

**ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

November 9, 2024
White Oaks Resort

The 138th Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association was held at the White Oaks Resort in N.O.T.L. on Saturday November 9, 2024.

ATTENDANCE: Total Voting Delegates: 169

O.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sean O’Callaghan	President
George MacDonald	V.P. Finance
Jim Leworthy	V.P. Administration – Major
Mary Sticca	V.P. Administration - Minor
Jenn Price	V. P. Administration – Field
Ian Garrison	V. P. Officiating
Rick Phillips	V.P. Coaching
**Sonya Crossey	V.P Development
**Denotes Regrets	

O.L.A GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL

Lynn Withers	Major Commissioner
Dave Vernon	Jr. B Commissioner
Jim Lowe	Jr. C Commissioner
Kristin Ballentine	Minor Field Commissioner
John Dalgleish	Women’s Box Commissioner
Yvonne Harding	Women’s Field Commissioner
Joel Firmin	Senior Field Commissioner
Scott Matthews	Junior Field Commissioner
Scott Morrison	Zone 4 Director
Beth Pollock	Zone 5 Director
Tonia Cammisa	Zone 6 Director
Tom Quinn	Zone 7 Director
Eddy Jack	Zone 8 Director
Dave Hunter	Zone 9 Director
John Stephens	Zone 10 Director

** Regrets – Ben Kirkwood O.L.O.A.
Joe Hiltz – Senior Series Commissioner
Shelly Nobile – Sr. C Commissioner
Mark Grimes – Jr. A Commissioner

O.L.A. OFFICE:

Jeramie Bailey	Executive Director
Ron MacSpadyen	Program & Marketing Director
Fiona Clevely	Office Administration
Peter Flook	Asst. Administration
Neil MacDonald	Officiating Coordinator
Haylee Hutchcraft	Events Director
Colleen Grimes	Communications Director

LIFE MEMBERS:

Chuck Miller	Danny Atkinson
Ziggy Musial	Paul Gilkinson

*** Denotes ineligible to vote***

O.L.A. MAJOR

Peterborough
*Brampton, *Brooklin, *Six Nations
*Cobourg, *Oakville & *Owen Sound

O.L.A. SENIOR SERIES

Hamilton
*Brooklin, *Clearview, *Ennismore, *Owen Sound, *Six Nations

O.L.A. SENIOR C

*Barrie, *Centre Wellington, *Georgetown*Huntsville, *Lakefield, *London, *Six Nations, *St. Catharines *Toronto, *Wilmot

O.L.A. JUNIOR A

Burlington, Kitchener, Mimico, Orangeville, Six Nations, St. Catharines, Whitby
*Brampton, *Oakville, *Peterborough & *Toronto Beaches

O.L.A. JUNIOR B

Brampton, Cambridge, Elora, Gloucester, Gaels, Guelph, Hamilton, Kahnawake, Mimico, Nepean, Newmarket, Orangeville, Orillia, Owen Sound, St. Catharines, Wallaceburg, West Durham, Windsor
*Akwasasne, *Halton Hills, *London, *Point Edward, *Six Nations & *Welland

O.L.A. JUNIOR C

Brantford, Clarington, Cornwall, Fergus, Halton Hills, Nepean, North Shore, Orangeville, Peterborough & Whitby
*Akwasasne, *Barrie, *Huntsville, *Six Nations, & *Wilmot

O.L.A. MINOR BOX ORGANIZATIONS

Akwesasne	Arthur	Barrie
Brampton	*Brantford	Burlington
Cambridge	C/Wellington	*Clarington
Cornwall	Fort Erie	*Gloucester
Guelph	Halton Hills	Hamilton
Huntsville	*Kahnawake	*Kawartha Lakes
*Kingston	Kitchener	Lincoln
London	Melancthon	Midland
Milton	Mimico	Mississauga
Nepean	Newmarket	*N.O.T.L.
*Northumberland	*North Perth	*Oakville
Orangeville	Orillia	*Oshawa
Owen Sound	Pelham	Peterborough
Quinte	Sarnia	*Sault Ste. Marie
Simcoe	*Six Nations	Stayner
St. Catharines	Strathroy	Sudbury
*Thunder Bay	Toronto Beaches	Toronto Stars
*Tyendinaga	*Uxbridge	Wallaceburg
West Durham	West Grey	Whitby
Windsor		

O.L.A. MINOR FIELD

Barrie	Brampton	Burlington
Ctr. Wellington	*Clarington	*Fort Erie
Guelph	Halton Hills	Hamilton
Huntsville	Kitchener	*Milton
Mimico	Newmarket	*Oakville
Orangeville	Orillia	*Oshawa
Owen Sound	Peterborough	* Quinte
St. Catharines	*Six Nations	West Durham
* West Grey	London	

Bold clubs denotes new for 2025 season

O.L.A. JUNIOR FIELD

Barrie	Brampton	Milton #1
Milton #2	*Orangeville	Oshawa
Peterborough	Six Nations	Toronto Stars

O.L.A. SENIOR FIELD

Burlington	Hamilton	London
Milton	Orangeville	St. Catharines
Six Nations	TO Blue Jays	Kitchener

O.L.A. WOMEN'S FIELD

Burlington
Hamilton
Mimico
Orillia
*Six Nations
Newmarket

Guelph
*Kawartha
*Oakville
Oshawa
St. Catharines
*London

*Halton Hills
Kitchener
Orangeville
Owen Sound
*Toronto Beaches

O.L.A WOMEN'S BOX TEAMS

Arthur, Mississauga, Mimico, Whitby

*Grand River, *Hamilton, *Kingston, *London, *Niagara & *Peterborough

*** Denotes ineligible to vote***

CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

OLA Executive Director, Mr. Jeramie Bailey called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

VOTING DELEGATES:

Mr. Bailey announced this year's voting delegates number is 169 and 2/3 majority vote number would be 113, some amendments require a simple majority that number would be 50% plus one would equal 86.

VOTING PROCEDURES:

Mr. Bailey gave an overview of the voting procedures and amendment protocol – when going to the microphone to speak on your amendment please state your name and the association you are from please show your voting card.

Scrutinizers are Chuck Miller & Lynn Orth, if required would count the votes on close voting issues. Mr. Bailey introduced Mr. Drew Girard who would make sure that the Roberts Rules of Order were followed correctly for our meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved by Eddy Jack seconded by Glen Flippance to accept the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

Sean O'Callaghan presented his second annual address to the membership. He gave a brief review of the year in Lacrosse. He thanked the Board and Staff for all their help during his time as President.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial Statement review was presented by V.P. Finance George MacDonald.

It was regularly moved and seconded by that "Beckett, Lowden & Read be accepted as OLA 2025 Auditors". (Eddy Jack/Glen Flippance)

CARRIED

At 11:00 AM a moment of silence was observed for our Canadian Veterans as well as Lacrosse volunteers who had passed away during the 2024 season.

Chuck Miller presented Marion Ladouceur for life memberships for a member vote. Following his presentation, the membership voted by secret ballot. Marion Ladouceur has been awarded the OLA Life Membership. Moved by (Ian Garrison/Jamie Sproat) to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

AMENDMENTS:

B 5.8	Carried
B 5.11	Carried
OR 1.01	Carried
OR 6.03(a)	Carried
OR 6.03(b)	Carried
OR 6.03(c)	Carried
OR 6.03(d)	Carried
OR 10.01	Carried
OR 10.02	Carried
OR 11.1	Carried
OR 11.4	Carried
R 1.02	Carried
R. 5.01	Carried
R 6.11(b)	Carried
R 6.12(a)	Defeated
R 6.23(k)	Carried
R 6.25(b)	Carried
R 6.30	Withdrawn
R 6.35(d)	Defeated
R 7.01(b)	Carried with amendment
R 7.01(g)	Carried (J. Dalgleish)
R 7.01(g)	Defeated (A. Firth)
R 7.07(b)	Carried with amendment
R 7.07(d)	Defeated
R 7.10(a)	Carried (D. Vernon)

R 7.10(a)	Defeated (M. Chamois)
R 7.10(b)	Withdrawn
R 10.06	Carried
R 16.02(b)	Carried
R 16.02(c)	Carried
OTGD	Carried (page 56)
MR 1.06	Carried
MR 2.01	Carried
MR 2.02	Carried (M. Sticca)
MR 2.02(a)	Defeated
MR 2.02	Defeated (B. McAlister)
MR 2.08	Carried
MR 2.08(c)	Carried
MR 2.09(a)	Carried
MR 2.09(b)	Carried
MR 2.10	Carried
MR 3.01	Carried (page 76)
MR 3.01	Carried (page 77)
MR 3.04(a)	Defeated
MR 3.09(b)	Carried
MR 3.10	Carried
MR 4.02	Carried
MR 6.02	Carried
MR 7.02(a)-1	Defeated
MR 7.02(a)-2	Defeated
MR 7.02(c)	Carried
MR 7.04(c)	Carried
MR 7.05(a)	Carried
MR 8.14	Carried with amendment
MR 11.05	Carried

O.L.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

President	Sean O'Callaghan up for election in 2025
Administration-Minor	Mary Sticca up for election in 2025
V.P. Field	Jenn Price up for election in 2026
V.P. Technical Officiating	Ian Garrison up for election in 2025
V.P. Promotion	Danielle Carroll, Cassandra Chicoine & Pete Debrone were all nominated for the position and accepted, vote by secret ballot was held and Danniell Carroll is the new VP Promotion. – 3 yr. term up for election in 2027.

Moved by Eddy Jack seconded by Jamie Sproat to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

Note: The new election terms will be held in the following years:

VP Finance, VP Development & VP Field - up for election in 2026

VP Jr-Major, VP Coaching & VP Promotion – up for election in 2027

NEW BUSINESS:

Lacrosse Canada Participant Fees

I would like to take this time to explain to you all in regards to what we are expected to pay for Lacrosse Canada Participant Fees, as I am sure all of you know, we as a Provincial Sports Organization are expected to pay a fee to the National Sports Governing Body, in 2023 our Participant fee was \$4.00 per player per sector and not including any of our House League or U7 Lacrosse programs, this past year, that Fee grew to \$10.00 per player per sector and included all House League and U7 Programs.

In 2025 that Fee will go up to \$15.00 per player per sector and will include House League Programs but not any of the U7 Programs, The U7 Programs will be exempt based on a Motion by Ontario Lacrosse that was passed at an LC Meeting to have that fee eliminated.

This past May, during the Semi-Annual Meeting of Lacrosse Canada, Ontario Lacrosse put a motion forward to have the Participant Fee limited to be paid based on 1 Player and not 1 Player per Sector. This would mean that any player would only be required to pay the \$15.00 fee once no matter on how many sectors of Lacrosse that participant player participated in. This motion was passed unanimously by The Members of Lacrosse Canada but unfortunately, The Lacrosse Canada board rejected this motion at their Next Board Meeting and overturned that decision. They have stated that the Fee Structure would stay the same as before, 1 Player per Sector Fee for all Lacrosse except U7.

This actually means that if your Son or Daughter participated in 3 sectors during the Lacrosse Year, they will be paying \$45.00 in LC participant fees. Imagine if we said to our Members that the \$32.00 Fee that we currently charge per participant would be per sector, you would be very upset and rightly so, this is Double and Triple Dipping.

As we continue our growth with Lacrosse in Ontario, and with the 50% increase to our Fee Structure, we will be paying in the not too distant future almost ½ Million Dollars to Lacrosse Canada and really not getting much in return on this from them

Just to be clear with all of you, Lacrosse Canada has 4 Pillars under their responsibilities, National Teams, National Tournaments, Coaching and Officiating, the OLA basically delivers the Coaching and Officiating clinics for our participants, based on the increase in National Tournament Entry Fees, the attendees of those basically pay for National Tournaments which leaves only 1 Pillar to be paid for by Lacrosse Canada, that is National

Teams, this is really a sore spot for me as players on National Teams with some not even members of any of our MA's are receiving the chunk of the Budget for LC, so this means that less than 1% of our Members are receiving the majority of our fees, we proposed that we create a new Pillar for LC for Grass Roots Programs and this was denied by the Lacrosse Canada.

We will continue to keep you updated on this but I felt it was only right that we try to explain to you and be as transparent as possible in regards to the LC Fees that you have been billed as a passthrough from your Clubs to Lacrosse Canada.

I hope that this clearly outlines what the costs are for you and your members as we move forward toward the 2025 season.

Moved to adjourn meeting (Matt Chamois/Ian Garrison)

CARRIED