

ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
ONTARIO WOMEN'S LACROSSE ASSOCIATION - WOMEN'S FIELD ANNUAL MEETING

November 7, 2010

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sheraton Fallsview, Niagara Falls

Salon A – 3rd Floor

Commissioner Gordon Robertson welcomes everyone to the table. 10:15 am meeting begins

Requests everyone to introduce themselves – round table introductions

Gord – Rules of order

- To speak, please raise hand and wait turn
- Everyone should have a chance to voice an opinion
- Voting procedures – I was told on Friday that our U11 program was on pilot, so U11 clubs does not have a vote
- Amendments – clubs with other divisions can vote for those divisions
- Meena asks about the club number as being a minor number which would mean that the under 11s still have a vote
- OLA representative discusses that they are coded as under fifteen, and players are in the under 11 league, if everyone agrees
- Stephen Taylor puts in the motion that any under 11 club is eligible to vote, Robin seconds
- Motion passed, motion carried
- For today's purposes, are senior and minor votes split? If there is a separate member for each, then it is okay.
- Gord requests a point of clarity – Stephen motions to allow all registered clubs, minor and senior (as written in the bylaws by club) to have one vote each; Meena seconds;
- Meena states that the OLA policies need to be utilized so we don't have to make a change; when there isn't a rule in our OWL by-laws, the OLA has the policies in place
- U15, U19, Senior are each considered as separate clubs with separate numbers
- Should all our senior clubs be treated as a separate voting entity today?
- Three clubs prior to today have declared a separation and can vote as such as separate entities, I'm not sure you can extend that as the rules and bylaws must register for membership
- Do they need to apply for membership if they already exist in an organization
- St. Catharines, Brampton, Kitchener-Waterloo have separate senior clubs
- Stephen withdraws the motion as the discussion was a point of clarity, not actually a motion

- Commissioner was aware that the clubs were separate; will need to communicate this information to the membership
- Could separate clubs apply for separate membership to OWL
- But the team exists through the OLA
- For this meeting, Brampton and K-W will have two votes
- Clarity, what is the proper procedure for having a separate club? Suggested to bring it up under new business later in the agenda

Gord – minutes from last year

- Marisa motions to accept minutes from last year's 2009 OWL minutes; Robin seconded; approved

Gord – opening remarks

- Year-end report distributed
- Moving to the OWL executive reports
- Marisa – good year in terms of officiating, U11 officials and club representatives gave feedback regarding the U11; we will need more officials especially if our leagues are expanding; summer games and provincials went off well; summer games treated like a world cup situation; umpires reported in and all went smoothly. Part way through the season, realized that teams were getting better at their play, a third person was added to most games, FIL also uses this same process, and a third helps to see everything on the field in older play.
 - o Molly McIntyre leading mentoring and supervision component
 - o Feedback from senior and developing officials
 - o For 2011 major changes – working with the OLA on the umpire clinics and working with the CLA certified clinicians to get this into a program that will grow with accurate reporting
 - o Youngest age for umpires is 14 – apprentice
 - o Level one umpire is 16 years old minimum for U11
 - o Marisa, Katie and Molly are national level
 - o Kallie Briscoe and Emily Uza awarded National level at OWL for on-field technical only, but still needs to be approved by the CLA, RDC and are still required to write the FIL exam to be administered by the CLA Umpire in Chief
 - o Houseleague – should have apprentice
 - o Umpire clinics under the director of officiating who will liaise with OLA
 - o Marisa to change structure of Umpire Advisor Board for 2011
- Todd Pepper – growth of U11 league from five teams to 11 teams
 - o Provincials went really well
 - o On committee for U13 and we've had great discussions

- Report provided for this
- Gord – U11 board of governors meeting on Friday
 - U11 has league status for the 2011 season
 - U13 will have a pilot league status
- Pat – fourteen associations, fifty-six teams and about a dozen weekends to get that in
 - Girls box to consider as well
 - Allowed associations to drop a weekend with enough notice
 - Some don't have access to the fields from the town until the season starts
 - St. Catharine's, Six Nations, and another league pulled out the night before, the criteria for withdrawal from play were being abused (not emergency purposes) and not for the appropriate reasons
 - Difficult to get all the games in when teams are backing out – made for a difficult season to reschedule, may need to go to weekday games
 - Some field and line issues, and bad weather
 - Special thanks to the clubs to hosted this season – Owen Sound, Toronto – beautiful event for U11, and Kitchener - Waterloo
 - Two differences – a website and an employee – used primarily of a marketing tool, informed of weather, changing schedules, scores and standings
 - Hired an employee for the season – mike – paid umpires, entered scores, helped keep on top of those pieces
 - Disciplinary issues on player/coach/executive member – who has jurisdiction
 - Summer games limited us to four teams where we had six teams
 - Recommendation to send six teams to the summer games - but must follow the rules of the sports alliance
 - Been declared a core rather than an optional sport
 - Summer games comes down to money and facilities – continue to work on this
 - Girls box changed to a two tournament format which made it more challenging to coordinate with cross over playoffs – let's work together to make this work for the girls playing box and field lacrosse
 - Box tournaments need to be submitted to the OLA by the end of January – so they will be contacting OWL to let them know as well – this will work well for the club forums in figuring out where the field weekends will be and who will host
 - More players playing and fewer disciplinary actions – all in all, it was good
- Stephen – went to meeting on Friday on behalf of OWL
 - Girls box was very positive about working with OWL for the girls
 - Minor box women's council will need to know the official contact
 - Supportive of working forwards

- Asked Pat to withdraw a statement from his report regarding the incident as it doesn't fall under his jurisdiction
- Stephen – very successful year, Roxanne Curtis thankless task organizing clinics
 - Ran three clinics with almost 70 participants
 - We have set up four clinics – attached electronically for the minutes
 - Oakville – thanks for coordinating clinics last year and this year
 - Competitive introduction on the 11th and 12th and community development on the following weekend on the 18th
 - Attended the OLA AGM and discussed with the director of coaching – this is coming in and is coming in at the CLA – coming back next year that we want you to have your coaches to have the best training as possible
 - Any coach on the bench must have first year community coach – booklet would like to be done by December 31st
 - Competitive introduction – attend two day clinics, and do the workbook
 - Some other sub-levels within that competitive piece
 - Video analysis
 - If you held your old level one or community development prior to 2009, you are granted an extension on when you need to take that next level
 - First year community development, second year competitive introduction
 - This is guided by the CLA – other sports already have this
 - Requirement of at least one certified level one coach, one trainer – should have all certified and carded coaches on the bench – we will need to work towards this as this is a challenge for a growing league
 - Manager should not be on the bench
 - When I took over the position, Team Ontario came under that and I worked with Wendy from OLA community development (U14 organization)
 - Parents and students have had a great opportunity
- Kallie – report via paper/Skype
 - To develop the fundamentals of play and for coaches
 - 27 players, 2 goalies
 - Most major centres represented
 - Girls did great in difficult conditions
 - Took part in lax for the cure - \$50 to the cause for each registration fee
 - Some players also raised some money themselves – total of \$15,000
 - Heading out on Friday to mid-Atlantic tournament
 - Conclude on the 18th of December at an inter-sport tournament

- Katie would like to recruit more players from clubs with less experienced players and developing coaches as well
- Fundamentals and taking great pride in the sport, making sure that the girls are having fun!
- Minimum number of staff at each location
- Gord – to change the order of the agenda items – John will defer treasurer’s report for a moment

- Wendy Cuthbert – Team Ontario program for box boys and girls, and men’s field

- Wendy administrates with this program – All Star programs to showcase our elite players
 - From our perspective we got into the sport of girls field lacrosse
 - U14 was a challenge with 10 coaching staff for 27 players, but from a developmental point of view, this was a good thing
 - We would like to continue with a women’s field lacrosse program
 - In the box and men’s field sectors, our mandate is to win
 - And in women’s field, there is no current national tournament to enter or to win, so our goals have to be different
 - NCAA is a place that women’s field players would like to end up
 - We understand that that experience in the states and tournaments is important
 - The number of players coming out of OWL currently playing in NCAA – approximately fifty players playing
 - In OUA play, 126 girls playing in that league
 - Majority of players, except for McGill, were from Ontario with just a few international and US players
 - Mandate is to expose the top level/elite players to play level at Ontario and NCAA levels
 - Having that in mind, (refer to handout provided by Wendy) keep depth charts by birth year
 - Quest for Gold – direct to athlete funding program
 - Depth charts will be kept for women’s field so that we need to know who the top 30 – 40 players are – if they are not coming out to tryouts, we will call them and ask them why they are not coming out

- Other members of the larger lacrosse community have been publishing a depth chart – and half the names on the list don't belong there and they have been told that – they don't do the same research and league connecting that the Team Ontario committee does
- We need to have coaches input so that this doesn't happen again
- Choose coaching staff through application and interview
- Best coaching staff is put together for players there, announced at the SAGM
- All coaching staff, if they are eligible and meet the criteria, we will interview them
- We don't take coaching staffs as a whole, we put them together
- All positions are volunteer
- Camps – hoping to run two camps
- Let's get it started – 9 and 10 years old for box, run like a peewee camp, so that the kids can come to the camp knowing what to expect for the next year – charged \$110, capped at 100
- Good experience for them, Team Ontario coaches running it – id selection camp – identified a few already
- U15 – team composition – one general manager, one head coach, two assistant coaches, an athletic therapist - 22 players currently but that can be changed
- U14 – 26 players which seems large – so split into two teams for 7 on 7 tournaments
- U15 – two NCAA tournaments for this age group
- No exhibition games because these are the top players, they would clean up in their divisions
- We will allow it, but need to be notified of it from an insurance perspective
- Cost \$1000 for participation – costs about half for tournaments and the rest goes to fundraising
- \$1100 for U16 teams
- ID selection camps – anyone registered for Ontario lacrosse can try out – everyone goes to one tryout
- No more than 60 on the field at any given time
- From there they are invited back to invitational selection camp to about 40 players
- Down to a main camp at about 30 odd players and after that the team is chosen

- Practices are mandatory for Team Ontario – if you can't attend, you will be released from the team and the next person gets called up
- We expect our players to play with their club team as well
- U17 – tournament is at the U19 worlds – Ken Galluccio Memorial Festival – participating teams listed in her hard copy report – good international flavor
 - The cost for this is significantly more \$1000 plus flight costs
 - Will allow fundraising for this - flight costs are outrageous
 - Charging the coaching staff \$300 to attend and we've never done this before
 - Includes accommodations, food, transportation (transit), uniform, clothing, flight and entrance into the U19 world championships with all sorts of scouts at the worlds
 - 8th to the 14th of August
 - Medical services provided
 - With U17 team too, at this point in time no NCAA tournaments/US lacrosse at this point in time because of the time and cost already required of the team
 - U17 age requirement – 15 and 16 year olds for Team Ontario, but for the tournament, the rules will allow 15, 16 and 17 year olds who are not 18 by the tournament age
 - No NCAA coaches allowed to be at the tournament to attend, evaluate and talk to a tournament
 - Issue is getting indoor field facilities so that we could begin selections in March and April
 - Information once clarified and finalized will be posted on the Team Ontario website
 - If the goal is to get the kids recruited to NCAA, then maybe they need to get a tournament in the states to give them exposure
 - Met with Stu Brown to discuss exposure for women
 - OUA alongside
 - Recruiting if not enough coaching applications – some clubs worried that a coach who has been developed at the club level may get selected, that they might leave a club at a disadvantage because there would be additional commitment required

- Panel for interview process – someone from women’s field, Terry Lloyd and Wendy Cuthbert – references are checked
 - Team Ontario is looking for support from the club – to recommend coaches and players to the program – providing opportunities for players and coaches and trainers
 - Exciting opportunities for girls in this age group – feel free to contact me
- Cheryl MacNeill, Steph Green (Chuck Miller – not present) – putting in a bid to host FIL 2013 World Cup for Senior Women’s lacrosse
- Cheryl ran the 2007 U19 world championships in Peterborough
 - Tournament was the most profitable U19 WC event ever
 - Put together a company sanctioning at multiple levels
 - This is how CLA wants it to run because they don’t want organizations to apply
 - Have to be their own enterprise company
 - Here to look for sanctioning for this event
 - Package distributed so that we can review the bid for hosting for 2013
 - Competitions committee asked them to put together because no one came forward
 - McMaster was approached, but fields people said no
 - Same issue with U of Guelph
 - Oshawa approached because building new turf fields, included in the package, have the fields, contacting University of Ontario Institute of Technology for accommodations
 - Budget is huge
 - For OWL – hosted U15 provincial championships, some of those kids are on the U19 team now from 2007
 - Leaves Canadian kids a legacy of high level lacrosse
 - Registered members of the CLA, coaches, players, officials, etc. would get a pass to the tournament
 - Fundraising opportunities prior to and during the event

- Provided legacy funding internationally within Canada, Ontario and the local clubs as well – there is no financial hook for the clubs in terms of funding the tournament, but the exposure to the tournament is priceless
- Flexible on the august date because of the OLA lacrosse festival – might move to July, but would also like to be linked with the festival
- Transportation is a bit of an issue as well.
- Want artificial fields so there are no issues with rain-outs for a world event
- Work with the OLA and the OWL to find the best dates for everyone
- Usually goes from a Friday to the following Sunday
- Lynn Orth moves to support the sanction, seconded by Robin Cotton
- All in favour of the motion – motion carried

Half hour break for lunch

Meeting reconvened @ 1:15 pm

Voting Clarification – each representative will be entitled to one vote per age category – it doesn't state that there needs to be one representative for each category.

Gord reviews each club and their voting capacity for minor and senior

- Totaling 29 votes, 5 additional votes from competitions, development, finance, officiating, and technical directors
- Gord does not have a vote unless breaking a tie
- Not for elections, but for amendments
- 2/3 majority to pass

Financial Report – John Mayo - summary of OWL's financial position as of September 30th

- Second year where we've had a September 30th year end evaluation
- OWL is in a solvent position, no issues
- \$55,000 in the bank, surplus at the end is \$30,000
- 2009 income summary, two columns before that has the 2010 summary
- Bottom of 2010, ended the year on a small deficit \$1200.

- Top 2010 total compare revenue fees - all fees were the same except for U19, revenue came from 10 new teams
- Clinics more active
- Most significant expense is officials game fees and mileage – about 40% of our expenses
- Primary reason for that increase – 351 to 440 games needing to be officiated, with U11 being a big part of that, but also U15 and U19 games with odd numbers of teams
- Second reason for the increase in officiating – we've doubled our assessments from 72 to 144 in 2010
- Three umpires officiating most games above U11 also costs to run the league
- Looking at provincial expenses – turned money over from provincials to the OLA in the past, but in 2010 we pay our officials directly...therefore a change in fees as well
- Sudbury – more mileage involved for that as well
- Administration expenses – we employed a student during the year – cost to employ that student \$5500 to pay out officials, stats and scores on websites
- \$5100 in costs in first year of website – will be less in coming years
- Invested in tents, time clocks, etc. in 2009, so the equipment costs for 2010 have gone down
- Hosting site reimbursement – probably just a one year blip – about \$11,000 to reimburse host sites
- As of today, all costs are paid out (this report was as of September 30th)
- Accrued expenses from last year affect this statement
- Biggest issues for clubs is what are the fees going to be per team
- Admin costs are allocated by division 30% for seniors, 30% for U19, 30% for U15, 10% for U11
- Total costs will remain unchanged, but it will change as to how they are allocated
- U11 costs may need to go up from \$500, up a couple of hundred dollars to help offset the costs now that the league is up and running
- Agreed upon increase for officiating fees will impact the whole cost of play days and games
- At the end of the day we're in a healthy financial situation
- Official assessment fees will be wrapped in to the clinic fees with the OLA this coming season – 2011
- All star certificates/awards for those players at provincials
- As coaching and officiating will be run from two separate budgets, can they be shown as so?
- John moves that the financial report be accepted as read – Stephen Taylor seconds the motions
- Motion passes – approved

Welland Women's Field Lacrosse

- Terri-Lynn Dixon representing the league
- Some interest in starting up a boys field program and a girls field program
- There is interest in a girls program
- It will affect St. Catharines because Welland's girls go there

- We have a highschool program in Welland, and would like to target a U19 division because the girls would be coming from there
- Girls currently playing for St. Catharine's will have a one year option for choice as to where to play
- Grey area can have a choice as to where to play – contact Ron McSpagyn as to where to play
- 8 kilometer rule from house to boundry
- There will be a boundary piece to work out
- Welland as a centre has a minor organization, so their boundaries are already set
- With new clubs, we've dealt with those issues fairly easily as OWL
- Currently St. Catharine's in U19 A division, and Welland as a new club may be U19C division, may appeal within a certain time for a reassessment of division (e.g. if St. Catharine's loses players)
- Probably only fielding one team at U19
- Will be advertizing to all ages to get an idea as to which divisions they could start up
- They have an established minor organization

London Women's Field Lacrosse

- Interested in getting in a senior division
- Representative unable to attend
- Will readdress London and Welland in February
- Lynn Orth would like to make application to KW to make official application to OWL
- Marisa seconds the motion. KW is an official club.
- Brent Hill – my apologies for missing the meeting today from Burlington Minor Lacrosse

Amendments – 8 individual amendments, and one that is a rewrite

- Would like to deal with the rewrite from start to finish and where an individual amendment relates, we will deal with it as it relates.
- Stephen – thanks those who helped to write the amendments and those clubs who sent in ideas

- Worked with the OLA, particularly Lynn Orth in what they would like to do
- Reduced a 30 page document down to 16
- Taken out references that would duplicate the OLA, uniforms, rules that are already in FIL
- Big alterations with respect to discipline
- Should look a lot cleaner, and should make the process much easier
- All have access to the information they require should they need it
- Marisa is the OLRA rep for any issues relating to umpires
- Coaching issues to Stephen Taylor
- Release, administration issues to Todd Pepper, the previous appeals chair
- If those decisions are not liked and would like to be appealed, it goes to the OLA
- Technical cleaning up and took the OLA lead
- Increased terminology around cancellation of games – now five days
- There will still be extenuating circumstances, but generally withdrawal of a team
- Call-ups rules have had a few changes, clearer in terms of play offs and provincials and what to do in the regular league season
- All the rules pertaining to U11 and U13 shouldn't have to change bylaws, but should be part of the appendices so that there is flexibility in dealing with issues as they arise during the league play
- OWL Elite programs now clumped into the OLA

Stephen Taylor motions to accept the highlights of the changes, Meena seconds.

Discussion – beginning at the front of the document and we'll go through it. Eight other amendments affect this and will be dealt with as we

- WBL1 – just the name – no issues
- WBL2 – games and objectives – added FIL
- WBL3 – adding in associations and “actively participating”; OLRA to recognize umpires' association
- WBL4 – executive council and committees; OLA and OWL code of conduct; named commissioner and a named designate in place of; reordered the list of the committee to fall in line with the OLA adding in the other jobs (competitions, development, etc. to director at large); registered as executive members if on

the OWL executive (upon election to the OWL executive, you need to be a member of the OWL, no longer just through their club); this is in addition to club registration if you are affiliated with one.

- No club has representation at the table, you are now an executive member
- Would be great to have broad representation of a variety of clubs
- Club interests don't come to the table – once to the executive, you represent the best interests of the whole league
- The OLA will provide a special club number for the OWL executive
- Years are there for examples only – could do odd numbers and even numbers
- Nomination of election of candidates – communications directors need to let clubs know that there is a vacant position a minimum of fourteen days in advance
- Names and short bio of all candidates being nominated
- Nominations may be made and seconded from the floor and the nominee must be present
- Secret ballots – one election at a time
- Reordered the positions for the election
- Scrutineers appointed by the commissioner not the chair
- Those up for re-election cannot vote in that election
- Notifying clubs mid-season if there is a vacancy part way through the season
- Special meeting may be called, 14 days notice by commissioner or commissioner designate
- Eligible members
- Reclarifying the process
- Alphabetical order – committees for various issues
- First point of contact will be with the OWL directed points of contact
- Conflicts of interest/perceptions of bias
- “coordinated” rather than “chaired”
- Committees must contain at least three people who must be members in good standing
- Oshawa withdraws amendment for 4.04; will be accepted as part of the changes
- WBL5 – minimum of three general meetings per year, eligible (two club forums and the AGM)
 - Calling them “meetings” rather than the word “general
 - “eligible” clubs
 - More member or director can carry more than one vote at the meeting; no proxies allowed
 - Each club shall be entitled to one vote per age category; people need to be in the room
 - “expense items”
 - Took out “high performance teams”
- WBL6 – untouched
- WBL7 – untouched
- WBL8 – interpretation clause came from a club request

- Taken from the OLA
- WBL9 – a conflict of interest – Directors
 - What constitutes a conflict of interest?
 - Came from an OLA ruling
 - Executive members will declare any conflict of interest or other members might declare “perceived” conflict
- Motion to accept the bylaws as rewritten including the amendments as they were gone through. Stephen motioned, Robin seconded – carried
- WR1 – untouched – “regulations” rather than listing the year
- WR2 – taken out the examples
 - OLA president and the OWL commissioner when travelling out of the province as a club team
 - Withdrawal of teams – non-refundable deposit
- WR3 – going away from signing codes of conducts, but must be able to read them and are aware of all that is applied to within
 - Added in an umpire club number, unbiased club number
 - With the exception of umpires and executive under a designated number set by the OLA
 - All the age categories taken out – in the respective age categories
 - Take age category out and make it read as registered in the league
 - Take out age groups
- WR4 – OLA and OWL bylaws, covered on all bases
 - Discipline committee, the chair, the disciplinary “path”; the different levels
 - Three specified routes
 - Communications Director can be the point of contact, and will direct inquiries on to the right path
 - Clarity of issues and their paths
 - Increased committee violations to 72 hours for

- OLRA disciplining committee and reference to the contract
- Disciplinary committee need to meet within 7 days of the report to discuss the issue before they decide what to do with it
- Respective committees
- Hearing of the appeals will have both parties and representatives in the room at the same time
- Review the case being put forth
- Make a decision based on the facts being presented
- Verbal feedback on the day of the hearing – not necessarily the verdict, but the next step
- If in the same room at the beginning of the process, most often the issue is dealt with at the outset rather than taking so long to resolve
- Each party has a right to hear what is being said of them
- WR5 – took out appeals – clarified according to above
 - If you don't agree with the decision, have the right to appeal the decision
 - Second step to the OLA
 - All goes to the OLA – if you don't like step one, then there are others to take
- WR6 – playing up a level, the sending coach MUST give permission prior to being called up
 - Applies at all clubs where there is a direct affiliation (e.g. Brampton minor, Brampton senior)
 - Who is responsible for determining that permission has been granted?
 - OLA uses a form to be attached to the game sheet to be signed that there is an agreement that the player is allowed to move up
 - An email works as a written notice
 - Clarification of 50% rules, within the regular season
 - Goes to call ups within the age group
 - Did increase the call ups within the age category – previously 14 players (e.g. from a B team to an A team)

- Barbara motions to change the wording from 16 to 14 players, seconded by Jennifer – motion passed
- Roster dates are due June 15th
- Re-assess this next year
- Can't use the same great player more than 3 times to get rid of the “ringer syndrome”
- Call ups of players for provincials – if you win in your provincials, then cannot be called up to the higher level provincials
- Must have permission from the player's coach prior to being called up
- Not eligible to play for a second eligible team in the playoffs or provincials
- Next age bracket up only
- May need to revisit the rule at the SAGM – an A player moving up to play on a C team in a division above – review and postpone discussion to the SAGM
- Brampton wants this to be tabled at the SAGM
- Uniforms – clubs must submit their team colours using a digital image – to director of competitions and that teams be made aware of colour clashes before the games – by March 31st
- Took out all the rules on uniforms as it already exists
- Where a conflict of colour occurs, the visiting team wears pinnies provided by the OWL
- WRL8 – bench personnel
 - OLA would like the OWL to comply to the expectations coming from the CLA
 - Bench personnel – must be accredited as a trainer or a coaching certificate
 - Maximum three coaches and one trainer
 - Can share a trainer with the opposing team with permission from the other team
 - Many issues with getting volunteers to coach and then to get them trained
 - That rule will need to be amended to fall in line with the OLA one – all coaches
 - Three officials per game will be scheduled where available
 - Possibly Senior A & B, U19 A and U15 A needs to have three officials on the field

- It is up to the assigner to determine where there needs to be three officials
- A levels U15 and up to have three officials, where needed up to the discretion of the assigner
- Provincials should be three officials – might look at the competition format of the provincials to eliminate some teams earlier depending on performance.
- Todd motions to remove, Pat seconded the motion WR8.02 – but that changes the intent of the bylaw
- Motion passed.
- Once a game sheet has been signed by all officials – the game sheet cannot be altered in any way
- Once players arrive, they can be added on to the game sheet
- FIL aligned
- Rescheduling games – 120 hours, 5 days
- League schedule – competitions committee may divide a league into tiers, so more than ten teams
- “U15 and over”
- 16 – all regular season games need to be over 72 hours before playoffs
- .10 – suspensions and red cards – should be recorded on the game sheet, but not a requirement
- Hosting responsibilities – failure to meet responsibilities will go to a disciplinary committee
- Schedule/format (not necessarily team names) will be out a minimum of two weeks before the provincial events – DRAFT
- Overtime – this is in line with an alteration with the FIL – during all playoffs and provincials so there is no tie game (crossovers are playoffs)

WR11 –trophies

WR12 – officiating

Taken out the affiliation because it doesn't exist anymore

8-10.1 – cards statement

Umpire payments 12.06.A – paid employee

12.06.D

WR13 – 2 amendments submitted by Jennifer, but willing to delete, because 13 no longer exists

WR8.02 – submitted by Lynn Orth

- Two fully qualified members will be provided by regular season games, three qualified members will be scheduled for provincials
- Given the discussion and that discretion will be used in assigning of officials in keeping the cost down, Lynn is withdrawing the submission

WR8.08 – paragraph 2 – Gord Robertson

- “may” divide each age group to two or more tiers for the regular season for the divisions
- Allows the competitions director and his committee to tier according to the teams and the year
- Submitting that we don’t limit the number to ten
- Stephen suggest that without the number ten there, the division becomes too wide spread
- Lynn – if you take out the ten, can play one round of round robin through all the teams and then tier after that regular season play
- We’re not saying that we are NOT going to tier, but it gives the competitions director the opportunity to tier
- If you take out the ten, figure it out based on what you have got
- U11 and U13 might need to play within the league first to figure out their placing
- But in the higher levels with the league, this might not be possible and maybe shouldn’t be possible
- Vote taken – Gord tallies – defeated.

WR11.06 – umpire payment

- A- stays the same
- B – worded to change that they must be there for the purpose of officiating
 - o So we only pay umpires mileage for those who only officiate, not for those who are officiating and playing and coaching
 - o Becomes a huge savings if we do this
 - o Discretion for those who play early and officiate late in the day
 - o We are a unique group who will play, officiate and coach all in one day – that is unlike the boys program in most circumstances
 - o Very few people in the OWL do one job only
 - o May be turning off umpires from attending if they are not given mileage or their mileage is cut in half
 - o Fees will be going up at the OLA level to accommodate for this
 - o Barbara suggests that we be flexible with those who take on multiple roles but limit fees by reducing officials to two per game

- Encourage car -pooling to reduce the mileage costs
- Lynn's motion, Peter seconded – Lynn withdrew
- Final decision and agreement from Marisa is to have 3 officials on high level games but to confirm and work with competitions director to identify those games in advance, in addition, will work on car-pooling system with officials

8.8 #16 – league schedule addition – the OWL competitions director shall refrain scheduling games on Team Ontario days for those affected teams -

- motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Julie
- Pat would rather work with them to work it out than have the OLA dictate something
- Meena suggests that this is for any elite team
- may not play for an elite team until have met league requirements
- this has been ongoing – this would be a good rule to put in at the SAGM to support the clubs and

provides Pat with more support when he creates a schedule

- Pat reminds that we have the commitment from Wendy Cuthbert to have the schedule drafted by Jan.

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- if you mandate it, you get your hands tied for future divisions
- but we can't also put our league at the bottom of that consideration
- Barbara from Oshawa stated that they stopped participating much in Team Ontario, but were taking their own teams to the US for tournaments and experience
- players' first priority is to their home clubs
- Jennifer wants to make an amendment to the amendment because the intention is not changed
 - the OWL competitions director shall refrain from scheduling any league games with the affected teams with Team Ontario team games for the
- Jennifer withdraws the amendment and will work on wording it correctly – will readdress at

SAGM

- motion carried for the original amendment

- Lynn makes a motion to move the planning session to another date, seconded by Jim Calder
 - No club forum until February
 - It's 5:45 pm and that will take another hour and there are still elections
 - Could have another meeting later in November
 - Intention of the planning session – to plan next season, U11, U13, etc.
 - U13 was only approved the other night, and clubs need to be communicated the information
 - Discussion would have included about 2 hours
 - Defer to another date so that it is more fruitful

- Gord limits planning to half hour
- Stephen motions elections to go first so that the next executive is here for the forward planning session
- Jennifer seconds the motion.
 - o Motion is passed
- Elections – Pat and Marisa will act as scrutineers
- Club names called to receive ballots for voting
- 13 eligible clubs to vote

Director of Administration – Tanya Tymkiv nominated and seconded and accepted

- Floor opened for further nominations
- None received
- Tanya elected as Director of Administration

Director of Communication – Jessica Lee and Peter Debrone nominated and seconded and accepted

- Floor opened for further nominations
- None received
- Each allowed to have a few words with the membership
- Jessica affiliated with OWL for seven years – no longer playing, but wants to continue to be involved
 - o Professional career, deals with communications on an ongoing basis, positive
- Peter – VP of field in Mimico; just brought in U11 women’s field; secretary in minor field lacrosse; familiar with the OWL website engine and has started it up in Mimico
- Candidates leave the room during the election
- New director of communications is Peter Debrone

Director of Finance – Lynn Orth nominates John Mayo, Meena Briscoe seconds the motion

- John doesn’t know that he will be able to do two years, encourages other nominees
- Will accept if no one else does
- John has accepted the nomination
- No other nominations from the floor
- John is elected Director of Finance

Director of Special Events – Michelle Hartley nominated and seconded and accepted

- Meena nominates Jessica Lee and John Pritchard seconded the motion
- Jessica accepts the nomination
- No other nominations on the floor
- Clubs vote for candidates
- Jessica is elected Director of Special Events

Director of Technical – Stephen Taylor nominated

- John Pritchard nominates Todd Pepper, Larry ??? seconds
- Todd accepts the nomination
- Todd declines his position as Development Director
- Stephen – member of the executive for the five of the last seven years, officiating director and technical; coordinated umpiring clinics for last four years, part of helping development of work with OLA with new coordinators; clinics presented in November/December for the upcoming year; working with Team Ontario program and Wendy Cuthbert for that part of it and look forward to continuing in that role as well; looking at working with the OLA and the CLA for coaching certification; club development and developing a brand new team; developing coaches in schools and in Mississauga; I've also taken those qualifications as I'm expected to work at that level as well
- Todd – women's lacrosse for 17 years and OWL for most of those years; most recently with development; motivated to make some change with the portfolio and I've achieved that; tremendous growth in the game in the last few years with U11 and U13; involved in coaching for 17 years and began instructing at the coaching clinics; looking forward to being more involved in that role in the future
- Reading of the technical director's role
- Members vote for a candidate
- Todd Pepper is our new Director of Technical Programs

Position of Director of Development (Todd's previous position) will be taken to executive council and will post the vacancy. Motion to elect the position was ruled out of order by the commissioner.

Planning

- Pat will lead this session
- On behalf of OWL, thanks Terry Lloyd for his participation today
- U13 committee report – Todd Pepper
 - o Meetings were great; thanks contributing members for participating in the discussions
 - o Addressed many factors; size of field, type of ball, game length, logistics, etc.
 - o Lots of fruitful input from everyone

- Major items – committee recommends number of players be 8 as described in the package, and be revisited in the next few years to see if that could be revised
- U13 has been passed as a pilot league with the OLA
- Size of field – 60 meters in length and 40 meters in width – two of these fields can fit onto one regular size field – and the committee recommends that U11 uses the same size field for ease of scheduling and field usage
- U13 rules same as U15 and U19
 - Cannot reach across an opponent to check – team would be penalized for two minutes and players would sit off for five minutes
 - Teams must attempt to make two consecutive passes above the restraining line before a shot is made on net
 - Shooting on the goal – if attacking team regains possession after making a shot, they may immediately shoot on goal again
- U13 – issues with mid-weeks would be distances with clubs – predominantly local level one umpires
 - Relieving space on weekends
 - Suggested team fee is provided in package
 - Board of Governors meeting on Friday night – U13s are more than welcome to be part of the Festival
 - Length of season mentioned – recommends late May start; season ends after U11 provincials and before senior provincials
 - 2 attack, 3 mid, 2 defense (five players over the restraining line) restraining line at half, similar to U11
 - Mid-week games...an issue...locals teams working together to schedule mid-week games
 - Saturdays U11 and Sundays 13 or alternate weekends – important to keep it separate so that call ups can be used
 - Looks like each club is going to try to field a U13 team
 - Young U15 team players...could they continue to play with U15 rather than drop to U13 if they've already played with U15 field size and rules? Yes...
 - Good way to grandfather some of those kids
 - We will need to work out how many games some of the U13 kids can play, develop and then go on to U15 team – assigned to the same club number.
 - U13 will be a work in progress like our U11 league was
- Carolyn Toll – hoping to get some rule changes to go through for the U11 league
 - Field size consistent with U13
 - Consistent with the report – being able to teach a give-and-go
 - Lengthen the games – two 20 minute halves; and move to two day provincials
 - From a competition standpoint – if the clubs want that, then it is the job of the executive to make that happen

- Utilize the majority of the level one umpires for U11 and U13
- Sometimes we can't focus on the restrictions we have, but to grow the game, we need to find those people so that we can continue to grow
- Extending the width of the field from U11 – makes a narrow bench space
- Looking for the 10 second rule to go
- Two passes instead of being played by three players, just like U15
- Suggesting to review and define the rules of U11 and she would be willing to head that up
- Need to make sure we remember the reasoning for the rules before we change the rules
- Take this to the new Director of Development as well
- Gord – registration meeting for each club will be held by Tanya – she will contact clubs soon
- Spectator behavior at games is getting worse
- Reminder to clubs to communicate to parents to tone down their behavior
- Barbara – sometimes officials engage the spectators
- Pat – Mississauga will probably take first weekend again
 - May 24 weekend ?
 - Six Nations last weekend in May
 - Scarborough
 - Brampton – middle of June, same as McCauley tournament
 - Oshawa -
 - Orangeville –
 - St. Catharine's – Ridley college fields
- Meena moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Pritchard
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm