

Board of Director's Meeting
Annual General Meeting Weekend
November 20th, 2009
Cornwall, Ontario

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00am

In the absence of the President, Tom Engel welcomed all the delegates.

Three children from the Mohawk Reserve opened the meeting with a native prayer.

2. Roll Call of Delegates

Board:	Jim Burke Tom Engel Chuck Miller Stew Begg Bruce Logan Russ Sheppard Sohen Gill Keith Talbot Shawn Williams Mike Gilbert John Doherty Kevan Mills Roger Hill Pierre Filion Mike Mitchell Steve O'Shaughnessy	Past President VP Administration VP Domestic Competition VP International Competition VP Organizational Development VP Domestic Development British Columbia Lacrosse Association Alberta Lacrosse Association Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association Manitoba Lacrosse Association Ontario Lacrosse Association Lacrosse Nova Scotia CANAM Federation de crosse du Quebec First Nations Director Lacrosse New Brunswick
Absent:	Joey Harris Kim Knowles Brent McCauley	President Women's Field Sector Chair Officiating Sector Chair
Chairs:	AJ Jomha Deb Stocks James Gow Gef Lachapelle	Box Sector Men's Field Sector Coaching Sector Intercrosse Sector
Staff:	David Miriguay Jane Clapham Melissa McKenzie Ross Ste-Croix	CLA General Manager CLA Executive Assistant (recorder) CLA Program Coordinator CLA Program Coordinator

Observers: Rochelle Winterton	Executive Director - BCLA
Laralie Higginson	Executive Director - MLA
Lisa Smith	Executive Director - ALA
Dale Measner	Executive Director – SLA
Stan Cockerton	Executive Director – OLA
Natasha Burgess	Executive Director – LNS
Laura Morris	Executive Director - ILA
Bruce Codd	ALA
Darlene Anders	ALA
Patti Doherty	OLA
Ron MacSpadyen	OLA
Doug Luey	OLA
Wendy Cuthbert	OLA
Ryan Lapointe	FCQ
Lesley Dunn	LNS
David Higdon	LNB
Terry Morneau	CANAM
James Hearn	Newfoundland
Duane Bratt	LTAD
Dean French	2010 National Team ED
Johnny Mouradian	2010 National Team

3. Address by Tom Engel, VP Admin, acting Chair

Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed everyone about the arrangements for the social evening organized by ILA on Friday night.

4. Review and Approval of Agenda

Add 2010 National Team Update; Membership Fee; Discussion of 2010 National Championships.

MOTION: C. Miller/S. Begg

“To approve the Agenda with changes.”

CARRIED
40-09

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Board of Directors Meeting – May 2009

MOTION: K. Talbot/K. Mills

“That the minutes of the Board of Director’s meeting of May 2009 be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

6. Business Arising out of the Previous Minutes

- a. Committee update chaired by Tom Engel on fees/structure/voting grid
Update in VP Admin Report under membership
- b. Update from Stan Cockerton as to a response from Czech Republic – Non issue
- c. Completed tasks
 - i. Jane to update the Board and Executive when all Past President information has been received from MA/AMA's and is updated on the CLA website. - COMPLETE
 - ii. CLA office to put a note on the CLA Website about the masks being approved for next year. – Update in Equipment review report
 - iii. CLA office to request report from CANAM and distribute to BOD. - COMPLETE
 - iv. Ross to contact the Board Members to recommend new LTAD Committee members. – COMPLETE - Full committee with representation from all provinces.

2010 Update

- Johnny Mouradian and Dean French presented an update on the 2010 Field National Team Program. They informed the delegates that they would be presenting Prime Minister Harper a National Team Jersey on Monday November 23rd, 2009.

7. Approval of Newfoundland Membership

MOTION: R. Sheppard/J. Doherty

“To approve Newfoundland Lacrosse as an AMA of CLA and waive first 3 years of all (bond, participant, organizational) fees.”

CARRIED
42-09

8. Reports from the Executive Committee

8.1 *President's Report*

Joey Harris' written report was submitted at the meeting and there were no questions.

8.2 *Past-President's Report*

Jim Burke submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

8.3 ***VP Administration Report***

Tom Engel submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

8.4 ***VP Domestic Development Report***

Russ Sheppard submitted his written report at the meeting and there were no questions.

He noted that Heritage Funds will be used to further develop for further action.

8.5 ***VP Domestic Competition Report***

Chuck Miller submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

Girls Bantam Nationals information was not in the report as it was a trial for this year.

8.6 ***VP International Competition Report***

Stew Begg submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

8.7 ***VP Organizational Development Report***

Bruce Logan submitted his written report at the meeting.

Chuck Miller made note that David Miriguay had attended Minor Nationals before.

MOTION: S. Begg / J. Doherty

“To approve Executive Committee Reports as submitted.”

**CARRIED
43-09**

9. Reports from the Office Staff

9.1 ***General Manager's Report***

David Miriguay submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

Pierre commented that the FCQ are thankful for the translation of the CLA website.

9.2 ***Project Coordinator Report***

Ross Ste-Croix submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

9.3 ***Executive Assistant Report***

Jane Clapham submitted her written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

MOTION: C. Miller / S. Williams

“To approve the Office Staff Reports as submitted.”

CARRIED
44-09

10. Reports from the Association’s Standing Committees

10.1 Equipment Review Committee

David Miriguay submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

Chuck Miller gave an update on CSA approval on masks and helmets.

David informed everyone that a Technical Bulletin will be going out (from the Office) and it will be put in *Sticks & Stones* and on the website.

ACTION: David Miriguay to create Technical Bulletins and Jane Clapham to post on website and in *Sticks & Stones* Newsletter.

ACTION: All equipment reminders and technical bulletins will be put in our next *Sticks & Stones* and on our website.

MOTION: C. Miller / R. Sheppard

“That the requirement for CSA approved lacrosse facemasks be delayed until the 2012 season and the current masks available and being produced be permitted for both the 2010 and 2011 season.”

CARRIED
45-09

MOTION: B. Logan / R. Sheppard

“To accept Equipment Review Committee report.”

CARRIED
46-09

10.2 Minto Cup Committee

A.J. Jomha gave a verbal report.

2010 Minto Cup location is not decided. It will be either Coquitlam or New Westminister. BC.

10.3 Membership Committee

Tom Engel submitted his report within his VP Admin Report

Tom brought up discussion on the Participation Fee. This is to be added to AGM Agenda.

ACTION: Tom will be drafting up a Bylaw Amendment on OLA house league players being registered.

MOTION: M. Mitchell / J. Doherty

“To approve Membership Committee Report.”

**CARRIED
47-09**

a. Aboriginal Development Committee

Ross Ste-Croix submitted his report within his staff report.

Mike Mitchell spoke to the delegates informing them that feedback and reports are needed from Aboriginal Projects. These updates should be included in the AGM package.

ACTION: Mike Mitchell to send out updates with assistance from Ross.

11. First Nations Director

Mike Mitchell submitted his written report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions.

MOTION: S. Williams / J. Hearn

“To approve First Nations Director Report and Aboriginal Report as submitted.”

**CARRIED
48-09**

12. Reports from Member Associations/Associate Member Associations

BC Lacrosse Association – Sohen Gill submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions.

Alberta Lacrosse Association – Keith Talbot submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. Keith gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that participation numbers are slightly down this year.

Keith Talbot spoke about the Retention Survey ALA ran this year. He informed the delegates he will share the report with the Members.

ACTION: Keith Talbot to send out Survey and Report to Members.

ACTION: CLA Office assist all MA's with this strategy.

ACTION: Ross to give hard copy of Member Retention report to Directors at AGM.

ACTION: Voting Grid to be modified to include non paid participants for next years' AGM.

Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association – Shawn Williams submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. – He gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that participation numbers are slightly down this year.

Manitoba Lacrosse Association – Mike Gilbert submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. Mike gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that their participation numbers were slightly down this year.

Ontario Lacrosse Association – John Doherty submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. John gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that their participation numbers were even with the previous year.

Federation de crosse du Quebec – Pierre Filion submitted his written report in advance of the meeting and there were no questions. – Pierre gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that Box participation numbers are slightly down and Men's Field participation numbers are slightly up this year.

Lacrosse Nova Scotia – Kevan Mills submitted his report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions. Kevan gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that participation numbers overall are down by about 6% but the participation numbers for girls are steady for this year

Iroquois Lacrosse Association – Laura Morris submitted her report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions. Laura gave a verbal update in which she mentioned that participation numbers are down this year by 40 – 45%.

Lacrosse New Brunswick – Don Roper did not submit a report. Steve O'Shaughnessy gave a verbal report in which he mentioned that participation numbers are down this year.

CANAM – Terry Morneau submitted his report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions. He gave a verbal update in which he mentioned that participation numbers are steady for this year.

NEWFOUNDLAND – James Hearn gave a verbal update. He recommended that the CLA publish the Toronto Rock game dates as a way of promoting the sport of Lacrosse.

ACTION: The CLA Office to publish the Toronto Rock game dates on the CLA website and in the Sticks & Stones Newsletter.

MOTION: K. Talbot / J. Doherty

“To approve Member Association's Reports as submitted.”

**CARRIED
49-09**

Ron MacSpadyen commented on a way to boost participation numbers by airing a Lacrosse commercial.

13. Sector Chair Reports

13.1 *Box Sector*

AJ Jomha submitted his report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions.

13.2 *Men's Field Sector*

Deb Stocks did not submit a report and informed the delegates of her reasons.

Tom asked Deb to submit a report on her concerns and issues.

ACTION: Deb Stocks to submit a report on her concerns and issues to the Executive.

Stan Cockerton commented to the delegates that the Sector Chair's roles need to be refined and identified even more.

13.3 *Women's Field Sector*

Kim Knowles did not submit a report

13.4 *Intercrosse Sector*

Gef Lachapelle did not submit a report

13.5 *Coaching Sector*

James Gow submitted his report in advance of the meeting in writing and there were no questions.

13.6 *Officiating Sector*

Brent McCauley submitted his report in advance of the meeting in writing.

Steve O'Shaughnessy responded to questions as Brent was called away for a family emergency. Russ Sheppard asked why Men's Field information was not included in the Officiating Sector Report.

ACTION: Steve O'Shaughnessy said he would look into it.

MOTION: J. Doherty / R. Sheppard

"To approve Sector Chair reports as submitted."

**CARRIED
50-09**

14. Canadian Lacrosse Foundation Report

Jim Burke gave a verbal report on CLF.

15. Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Report

Written report was submitted at meeting.

16. Policy Change Recommendations

a. Gloves 12.6

MOTION: C. Miller / R. Sheppard

“To accept Policy Change 12.6 – Gloves as written.”

AMENDMENT: S. Begg / S. Gill

“To delete policy 12.6.1.5.”

MOTION: C. Miller / R. Sheppard

“To accept the original policy change proposal 12.6 with amendment.”

12.6 Gloves

12.6.1 In Box Lacrosse all players are required to wear protective gloves which meet the following guidelines:

12.6.1.1 conform to the hand;

12.6.1.2 have a cloth, leather or synthetic material covering;

12.6.1.3 all protective materials must be under the cloth, leather or similar covering with no additional attachments. All cosmetic materials, i.e. plastics, carbon, foam, etc. added to the leather and foam base of the glove to provide benefits of protection for the players must be smooth and free from sharp edges that could cause injuries. The gloves with these added features and benefits must stay within the guidelines of standard player's glove and goalie gloves.

12.6.1.4 player's entire finger must be encased within the finger of the glove;

12.6.1.5 may be palmless;

12.6.1.6 The decision of the Equipment Committee on the approval or non approval of gloves will be at their discretion on the safety of such gloves.

**CARRIED
51-09**

b. Section 23 – Officiating Section of Ops Manual (need 2/3 majority to come to floor)

No motion. Russ Sheppard is going to work with Brent McCauley on this Section.

ACTION: Bruce Logan has requested that should a coach request information on certification he needs to go through the MA or information given to the Coach should be copied to the MA.

The Chair ruled that the following Motions are out of order. An email ballot can be performed in each sector and then can come back to the board for Board email ballot.

c. National Championship Eligibility – 24.3.1

Currently there is no rule with respect to limitations of which National Championship a player can attend and therefore the proposal is to add one dealing with a player being eligible for a National Championship.

PROPOSAL

For a player to be eligible to participate as a player in a post Midget national championship he/she may not have played in more than 6 games (regular and post season games combined) at a higher level in his/her age group in the year of the competition.

d. National Championship Registration – 24.9.2

PROPOSAL

24.9 same

24.9.1 same

24.9.2 The CLA Office will send a Notice of Attendance to the MA and or AMA to a CLA National Competition 60 days prior to the event and the fee.

24.9.3 The MA or AMA will have (15) Fifteen days to return the Notice of Attendance with the fee to the CLA Office for the number of teams allowed by that MA or AMA. Where the specific team or teams that will attend have not been decided, the MA or AMA shall file a form indicating that a team or teams to be specified at a later date will be attending specific championships or competitions. Further notice is to be sent when the team or teams have been decided. If an MA or AMA is not attending the National Competition they would sign off on the Notice of Attendance stating no teams will attend.

Note: a) The responsibility of a team(s) attending is the responsibility of the MA/AMA.

b) MA's and AMA's not returning the Notice of Attendance with their intention by the due date will be fined \$2000.00.

e. National Championship Trainers Certification – 24.12.3

Proposal

24.12.3 Trainers must have the appropriate certification. Appropriate certification is defined as one of the following:

- (1) Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid course of 8 hours (or more)
- (2) Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR course
- (3) Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid course
- (4) Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program

(5) A professional designation (examples: MD; RN; Physiotherapist, Policeman; Fireman).

From the above, please be clear CPR (as a stand-alone certification) is NOT an equivalency.

The CLA recognizes only one trainer per team to address those specific activities (activities which would not include coaching athletes).

A photocopy of a trainer certification card (provided by the above groups) should be attached to the MA's Bench Personnel form.

f. National Championship Bench Personnel – 24.12.7

No policy in place

Proposal

24.12.7 All bench personnel (coaches/trainers/door persons) are required to sign the game sheet prior to the game. Coaches will also be required to indicate their coaching number. Trainers will be required to list their qualifications. Door persons will be asked to list their registration number.

g. Deadline for Transfers – 18.4.2

Proposal

18.4.2 Transfers will only be permitted between the first Wednesday of March and must be completed by 11:59PM EDT two business days prior to July 1st of any given calendar year.

h. Form 100BM

MOTION: J. Hearn / M. Mitchell

“To accept Form 100BM as written.”

**TABLED
52-09**

Ross informed the delegates that the Coaching Certification Forms are under review and in the process of being reworked to provide clearer communication.

ACTION: Information sheet to be distributed to MA's before championships to communicate certification requirements for coaches attending specific championships.

i. Form 100M

MOTION: J. Hearn / M. Mitchell

“To accept Form 100M as written.”

**TABLED
53-09**

17. Association Financial Report

Financial Report was submitted in writing before the AGM. David Miriguay gave a verbal review on the report.

MOTION: R. Sheppard / S. Williams

“To approve 2008/2009 Financial Report”

**CARRIED
54-09**

18. Online Coaching Presentation

Ross Ste-Croix made the Online Coaching Presentation to the delegates.

MOTION: K. Talbot / M. Gilbert

“All MAs to adopt Online Coaching Program as of January 1st, 2010.”

**RULED by the CHAIR to be OUT OF ORDER and must go to Coaching Sector. Sector
55-09**

19. Strategic Plan Review/Update

Included in CLA Project Coordinator Report.

20. LTAD –

a. Junior B Net Size (discussion)

ACTION: Circulate rules that have been written prior to the 2010 SAGM to be approved at 2010 SAGM.

MOTION: S. Gill / B. Logan

“For intra MA/AMA play, MA’s or AMA’s may adopt the proposed rules from the LTAD for 2010.”

**CARRIED
56-09**

Competition Review Presentation

MOTION: R. Sheppard / T. Morneau

“To table approving LTAD Competitive Review Calendar to after Sectors have met at 2010 SAGM.”

**DEFEATED
57-09**

MOTION: J. Burke / C. Miller

“The Board gives direction to the LTAD committee to go back and consult with the Sectors on the Calendar and give a deadline for Sector approval of the LTAD Competition Review to be back to LTAD committee 30 days prior to SAGM.”

**CARRIED, 1 opposed CANAM
58-09**

MOTION: S. Gill, J. Doherty

“To adopt LTAD recommendations on Facilities, Tiering, Practice to Game ratios and provincial championships.”

**CARRIED, 1 opposed Newfoundland
59-09**

21. CLA Governance

Pierre spoke on Governance with the CLA.

22. National Championship Trophies were presented to MA/AMA's.

Meeting adjourned for the evening at 5:03pm.

Meeting resumed at 9:05am Saturday morning.

Kevin Sandy from Six Nations Lacrosse, guest speaker, spoke about their program.

Duane Bratt gave an additional presentation on LTAD: Club Program & School Program

LTAD – Junior B Net Size (discussion)

Change of the rules of play and the Chair advised it therefore must go to the Box Sector at SAGM.

23. Confirmation and Discussion of 2010 Nationals Locations

President's Cup – Burnaby, BC – Aug.16-21, 2010
Mann Cup – No date confirmed, ON
Minto Cup – Coquitlam, BC – Aug.21-29, 2010
Founders – Mimico, ON –
PeeWee/Bantam, ON -
Bantam Girls - ON
Midget – Coquitlam, BC (around Minto)
Ross/Victory – Montreal, QC – Oct.8-10, 2010
First Nations/Alumni – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – Sep.3-5, 2010

MOTION: C. Miller / J. Doherty

“Ontario will host PeeWee/Bantam and Bantam Girls in 2010.”

**CARRIED
60-09**

Note: Some Directors urged that we stop repeating this mistake of late confirmation of which MAs/AMAs are hosting Championships and get bids at the SAGM every year.

Sohen Gill recommends that an Assistant be provided to the CLA Convenor for National Championships.

ACTION: CLA Office to put this suggestion on the Agenda for Sector Meetings at SAGM.

ACTION: CLA Office work on updating format of Policy Manual (Bolding Headings).

ACTION: Box Sector needs to bring in policy change at SAGM that notice must be provided by Host to Sector whether they can host championship for the year identified on the rotation.

24. Confirmation of 2010 SAGM

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel
May 27th – May 29th (Thursday to Saturday)
May 28th – CLA Golf Tournament
May 28 (Friday) – Officials Meeting
May 29th – CLA Conference
May 30th – Departure day

ACTION: Executive Directors Meeting to be scheduled separate from the other Sector Meetings at the SAGM, perhaps on the Friday morning.

25. Confirmation of 2010 AGM

Nova Scotia received a request from CLA Office to Host 2011 SAGM instead of 2010 AGM.

New Location of 2010 AGM – Mississauga, Ontario

Novotel Toronto Mississauga

MOTION: C. Miller / S. Williams,

“2010 AGM will be in Mississauga, Ontario being hosted by the CLA.”

**CARRIED
61-09**

26. Confirmation of 2011 SAGM

Halifax, Nova Scotia

MOTION: S. O’Shaughnessy / R. Sheppard

“2011 SAGM will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia hosted by LNS.”

**CARRIED
62-09**

27. General/New Business

- a. **2009 Minto Cup** – John Doherty commented on Orangeville bus and David Miriguay’s expenses, the Chair ruled it out of order and informed him to take the issue to the Minto Cup Committee.
- b. **Executive Committee Minutes** – Pierre requested that the Executive Committee release minutes. Tom gave a brief summary of the teleconference held on Monday November 9th, and the meeting held on Thursday night. Tom informed the Board the minutes would be distributed once they had been approved.

28. Adjournment

Mike Mitchell informed the delegates that the singer from Saturday night had brought copies of her CD’s should anyone wish to purchase one.

MOTION: K. Talbot / K. Mills

To adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting”.

**CARRIED
63-09**

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.