

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

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

Regrets: none

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Motion #040 11/22/2011

***To set aside all business except the complaints received and the Arena User Groups Meeting.
T. Carlson/S. Nesbitt Carried.***

2. Pee Wee A Complaint:

Derek and Chris met with the Pee Wee A Coaching staff to discuss and issue they were having with a player. The player has repeatedly used profanity, is not taking direction, has attempted to injury teammates at practice and is not buying into team concepts. They have talked to the player and he has twice been removed from the ice at practice due to his behaviour. The Asst Coach and Coach have talked to the Mother and Father and while one is supportive the other is not.

Chris will set up a meeting with The Disciplinary Committee and the Parents and Player to review the acceptable behaviour and outline further steps to be taken if there is not an improvement in attitude.

3. Novice House League:

We received a complaint from Novice house league parent regarding the rotation of players in goal on his son's team. This team has a full time goalie and the parents have purchased goalie equipment. The Complainant feels all players should be rotated through net, and goalie should also have players equipment. The Coach and Convenor have both spoken to the family and offered the opportunity to practice in goal and play either ½ a game or to have a turn playing net when the Goalie is absent. The Convenor also offered to move the player to another team without a goalie or move up to Atom House League which is short goalies. The Board does not expect that a family should have the expense of purchasing 2 sets of equipment so their child can play both goalie and as a skater. Chris will give the parent his 5 options in writing:

- Take turn playing net ½ a game with the current goalie
- Take a turn when the goalie is away
- Move to another team
- Move to Atom House League and play net full time
- Request a refund.

It was also brought to the Board's attention that a Novice parent yelled and swore at the Referees regarding an issue with the 2 minute buzzer. Adrian pointed out this was a problem last year too. Chris

has spoken to Rick and the issue has been clarified. They wanted to try it without the 2 minute buzzer but it wasn't working so they are now using it.

4. AE Tournament:

We had a couple of complaints regarding the AE tournament. First was that the concession at Memorial was not open. Lisa explained Kuma no longer operates a concession at Memorial it is not busy enough. They opened at the last tournament to see how it went; it appears it didn't go well enough to try it again. They can't use the downstairs concession and one upstairs is too far out of the traffic areas.

We had a complaint regarding a suspension, the Referee tried to write it on the game sheet but his pen wasn't working so it was unreadable, the team tried to clarify the information with the Tournament office but the Referee was already back on the ice. The Tournament Convenor clarified the suspension when the Referee was finished. Part of the problem was there was only 1 person in tournament office at the time which means it was difficult to search out the information. Chris also suggested we review with the Referees how to best handle the game sheet during tournaments.

Steve pointed out we have the staffing discussion over and over and we need to find a way to better staff the tournament office. Perhaps it's time to go back to making it a requirement of every team to volunteer staff for tournaments.

5. User Group Meeting:

Chris will be attending a meeting with the Arena User Groups and will be addressing the following issues:

- Amount of regular ice taken for Stars Games, we are hearing rumours they want to have more next year.
- Access to the Gender Neutral Dressing Room during Stars Games & Referee use of room.
- Differing policies regarding Tournament ice bookings.

Chris has also requested the City investigate self springing/closing penalty box doors.

6. Next Meeting Date:

December 8th – location TBA.

Lisa will juggle practice schedule to free up Board Members.

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To Adjourn.

D. MacMillan/S. Woolley

Carried.