennifer Price	VP Field
	Rick Phillips	VP Coaching
	Ian Garrison	VP Officiating
	Colleen Grimes	VP Promotions
	Sonya Crossey	VP Development
	Chuck Miller	Executive Director
	Jeramie Bailey	Promotions Director
	Ron MacSpadyen	Program Director
	Rachael McKinnon	Technical Director
	Fiona Clevly	Administration
Regrets:	Scott Fitchett	Technical Director

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Sean O'Callaghan)

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 14th Board of Directors meeting.
NO OBJECTION

To approve the previous Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.
m/ Rick Phillips
s/ Mary Sticca
CARRIED

2023 Junior-Major Affiliation List:

1. Reg presented the Club Affiliation list for approval. The list does not include any specified affiliation conditions for approval between any clubs.

To approve the Junior-Major club affiliation list for the 2023 season, in accordance with Regulation 7.01(b) and 7.02(a).
m/ Reg Holinshead
s/ Marion Ladouceur
CARRIED

Junior-Major Playoff Revenue:

1. The Junior-Major Operating Council has agreed to a proposal to adjust particular areas related to playoff revenue. The participating commissioners accepted the changes recommended by the OLA with consideration toward financial accountability within their leagues, which uses a progressive weighting system that is similar in structure to how membership fees are differentiated between leagues. The OLA is confident

that this proposal is fair to everyone involved; however, membership acceptance of this proposal will be brought forward at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

To accept the updated Playoff Revenue Structure according to the proposal presented to the Junior-Major Operating Council.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Reg Holinshead

CARRIED

Special Permission: Austin Dalgety:

1. The Board of Directors considered a permission request from the Point Edward Junior "B" Pacers to register goaltender Austin Dalgety as an underage player under Regulation 6.11(a). In reviewing the submission, the Board of Directors discussed registration and release requirements.

To approve Austin Dalgety to register as an underage player with the Point Edward Junior "B" Pacers. Following his participation in one regular season match, Dalgety will be ineligible to return to minor lacrosse for the remainder of the season.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

Special Permission: Evan McDougall:

1. The Board of Directors considered a permission request from the Fergus Junior "C" Thistles to register player Evan McDougall as an underage player under Regulation 6.11(a). In reviewing the submission, the Board of Directors discussed registration and release requirements.

To approve Evan McDougall to register as an underage player with the Fergus Junior "C" Thistles. Following his participation in one regular season match, McDougall will be ineligible to return to minor lacrosse for the remainder of 2023.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

Wallaceburg / Sarnia U17 Coalition:

1. The Board of Directors finalized its approval of a single-season team coalition between the U17 Sarnia Pacers and Wallaceburg Griffins. Neither team was able to register enough players to enter into competition at this age division as a result of the pandemic. A letter signed by the presidents of each club outlined the situation and the process whereby the two communities have combined resources to encourage players to participate.

To permit a single-season combination of the U17 Wallaceburg and Sarnia minor box teams for competition in 2023 as the Wallaceburg Griffins. Players participating on this team are subject to the following conditions: they may not serve as an affiliated player for the Junior "B" team for which they are not residentially-bound, and their participation on this team does not result in any special conditions or considerations regarding their participation in either the R or MR sections of the Rules and Regulations. This coalition is limited to the U17 division and will automatically expire at the conclusion of the 2023 season. Beginning in 2024, each players' registration will automatically revert to their resident MA.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Mary Sticca

CARRIED

WMSL Franchise Hiatus:

1. The WMSL's Toronto Stars have submitted a request for approval of a single-season hiatus for the 2023 season while it restructures its operations. The WMSL has formally recommended that the franchise be granted hiatus.

To approve the hiatus request of the WMSL's Toronto Stars. The playing rights of those players will be dispersed according to WMSL guidelines, but will automatically revert to the Toronto Stars prior to 2024, unless they have been traded, unconditionally released or who live within the residential boundaries of Mimico or Mississauga and wish to be automatically released under Regulation 6.15. All club accounts must remain in good standing during hiatus.

m/ Marion Ladouceur

s/ Mary Sticca

a/ Reg Holinshead, Colleen Grimes, Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

Team Ontario Summer Sixes Showcase:

1. Team Ontario Lacrosse has announced a single-day showcase event to promote the introduction of Sixes lacrosse within the province. The event will take place on Wednesday, July 19 in Oshawa, featuring the Team Ontario box and field teams of each division subdivided to create Sixes squads for U13, U15 and U17 divisions.

To approve the first Ontario Lacrosse Sixes event as the Team Ontario Lacrosse Summer Sixes Showcase, according to the proposal provided.

m/ Sonya Crossey

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

Spectator Behaviour:

1. An increasing number of instances of poor spectator behaviour has caused concern for several members. The Board of Directors discussed how these situations cast a negative reflection of the sport, and how club volunteers appear to be overwhelmed in many circumstances in addressing these situations as they occur. There are a number of reasons for the increase in poor behaviour, and there is not a single solution that will work in all circumstances. To ensure that these situations are administered fairly, all decisions and notices of action will require the sign-off of at least one other Board member, with the exception of the OLA President, in addition to the Sector VP.

To actively apply the Maintenance of Order clauses as necessary, based on the individual circumstances of the situation which may include, but is not limited to, the temporary removal of spectators, the use of fines and club cooperation remittances, the forfeiture of games, and any other measure that is deemed appropriate by the sector representative to prevent disruption of sanctioned games.

m/ Mary Sticca

s/ Rick Phillips

CARRIED

Technical Bulletins: Required Equipment

1. Players participating under Lacrosse Canada rules must do so with equipment that meets the specifications for approval. For all goaltenders,

the use of additional materials or add-ons to the helmet is not permitted. Goaltenders who are in violation of this rule will be required to remove the additional materials in accordance with the dangerous equipment clause. This information will be circulated to the officials.

To move the meeting in-camera.

m/ Mary Sticca
s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

To move the meeting out of camera.

m/ Rick Phillips
s/ Sonya Crossey

CARRIED

To amend the membership status of Roberta Perruzza to Member Not in Good Standing, effective immediately in agreement with Barrie Minor Lacrosse.

m/ Jennifer Price
s/ Mary Sticca

CARRIED

To confirm the OLA Executive Director as Jeramie Bailey, beginning on July 1, 2023.

m/ Jennifer Price
s/ Mary Sticca

CARRIED

To adjourn the June 14th Board of Directors' meeting.

m/ Rick Phillips
s/ Mary Sticca

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.