

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2011
Ohi Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Chris Smith, Brent Smith, Dale Nurse, Steve Woolley, Peter Ostojic, Lisa Matchim, Heiu Reid, Sheila Nesbitt, Mike Brisson.

Regrets: Adrian Douglas, Dave Thomson, Cindy Hodgins, Troy Carlson.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

There were no errors or omissions from the previous meeting minutes.

Motion #29 09/27/2011

To approve the Minutes of the Aug. 22, 2011 & Aug. 31, 2011.

D. Macmillan/P. Ostojic

Carried.

Business Arising – Lisa has not yet fixed up the minutes from May 9th.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Currently it looks like there could be a deficit again this season, Dale will have a better idea once the sponsorship and fundraising amounts are in. The books from last season need to be into the accountant by Oct. 31st in order to file an income tax return, Chris indicated the association does not file one.

Nevada – Sheila wondered if we could advertise on the web site that Nevada sales at Churchill's Variety support STMHA. We should check with Larry first.

The Minor Pee Wee tournament in Peterborough was cancelled, the cottages will refund the team \$700, of their \$900 deposit paid by the association. The team will be responsible for the \$200 difference.

Motion #30 09/27/2011

To Approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

P. Ostojic/S. Wooley

Carried.

4. Travel Report:

Shamrock Meeting – Chris attended the last meeting, the Midget AE and M. Midget Divisions will be combined. Sue addressed the Head Contact Rule and what it is – the demonstration video is available on the web site, coaches have been directed to view it.

Alliance Meeting – is tomorrow night. A reminder from the last meeting to complete the game sheets are complete and signed properly. We are expecting the Alliance to have an updated on changes from *Hockey Canada* – there is talk Hockey Canada may take over the Administration of all REP hockey across the country and the local association will only be responsible for house league hockey.

Jersey's & Socks – will be in no later than Oct. 7th, socks should be in by Oct. 14th.

Mouth Guards – one of our hockey parents has offered to do a mouth guard clinic, we have done them before and they were not well received.

Bantam AE Request – Derek received a request from the Bantam AE team to go with 14 skaters and 2 goalies. Originally 15 skaters were selected but 1 quit after making the team.

Motion #31 09/27/2011

To allow the Bantam AE team to go with a shortened roster of 16 based on the circumstances surrounding the '97 & '98 age groups.

D. MacMillan/S. Woolley

Carried.

Fundraising Requests – the Minor Atom team is seeking board approval to do a glass turkey (barrel of booze) draw.

Motion #32 09/27/2011

To approve the Minor Atom Fundraising event.

P. Ostojic/D. MacMillan

Carried.

Pee Wee AE – there was some discussion about a possible second Pee Wee AE or Pee Wee Select team due to the number of players interested in Travel at that level. There was a concern that an additional Pee Wee travel team might be a detriment to Pee Wee house league. Where would the team play? We would have to evaluate the quality vs quantity of players and it is too late this season to make changes, most of the players already affected have already left to play elsewhere.

Select Team Tryouts – there were only a few players cut from the Novice A team and there are only 10-12 players registered for Tyke tryouts – there is concern that we won't have enough players for 3 selects teams. Should we consider running power skating session instead of offering the Select team programs? A committee was struck to investigate further.

OMHA Playdowns – it was decided everyone will be playing a tournament style format for OMHA playdowns the last week in January. This will allow us to continue Alliance League play into January. Schedules and locations are still to be determined. Lisa will look at moving some Midget Games to fill in their January Schedule.

5. House League Report:

We are still looking for a House League VP some names were suggested. House League starts Saturday, Jerseys should be in for the start of games the following weekend. Chris will call Mark to discuss the level of service.

6. New Business:

Bantam Player – Chris updated the Board on an injury suffered by a Stratford player during a Bantam Game. The St. Thomas player was assessed a 2 game suspension and the incident has been reviewed by the Alliance and no further action was deemed necessary.

Sponsorship – we need to look at other ways to utilize sponsors, all our teams are full and we still have companies looking to sponsor.

7. Next Meeting:
Monday Oct. 24th – 7pm

8. Adjourn:

***Motion #33 09/27/2011
To Adjourn.
M. Brisson/D. MacMillan***

Carried.