



Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Conference Call, Thursday, Dec 1 at 8pm est

Board:

Tom Engel, VP Administration
Joey Harris, President
Rob Davidge, ALA President
John Doherty, OLA President
Sohen Gill, BCLA President
Steve O'Shaughnessy, VP Domestic Development
Terry Rowland, VP Organizational Development
Jim Burke, Past President
AJ Jomha, VP Domestic Competition
Cam Bomberry, First Nations Director

Observers:

Chuck Miller, Equipment Review Committee Chair
Lawrence Taylor, LNS Technical Director
Stan Cockerton, OLA Executive Director
Brent McCauley, Officiating Sector Chair
Doug Luey, Box Sector Chair
Melissa McKenzie, CLA Executive Director (Recorder)

Absent:

Stew Begg, VP International Competition
James Hearn, NL Lacrosse
Dave Higdon, Lacrosse New Brunswick
Kevan Mills, Lacrosse Nova Scotia
Paul Magnan, Manitoba Lacrosse
Benoit Goulet, Fédération de crosse du Québec
Randy Radonich, Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame
Shawn Williams, Saskatchewan Lacrosse

Meeting was called to order at 8:10pm

Joey established that a quorum was present at the meeting.

ACTION: Tom indicated that the CLA office will contact those board members who are not in attendance to confirm that they consent to the meeting given they were not in attendance and there was not 45 days prior notice of the meeting.



Melissa described the CLA legal opinion regarding the facemask issue that was received.

MOTION: T. Engel/T. Rowland

Due to the delay in being given notice by CSA of there being approved facemasks that meet CSA standards;

And upon concluding that this notice cannot provide for all lacrosse players to acquire CSA approved lacrosse facemasks but that the notice is sufficient to supply players 16 years and under with CSA approved lacrosse facemasks;

Players aged 17 years and over, as defined by policy 18.2.1.3 for box and 19.4.1.3 for field, are not required to use a CSA approved facemask for lacrosse until January 1, 2013. Until then players 17 years and over are permitted to use NOSCAE approved facemasks with a CSA approved helmet, provided attaching the facemask to the helmet does not alter the helmet in any way which would void the CSA approval.

This exception shall not apply to players aged 16 years and under. Such players must comply with 12.4.2.2. as of January 1, 2012.

MAs and AMAs shall directly communicate the entirety of this motion to all players, coaches and referees by December 7, 2011 and again on March 1, 2012 along with the following message from the CLA.

The CLA warns all players 17 years and over about the potential risks of using non CSA approved facemasks and strongly recommends that players 17 years and over who chose to use lacrosse facemasks use CSA approved lacrosse facemasks where they are available. The CLA informs players 17 years and over who do not use CSA approved facemasks that they are assuming any and all risks associated with the use of non CSA approved facemasks.

The CLA and its Members and Associate Members shall also post the entirety of this motion on their websites by December 7, 2011 until December 31, 2013.

CARRIED

ACTION: Melissa will post the above motion on the board e-room. Board members will have until business day end on December 2 to bring forward any corrections to the minutes of this meeting. After this time the CLA office will draft a technical bulletin describing the motion for circulation to the members.

There was a request that the ERC go to the manufacturers to get the current masks on the market and being used by players CSA approved. It was proposed that the CLA put an RFP for a manufacturer to go through the CSA approval process for a current facemask used by senior players in exchange for a guarantee of a minimum number sales provided CSA approval is given.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.