

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
October 24th, 2011
Ohi-Ontario Board Room**

In Attendance: Dale Nurse, Steve Woolley, Derek MacMillan, Chris Smith, Peter Ostojic, Lisa Matchim, Brent Smith, Sheila Nesbitt, Cindy Hodgins, Joe Bilyea.

Regrets: Heiu Reid, Adrian Douglas, Dave Thomson, Troy Carlson.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

2. New Board Members:

Chris introduced Joe Bilyea who was previously a member of the Board. Joe will be filing on the currently vacant position of Shamrock Rep.

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

Motion #34 10/24/2011

To accept the Minutes of September 27th, 2011.

L. Matchim/S. Nesbitt

Carried.

4. Business Arising:

There was none.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Dale updated the cash flow information and reviewed the report. We received a letter from [REDACTED] regarding his refund. The Refund Policy was reviewed.

Motion #035 10/24/2011

To provide a full refund (less admin fees) to all players that progressed through the A and AE team tryouts and were released from the respective teams to house league.

D. MacMillan/B. Smith

Carried.

Peter would like to re-convene the Budget Committee to review the Budget.

Motion #036 10/24/2011

To Accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

P. Ostojic/S. Woolley

Carried.

6. Travel Report:

(a) Shamrock Report -No report meeting is upcoming.

(b) Alliance Report - Hockey Canada would like to know if there would be an interested in a no-body contact league – discussion was tabled until the request comes from the OMHA. Next Alliance Meeting is Oct. 25th.

(c) *OMHA Playdowns* – “A” teams will participate in a double knock-out tournament. We will host the Minor Atom (Jan. 27-29) and Major Bantam (Feb. 3-5). AE playdowns have yet to be determined. This gives us a month longer to play league games, so we should put in a request to the Alliance to play the full second half of the season.

(d) *Minor Atom Fundraising Request* – The team is seeking approval to run a Gold Party. There was some concern over how the funds were being used, we need to ensure there is a purpose for fundraising.

Motion #037 10/24/2011

To Approve the Minor Atom Fundraising Venture provided any advertising does not include reference to STMHA.

D. MacMillan/S. Nesbitt

Carried.

(e) *Jersey Update* – there were a 5 sets of Jerseys that needed to be replaced, of those 2 were errors by the supplier and 3 were our error. Overall people seem happy with the Jerseys’.

(f) *Select Team Update* – it was decided to cancel the Novice Select team. Low numbers at Novice A tryouts did not justify having 2 teams. Derek will type an article for the web site. Ice will be sold back to teams looking for excess ice time. Select 7 had only 13 pre-registered for tryouts. There were 35 kids at tryouts so we will be having 2 teams.

(g) *Major Tournament* – Midgets lost in the semi-final in a shoot-out, the Atoms and Bantams won. Novice and Pee Wee did not advance past the round robin. We need to review the overtime policy the Pee Wee final went 7 overtime periods. The Bantam and Midget players didn’t seem to like the key chains they received as awards. Sheila will look into other options for awards for the AE tournament.

7. House League Report:

House League is up and running. The IP program will have 8 student coaches from the Parkside Hockey Program, there are still 2 student’s left to place.

IP - is running well.

Novice - now has a convenor Rick Tales.

Atom – No problems

Pee Wee – No problems

Bantam – there was a question raised about practice days vs game days. Game days are Saturdays (unless there is a tournament) and practice days are Mondays....Saturday ice is on Presstran Rink and Monday ice is on STMHA Rink, so they would prefer to play their games then. It was decided to keep the league as scheduled, there are other leagues and teams who play the majority of their games on Presstran Rink too and we should not be changing a programming based on rink allocation. Concern was also raised about the level of attendance for Saturday practices.

Midget – is going well, we did have a complaint from the City about players going on the ice while the zamboni and rink attendants were on the ice. Chris will send out a reminder to all STMHA teams that players are not to be on the playing surface until the Zamboni doors are closed.

8. Tournament Report:

AE Tournament – we are still looking for 1 Bantam and 1 Midget AE team, Lisa will send out notice to all our Shamrock and Alliance Contacts. Lisa, Chris and Derek will be away for the AE tournament weekend.

Major Tournament - we had a Midget team withdrawal less than 2 weeks before the tournament. We offered it up for free to fill the spot.

Motion #038 10/24/2011

To Refund the Erie team 50% of their entry fee.

P. Ostojic/S. Woolley

Carried.

9. New Business:

Steve received a request from a past board member – there was a award named in memory of a former STMHA player and they were wondering if we would willing to give the award to the family. Nobody had any problems with this. Steve will search out the award in the storage room.

Steve also mentioned we use to give out a Coach of the Year Award, and he suggested we investigate bringing it back.

10. Next Meeting:

November 22, 2011 7:00pm

Motion #039 10/24/2011

To Adjourn.

D. MacMillan/C. Hodgins

Carried.