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SONYA CROSSEY APPOINTED TO VACATED OLA VP DEVELOPMENT POSITION

TORONTO, ON – February 25, 2021 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Board of Directors have appointed Sonya Crossey to the role of Vice President of Development on an interim basis for the 2021 season. The position was vacated by Jim Leworthy's recent appointment to the role of VP Junior-Major. In this role, Sonya will be responsible for contributing to the organization and development of associations across the province as the OLA collectively navigates through the temporary adjustments necessary to safely engage in Return to Activity while supporting the Province of Ontario's Framework for Reopening. Additionally, Sonya will serve as each sector's liaison to the Board of Directors in matters related to the future development and preparation of lacrosse programming beyond the 2021 season.

Sonya's volunteer involvement with OLA clubs stretches back almost two decades to when she first began with the Clarington Minor Lacrosse Association, serving a number of roles for the Gaels' box and field programs. In 2009, after relocating to the Oshawa area, she joined the Blue Knights program and continued with a range of administrative functions both within the club, and as a member of the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse League executive. As a zone executive member, she has experience as secretary, treasurer, zone director and committee chairperson. She vacated her position as Zone 6 Director in 2018 upon being elected to the OLA's Board of Directors, in the role of VP Promotions, where she assisted with the Semi-Annual General Meeting, Ontario Lacrosse Festival and Ontario Lacrosse "A" Qualifiers events during the 2019 season. She continues to work closely with the Ontario Lacrosse Senior Series League as the chairperson and assistant commissioner.

"We are thankful for Sonya's continued commitment to the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Board of Directors and its member clubs," said Jim Bomhof, President of the OLA. "Sonya brings positive energy to this important position, and we look forward to working with her to prepare for a successful 2021 season."

Sonya can now be reached by email at vpdevelopment@ontariolacrosse.com.

About the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body which exists to improve, foster, perpetuate and govern of all levels (youth, junior and senior) and disciplines (box, field and women's field) of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the "fastest game on two feet." For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at 416-426-7066 or email info@ontariolacrosse.com.