

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2011
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Chris Smith, Troy Carlson, Sheila Nesbitt, Dale Nurse, Brent Smith, Peter Ostojic, Derek MacMillan, Lisa Matchim, Heiu Reid, Adrian Douglas, Steve Woolley.

Regrets: Dave Thomson, Mike Brisson.

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion 08/22/2011 #012

To Approve the Minutes of May 9th.

S. Nesbitt/

Adrian questions what information regarding [REDACTED] was incomplete – it was decided the information was complete but has been misinterpreted by some members, Lisa will change the minutes to reflect the change. It was also pointed out that Peter Ostojic has declared a conflict of interest and he asked that it be noted in the minutes.

Adrian also pointed out that a motion defeated at a previous meeting by a 2/3 majority shouldn't be brought back to the table, Steve questioned if anyone was aware of the 2/3 majority.

Motion 08/22/2011 #012

To Approve the Minutes of May 9th as amended.

S. Nesbitt/A. Douglas

Carried.

Motion 08/22/2011 #013

To Approve the minutes of July 25th, 2011 – please note Dave Thomson was missing from the meeting.

L. Matchim/S. Woolley

Carried.

3. Business Arising:

There was no business arising.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Dale has the account reconciled to July 31st. There were several unpaid invoices totaling about \$25,000 found that were not accounted for in the budget, there will actually be a carrying over a deficit of about \$50,000. Ice bills have been paid to date.

Motion 08/22/2011 #014

To Accept the Treasurer's Report.

A. Douglas/D. MacMillan

Carried.

5. Newspaper Article:

There was a recent column in the St. Thomas Times Journal regarding an STMHA policy on Subsidized players playing travel hockey. Lisa re-capped the family's registration history with STMHA. Chris read the letter he had received along with his response. Several letters to the editor in support of STMHA and the policy were also reviewed.

6. Travel Report:

Atom AE Coach – Walt declined we will post the position on the web site.

Minor Bantam request to skip A tryouts – Peter declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Two families have requested to skip A tryouts and go straight to AE.

Motion 08/22/2011 #015

**To deny the [REDACTED] request to skip A tryouts it goes against our rules and regulations.
S. Woolley/B. Smith Carried.**

We received a request from the Hennessey family to miss A tryouts due to a family vacation booked prior to the tryout schedule being posted. The player has historically played on the AE team, the A coach has no issue with the request.

Motion 08/22/2011 #016

**To allow [REDACTED] to be exempt from A team tryouts due to a family vacation.
D. MacMillan/C. Hodgins Carried.**

Late Registration – we received a request for a late registration, the family had not registered due to medical reason but the player had recently been cleared to play.

Motion 08/22/2011 #017

**To accept the registration of [REDACTED] with a Doctor's note.
A. Douglas/S. Woolley Carried.**

Medical exception to miss tryouts – Chris read a letter he had received from a Bantam NRP who would be unable to attend tryouts due to injury. Adrian asked if the coach was in favour of the exemption, and having seen the player before he was comfortable with it. Troy felt the decision should be left up to the coach. Derek made the following recommendation:

That we accept medical exceptions (with a Doctor's note) based on documented previous experience and the coaches recommendation.

Motion 08/22/2011 #018

**To accept Derek's recommendation.
S. Woolley/S. Nesbitt Carried.**

Future medical exceptions will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Refund Policy – we have had some families request we review the refund policy . Currently it doesn't allow players to attend tryouts for both A and AE travel team to receive a full refund. Peter Ostojic declared a conflict of interest.

Motion 08/22/2011 #019

**To decline the request to change the refund policy.
A. Douglas/S/ Nesbitt Carried.
Unanimous - 1 abstained.**

We offer 3 levels of hockey, and when a player registers we expect they will play at least one of those levels.

Alliance Report – none.

Travel Jerseys – can we afford the cost of replacing the Jerseys this season; Dale recommended we wait until after the registration #'s are in. Derek received a quote for reasonably priced sublimated jerseys we could increase the travel fees and have the families purchase their own jerseys.

7. Knights Game:

- we have sold tickets at tryouts and at the Stars Ex. Game.
- MyFM doubled up our # of spots, we donated 60 Tickets to the station to be giveaway in 45-60 additional spots.
- 8 Tickets were given away at the Chamber of Commerce Business after 5.
- Anthems will be sung by the Elginaires
- Rob Mise, MyFM general manager will do the official puck drop.
- Derek recommended that we look in to doing something before the game – tailgate party or something to attach more people and generate additional income.

8. House League Report:

Players list will be going to the convenors.

9. New Business:

Chevy Helmet program – kids born in 2006 are eligible for a free helmet under the Safe and Fun Hockey program, Lisa will post the information on the web site.

MyFM 94.1 – the radio station has offered us some fantastic deals on advertising and they would like to do a minor hockey report on Monday mornings. Coaches will need to get the information to the station.

Resignations – Doug Vanoord and Brandy Emick have both resigned due to work commitments.

Motion 08/22/2011 #020

To accept the resignation of Doug Vanoord.

S. Nesbitt/H. Reid

Carried.

Motion 08/22/2011 #021

To accept the resignation of Brandy Emick.

S. Nesbitt/H. Reid

Carried.

Equipment Manager – the discussion on the creation of an equipment manager's position was tabled. Derek and Chris will make sure Jersey's, Pucks and First Aid kits are ready for tryouts.

Jr. B Timekeepers – Cindy pointed out that depending on where Ryan McDonalds plays we could have a hard time assigning timekeepers for the games.

10. Next Meeting:

Wednesday Aug. 31 – 8:30pm in the Ohi-Ontario room
Monday September 26, 2011

Motion 08/22/2011 #022

To Adjorn.

S. Nesbitt/B. Smith

Carried.