



**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2022**

10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

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

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MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM.

Chairperson's Welcome (Sean O'Callaghan)

1. Welcome to the January session of the OLA Board of Directors; the first meeting of the 2023 calendar.
2. The OLA Planning Session was incredibly productive. The Strategic Plan will be launched to the membership to kickstart the Semi-Annual General Meeting workshop.
3. The 2023 meeting schedule was shared with everyone. Attendance is important in order for the OLA to conduct business. A combination of in-person and virtual meetings are scheduled in order to provide flexibility throughout the season.
4. Jeramie shared a land and territory acknowledgement.

To approve the agenda of the January 29th Board of Directors meeting.

NO OBJECTION

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

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

Confirmation of E-Voting:

1. Because of time constraints, three motions were passed by e-vote between the December and January meetings. These e-votes were carried in accordance with the OLA's Electronic Voting Policy.

To approve the 2023 player membership fee at \$32/player.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

To approve the 2023 Soft Lacrosse Registration fee at \$0/player, with all associated cost to be wholly subsidized by the OLA in support of club registration.

m/ George MacDonald

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

To grant the Oakville MSL Rock a second consecutive hiatus, subject to the conditions outlined in the letter provided.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Jennifer Price

a/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

2023 Coaching Requirements:

1. The Coaching Association of Canada has introduced a fee to access the Making Ethical Decisions online workshop. The training module, which was previously provided to all coaches at no cost as part of NCCP certification, has been a requirement for all Community Development coaches in the OLA. In order to reduce the costs associated with involvement in the OLA, the Board of Directors discussed adjusting the Making Ethical Decisions training session from “required” to “recommended.” A list of available sessions has been added to the OLA’s website.
2. The Ontario Ministry has confirmed that PSO’s are not required to submit coaching workbooks to their NSO for evaluation. Ontario PSO’s were surveyed to determine which sports require coaching workbooks, and who is responsible for grading them. The overwhelming majority of Ontario PSO’s evaluate their coaching workbooks at the provincial level. Going forward, the OLA will mark the workbooks of Ontario’s coaches.

WMSL International Tournament Host Bid:

1. Women’s Major Series Lacrosse has submitted a bid to host an international tournament. The Board of Directors discussed concerns with the proposal, including the event’s conflicting dates with the North American Indigenous Games and the fact that none of the WMSL had formally committed to participation.

To table the proposal for further consideration.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Jennifer Price

a/ Reg Holinshead, Mary Sticca

CARRIED

Minor Box Automatic Discipline Policy, 2023:

1. Representatives from Minor Council proposed adjustments to the OLA's Minor Box Automatic Discipline Policy. These adjustments strengthen the discipline for dangerous and egregious conduct, while providing an opportunity for further review in certain situations. These changes are supported by the Officiating Leadership Team.

To adopt the Minor Box Automatic Discipline Policy, 2023, as presented.

m/ Mary Sticca

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

Junior-Major Team Approvals:

1. Formal requests have been submitted to permit the Caledon Junior "C" Bandits and the Oakville Junior "C" Hawks to extend their league hiatus for a second consecutive season. Fiona confirmed that neither team's account is currently outstanding. The Ontario Junior "C" Lacrosse League has approved these requests.

To grant the Caledon Junior "C" Bandits a second consecutive season hiatus.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Jennifer Price

CARRIED

To grant the Oakville Junior "C" Hawks a second consecutive season hiatus.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Jennifer Price

CARRIED

2. The Mississauga Mountaineers Lacrosse Club have requested permission to transfer operation of the franchise to the Mimico Mountaineers Minor

Lacrosse Association. Under the proposal, the club's boundaries would be realigned to Mimico, and the team would be managed by the Mimico Minor Lacrosse Association, with natural affiliation to the Junior "A" team. The Ontario Junior "B" Lacrosse League supports this decision.

To approve the franchise transfer of the Mountaineers Junior "B" Lacrosse Club to Mimico Minor Lacrosse, as outlined in the proposal.

m/ Reg Holinshead

s/ Mary Sticca

a/ Colleen Grimes, Sean O'Callaghan

CARRIED

Minor Lacrosse Registration:

1. The Board of Directors discussed the historical significance of registration and release deadlines which are outlined in the OLA's Rules & Regulations. These deadlines have been more flexible over the past two seasons as the sport rebuilds itself. The Board agrees that the time is right for the organization to return to adherence to the deadlines as supported by the membership. Registrations in all series will be subject to the dates as provided by MR2.02.

Rep Box Non-Playing Bench Personnel: May 15th;

Box Players: June 1st;

Minor & Men's Field: April 15th;

Women's Field: May 24th.

To adhere to the registration and release deadlines as prescribed.

m/ Mary Sticca

s/ Jennifer Price

CARRIED

Lacrosse in the Canada Summer Games:

1. A framework letter has been prepared to argue in favour of the permanent inclusion for lacrosse in the Canada Summer Games event portfolio. This letter asks for support from the Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport when travelling to attend the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick in February.

To approve the position of the OLA to seek support from Minister Lumsden for the permanent inclusion of the sport of lacrosse in the Canada Summer Games event portfolio.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ Reg Holinshead

CARRIED

Minor & Men's Field Lacrosse (OMFLL):

1. In 2023, the OLA will pilot a Super Sixes event in conjunction with support from the Lacrosse Canada Sixes committee which is co-chaired by Wendy Cuthbert. For 2024, the intention is for Super Sixes to be implemented as the permanent fall lacrosse program in conjunction with the OLA's event window.
2. Currently, the OLA's division protocols provide an opportunity for participation in two-year increments. The OMFLL's announcement to open the U9 division to six-year-old players violates this direction. The spirit of this proposal was to increase opportunities for younger players interested in field lacrosse, but the action may have unintended consequences for registration. Jennifer Price was directed to address this concern with the OMFLL executive and return to the Board of Directors with a solution at the following meeting.

Women's Major Series Lacrosse (WMSL):

1. Two WMSL teams currently have outstanding team fees owed to the OLA. Repayment proposals submitted to the Board of Directors were deemed unsatisfactory. George MacDonald will be responsible for coming to terms with both the teams on repayment restructures that are amicable, and returning to the Board of Directors for approval at the following meeting. Throughout this discussion, Reg Holinshead abstained from participation.
2. Cheyenne Lazore, who was previously the team representative of the Akwesasne Outlaws, has forfeited the team to the league with an outstanding account. Hannah Leaf has offered to assume responsibility for the team's operations. The outstanding account continues to be payable, upon terms that are suitable to the OLA.

To place Cheyenne Lazore as a Member not in Good Standing until all amounts owed by the Akwesasne Outlaws are repaid.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ George MacDonald

a/ Reg Holinshead

CARRIED

2023 Committee Appointments:

1. The OLA Board of Directors confirms the following appointments for the 2023 season.

Level 1 Discipline Committee, Junior-Major: three of the JMOC commissioners who are not directly or indirectly connected to the situation, as decided upon by the VP Junior-Major, as necessary

Level 1 Discipline Committee, Minor Box: three of the MC Zone Directors who are not directly or indirectly connected to the situation, as decided upon by the VP Minor, as necessary

Level 1 Discipline Committee, Field Sector: three of the league commissioners or executive members (including options of the Sector OIC) that are not directly or indirectly connected to the situation, as decided upon by the VP Field, as necessary

Level 2 Appeals Committee: three members of the Board of Directors/Governors, who are not directly or indirectly connected to the situation, as decided upon by the OLA President, as necessary

Level 3 Final Appeals Committee: three OLA Life Members, as appointed by the OLA President, as necessary

OLA Invitational Tournament Committee: Mary Sticca, Donalyn Dredge, Fiona Clevely, Carlton Hill, Shane Hubbard (or designated officiating representative)

OLA Case Manager: Lynn Swindells

OLA Compliance Officer: Lynn Orth

To approve the appointments as presented.

m/ Colleen Grimes

s/ George MacDonald

CARRIED

Policy Discussion:

1. A duplicate sentence was removed from the OLA's annual Offense Declaration form.
2. Updates to the Board of Directors expense submission process were demonstrated.
3. Extensions to R6.07 were discussed, in light of the OLA's victory over the TLL. Non-sanctioned participation policy will be grounded by the Lacrosse Canada Operations Manual, as well as similar PSO and NSO documents.

Electronic Game Sheet Implementation:

1. The Ontario Junior "C" Board of Governors has voted in favour of implementing Game Sheet Inc for the 2023 season.

To approve the implementation of Game Sheet Inc's services for Junior "C" beginning in 2023.

m/ Mary Sticca

s/ Colleen Grimes

CARRIED

To adjourn the January 29th Board of Directors' meeting.

m/ Jennifer Price

s/ Mary Sticca

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.