

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 25, 2011
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Troy Carlson, Chris Smith, Sheila Nesbitt, Lisa Matchim, Peter Ostojic, Steve Woolley, Hieu Reid, Derek MacMillan.

Absent: Dale Nurse, Brent Smith, Doug Vannoord, Adrian Douglas, Brandy Emick, Cindy Hodgins, Dave Thomson.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Motion #008 25/07/2011

To approve the Minutes of June 27th, 2011.

T. Carlson/L. Matchim

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

There was no business arising.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Dale's report was complete with the exception of some payroll information.

4. Trillium Report:

Chris informed the Board our grant application had been denied because we are required to have full Audited Financial Statements and the review engagement is not sufficient. Derek suggested we look into the cost of a full audit. Chris wondered if we should pursue it further it was estimated the full audit's required would cost approximately \$15,000 over 3 years when we were only requesting \$45,000.

5. Travel Team Jerseys:

Travel Jerseys - The bulk of the grant request was for Travel Team Jerseys. Quotes were provided from 3 companies for Travel and House League Jerseys. Steve suggested that asking all companies to quote out the same jersey will make the selection easier. Chris will contact everyone and ask for a quote on the Kobe jersey and forward a report via email.

6. Travel Report:

(a) *Tyke Select Coaches* – we had one applicant for each team; both were involved with the Tyke B team last year.

Motion #009 25/07/2011

To appoint Bill Gold and the Tyke B Coach and Brent Kidder as the Tyke Select 7 Coach.

D. MacMillan/S. Woolley

Carried.

Last year there seemed to be some confusion regarding the ice time provided to the Tyke teams and how it should be used – ie. Practice to game ratio. It needs to be outlined to the coaches before the season starts. Troy, Derek and Lisa will confirm.

(b) Atom AE Coach Selection – the Coaching Selection Committee will meet to discuss the options.

Tournament Requests – the Pee Wee AE team had requested 3 tournaments in one month last year this presented some problems with scheduling – it was agreed this should be limited to 2 tournaments a month.

(c) M. Pee Wee A Request – the Minor Pee Wee A team was unable to attend the Peterborough tournament last season, they have applied this year but are having problems securing cottages – one location has availability but they require deposit now to hold the rooms. The team is asking the Association to pay the deposits up front (like with tournament fees) and the families will return the funds once the team is selected.

Motion #010 25/07/2011

To pay the cottage deposit's of up to \$1700 for the Minor Pee Wee Team.

P. Ostojic/S. Woolley

Carried.

(d) Midget Equipment – the Midget team has requested 6 new pairs of gloves or to have those that need it re-palmed. Chris will look into ordering what is needed.

(e) Release Request – a request for a release was received for the Alexander Popen. The player resides in a Right of Choice area but has previously played Travel in St. Thomas. As per our agreement with Port Stanley – no release will be granted.

(f) Alliance Report – there is a new rule in the Alliance that coaches can't refuse to play more than the minimum game time, if a centre has additional ice to play longer the coaches must play. The Alliance is also looking into having suspended Coaches having to attend an ethics clinic.

(g) Shamrock Report – they are looking at a possible re-alignment for the league.

(h) Tryouts – it was questioned why we have a deadline to register? We need to prepare tryout lists, ensure sufficient ice is booked, and the coaches need to prepare drills and ensure they have enough on-ice assistance. It was agreed the deadline must be adhered to.

6. Stars Game Timekeepers:

The Jr. B Stars have requested we continue to assign timekeepers to their games. We will continue to do so.

7. Special Events Committee:

Knights Game – Nesbitt Trucking will be the ticket sponsor this season. Lisa, Sheila & Hieu will meeting Aug. 2 to discuss details further.

8. House League Report:

(a) VP – we are still looking for a VP of House League.

(b) Convenors – we have convenors for all Division with the exception of Novice. Lisa will post the opening on the Novice League site.

IP – Lisa Matchim

Novice – ??

Atom – Craig Johnson

Pee Wee – Ian Thomas

Bantam – Terry Bishop

Midget – Gord Norman

9. Ice Allocation:

Ice is not finalized just yet. Chris read an email he sent regarding ice allocation and he will be meeting with Rob Lilbourne in the near future to discuss our concerns.

10. Tournament Report:

#'s include our teams

Major Tournament-18

Novice – 2

Atom – 4

Pee Wee – 5

Bantam – 4

Midget – 3

AE Tournament-16

Atom AE – 3

Pee Wee AE – 4

Bantam AE - 8

Midget AE - 1

Tyke Tournament-12

Tyke Select - 11

Novice Select - 1

Lisa will email our league contacts to promote the tournaments.

11. Registration:

We are currently at around 524; with late registrations we should still hit our target for the season.

At the end of last season Troy met with some coaches in the IP program concerned with the program being 3 years. This season the parents starting registering the players in for Novice house league instead. We have now determined there is enough ice to implement an IP2 program so all players born in 2005 will automatically be put in the IP2 program not Novice House League.

12. New Business:

Parkside - Chris met with Kevin McIntyre from Parkside, they will be running the hockey program again this season so there will be students to again assist with the IP program. They will be required to attend a regular CHIPS clinic as we can no longer teach the clinic material in class.

Clinic Requests – Lisa requested clinics from the OMHA but we were denied, Chris will be looking into it further.

Team Reports & Budgets – it was requested the coaches be reminded about team reports and budgets, they need to be clear on what they are raising money for and how much is needed. If money is being returned to families at the end of the season then why was the team raising money. Derek will review at the next coaches meeting.

13. Next Meeting Date:

Monday August 22 – 7pm

14. Adjourn:
Motion #011 25/07/2011
To Adjourn.
D. MacMillan/S. Woolley

Carried.