

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2012
Ohi-Ontario Board Room**

In Attendance: Chris Smith, Adrian Douglas, Heiu Reid, Lisa Matchim, Cindy Hodgins, Dave Thomson, Peter Ostojic, Dale Nurse, Joe Bilyea, Steve Woolley, Derek MacMillan, Brent Smith.

Regrets: Sheila Nesbitt, Mike Brisson, Troy Carlson.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion 03/20/2012 #049

To Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2012 Meeting.

H. Ried/P. Ostojic

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

Sheila has sent in the Minutes from the January 16th meeting, Lisa will add some information and send them out.

Chris asked if the minutes on the web site were up to date. Lisa indicated they were not, it is unfortunately one of the little jobs that get pushed aside during the busy times of the season, but she has it on her list of things to update.

3. 2012/13 Budget:

Peter has approached Graham/Scott/Ens and they are willing to provide a full audit of the financial statements for \$3000-3500 plus a sign board for 3 years. This would allow the Board to apply for a Trillium Grant at the end of the 3 years.

Motion 03/20/2012 #050

To enter into a 3 year deal with Graham/Scott/Enns for Audited Financial Statements. STMHA will pay up to \$3500 and provide a sign board.

P. Ostojic/C. Hodgins

Carried.

Dale reviewed the 2012/13 budget. The Budget Committee has proposed a \$25 increase to general registration fees and \$5.00 increase to tryout fees, Lottery Fee would remain the same. Chris questioned the tryout fee, the tryout committee has suggested a higher/graduated increase due to increased ice. Peter indicated the Budget Committee didn't think the higher increase was needed. Tryout fees must also be paid by a separate cheque in advance of tryouts.

Joe questioned the cost of the Midget Program to the Association and whether it should be reviewed. Chris suggested a committee be struck to review the program. Joe will chair the Committee – members will include: Chris, Derek, Cindy, Heiu.

Dale also noted that there is no room in the budget for large purchases such as goalie equipment etc. Chris checked all the goalie equipment as is was turned back in and everything looks pretty good there might only be some minor repairs required.

Registration – Dale suggested to the Board that at the end of a registration session people to stick around and help prepare a deposit for the next day, this will help speed up the processing of the registration forms. Lisa also requested that we not accept a registration unless it is complete, as she spends a lot of time chasing missing birth certificates and cheques. Dale and Peter would also like the Association to be more diligent in collection of fees.

Travel Fees – Dale will be setting up 3 meetings with team Managers throughout the season to review and update procedures. All Travel Teams will be required to have a team account, STMHA will provide them with letters to open the accounts.

Motion 03/20/2012 #51

If parents do not full fill their obligations by December 15th players will be removed from the ice until a resolution is reached.

P. Ostojic/S. Woolley

Carried.

Motion 03/20/2012 #52

To Increase General Registration Fees to \$475, Try-out Fees to \$60, Lottery Fee to remain the same at \$25.

P. Ostojic/D. Nurse

Carried.

4. Treasurers Report:

Nothing new to report.

5. Travel Report:

(a) Coach Applications – we have received applications for all team except Pee Wee AE and only one for Midget AE as a second choice. We will re-post for both teams. Applications will be reviewed by the committee and interviews set up for the first week in April.

(b) Tryouts – Lisa will book tryout dates.

(c) Alliance Report – the U16 averaging, the Midget movement proposal and the Letter of Intent were all defeated at the February Meeting. The March meeting is next week. Steve reminded the Board that someone required to be present to hand out medals for all Alliance Finals, Chris has a copy of the schedule for this week and he will be at the Arena for all potential finals this week.

(d) Shamrock Report – Shamrock and the Tri-Counties leagues have merged so they are investigated a divisional split (ie East/West) for next season. The AE All Star Games are April 1st in Strathroy.

6. Travel Banquet:

It was noted that the date selected will interfere with AAA Tryouts, which is a new concern for us. It was suggested that perhaps we should eliminate the banquet, Chris pointed out the reason for the banquet

is to honour our teams and athletes, and this year with so many teams reaching finals we should continue with the banquet.

Motion 03/20/2012 #052

To cancel the 2011/12 Travel Banquet.

P. Ostojic/A. Douglas

Defeated.

Lisa and Mike will investigate different dates, perhaps 2 weeknights. Mike will again be preparing the Plaques etc, Lisa will assist him.

7. Annual General Meeting:

Meeting will be held May 16th – Lisa will book a hall.

8. Registration Dates:

Registration Sessions will be held:

May 1st, June 5th, July 11th. Board Members will be needed at each session.

9. New Business:

There was no new business.

10. Next Meeting:

April 23rd – 7pm.

11. Adjournment:

Motion 03/20/2012 #053

To Adjourn.

D. MacMillan/J. Bilyea

Carried.