

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8th, 2011**

In Attendance: Dave Thomson, Lisa Matchim, Heiu Reid, Steve Woolley, Derek MacMillan, Brent Smith, Dale Nurse, Sheila Nesbitt, Chris Smith, Peter Ostoic, Troy Carlson.

Regrets: Adrian Douglas, Joe Bilyea, Cindy Hodgins, Mike Brisson.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

Motion #042 12/08/2011

To approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 as presented.

S. Woolley/D. Thomson

Carried.

3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting:

Pee Wee Player - Pee Wee player's parents were sent a letter that requested a meeting. Dad's response to the letter was "LOL" . Player went to the tournament and his attitude was much improved. Chris sat down with the Mom and player. Mom was onside and willing to work on improving the situation and so far things seem to be going well.

Minor Atom Coach Complaint – the complaint and our response were forwarded to our OMHA REM and they are not interested in becoming involved in a dispute between Ex-Spouses.

Novice HL – player was given an opportunity to play goal and he didn't want to do it anymore.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Travel Invoices have been done. After the budget committee meeting and a decision to freeze spending we should be back in line with the projected deficit.

Motion #043 12/08/2011

To accept the Treasurer's Report.

D. MacMillan/S. Nesbitt

Carried.

5. Travel Report:

Socks – Source for Sports probably won't be able to stock our new socks for this year, it would create unnecessary inventory for them this late in the season. Should we consider placing an order and having our own stock on hand? Derek and Lisa will investigate.

Novice – there is some disruption with parents over development vs competitiveness, some feel the coaches aren't making the proper choices to be competitive. Everyone is in agreement the coaches are on the right track and there is no need for concern.

AP's – the Pee Wee AE team does not want the Pee Wee A team to use their players after Christmas, the coach has been reminded that our policy allows for players to be used as AP provided they have no commitment to their team first and that the higher level team has a player missing.

Shamrock Report – nothing urgent to report.

Alliance Report – nothing to report. There has been no decision from Hockey Canada regarding the Made for Ontario plan.

OMHA Playdowns – For A teams everybody except Novice will play a tournament style format. Novice will be split into A & AA and play a home/home series. All tournaments will be double elimination, teams should be prepared to play by noon Friday. We will be hosting the Minor Atom and Bantam, there will be minimal volunteers required. Tournaments will be run on a break-even basis and cost will be absorbed by the teams participating.

2012-13 Minor Bantam/Bantam – Joe has requested we start looking into the process of not having to ice a major Bantam team. Spring AAA tryouts will help us since we will know early on which players will not be returning.

Tryouts – all AAA tryouts will take place in the spring, should we consider changing our tryouts? Chris will investigate what other centres are doing and a committee will be formed to investigate.

6. House League:

Centennial Sports Club will be donating \$3000 to the tournament, they will again apply their funds to the ice bill. A couple of years ago we received sponsorship for medals at the tournament, and convenors are wondering if we will be doing it again, unfortunately without the sponsorship this was not possible. It was decided to put Champions on the t-shirts for all the winning teams.

Coaching Certifications – The OMHA will no longer offer leniency for teams with un-certified coaches or trainers, if we don't have enough qualified coaches it may impact our registration. Chris will chair a committee to investigate Registration and Coaching certification for next season. Also sitting on the committee will be: Lisa, Troy, Peter, Derek and Heiu.

House League Final Day - will be March 3rd with IP to Bantam playing that day. Midget/Juvenile will play one night the following week.

7. Tournament Update:

The Tyke tournament is full with 24 Tyke teams. It was discussed if we should consider going bigger but the ice has been confirmed based on 24 Tyke and 4 Novice teams for so this year the format will remain the same.

8. Sponsorship:

Sheila and Derek are going to meet to discuss how we handle sponsorships and what can be done to improve things.

Saturday all Novice house league players have been invited to Elgin Chrysler to take some promotional pictures and have a snack.

9. Ice Report:

The ice report was reviewed, things were looking good.

10. Volunteer Recognition:

As an organization we don't have any form of recognition for years of service, Lisa M pointed out that we as a sports organization can nominate up to 7 volunteers a year for awards. The deadline for nomination is January 25th – Board members were asked to send the names of individuals with 5+ years of service to Chris.

11. New Business:

Return to Play Policy – it was asked if we had a set return to play protocol across the association, currently the coaches and trainers are requested to follow what is outlined by the HCTP, this could be something to investigate in the future.

Base Line testing – some associations are moving towards base line testing for all travel players, the cost is approximately \$30/per player. This should be discussed further when the budget committee meets to discuss next seasons registration.

12. Next Meeting:

Monday January 16th – 6:30pm

Motion #044 12/08/2011

To Adjourn.

H. Reid/S. Nesbitt

Carried.