

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2013
Ohi-Ontario Board Room**

In Attendance: Mike Babcock, Mike Moore, Lisa Matchim, Dale Nurse, Jamie O'Brien, Brent Smith, Adrian Douglas, Cindy Hodgins, Joe Bilyea, Angie DaCosta.

Regrets: Scott Nugent, Heiu Reid, Stephan Miron, Rick Tales (Shamrock Mtg), Harry Cosgrove.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Lisa S noted that Mike Babcock was missing from minutes, he has now been added.

Motion 02/11/2012 #068

To approve the minutes as amended to show Mike Babcock was in attendance.

L. Matchim/M. Moore

Carried.

3. Rules and Regulations:

Adrian provided a copy of Regulation 15 – Board Members are asked to review it and provide Adrian with suggestions. Adrian will provide a suggested revision at the next meeting.

4. Special Events:

Travel Banquet - The Special Events committee reviewed in input received from the coaches. The committee has suggested to continue with the Banquet for this season, it was felt if the banquet where going to be changed or eliminated it should be done prior to the season. They would like to see some changes to speed up the banquet and improve the experience. Hieu provided some quotes from caterers; Adrian asked that we request a quote from Wop and Wong to be included in the selection. Hieu will contact them and provide all options to the Board Members for a vote.

Some changes to be made – teams will be asked to wear “team attire”, location has been changed to the Memorial Auditorium due to availability at St. Anne’s.

House League Final Day - March 2nd – Awards have been ordered, Mike Brisson will look after ordering the Pizza, Hieu will be looking after drinks and chips.

5. Treasurer’s Report:

Dale reviewed the report and provided some background on the association’s cash flow. Expenses are down but we haven’t cut down the deficit as much as anticipated.

Sponsorship is down, but there is \$ still coming in.

The AE tournament was down but the Major Tournament was up, it was suggested we review our tournaments to make sure we are competitive with other tournaments in order to attract more teams.

Dale will be applying to Libro for a \$30,000 grant.

Dale has also asked for clarification on the \$50 credit for Travel Coaches jackets. One coach was given a \$50 credit towards players equipment – the credit should go towards jackets for coaching staff only. We need to determine a better method of handling the credit to make sure this doesn't happen and the final policy needs to be included in the coaching manual.

6. Travel Report:

The Atom team has advanced to the OMHA Quarter-Finals.

Coaching Application – Deadline for Applications will be March 15th – Lisa will post the application on the web site.

Coaches Evaluations – we haven't used on in a couple of years, should we consider doing them again. Everyone agreed they can be a valuable tool – Lisa will post one.

Team Selections – we would like to see all the coaches submit a process on how they will make their team selections prior to tryouts so the Board can back them up should the process come into question or complaint arise.

7. House League:

Pee Wee House League – we received a complaint that a Pee Wee house league team was using Bantam Players. The team has a very short roster and they were using brothers to help them out. The Coaches have been informed that any further pick-up should be from another Pee Wee team or Atom House League.

We need to do a better job at education the house league volunteers – it was suggested we form a House League Committee to help formalize the process and develop manual for coaches and convenors.

Referees – under no circumstances should a house league Referee officiate a game by themselves. The Referee could face a suspension. Referee's have all been reminded of this.

Atom HL – it was reported that during an Atom HL practice there were a couple of student volunteers out on the ice goofing around this has the potential to cause injury.

8. Registration Committee Review:

The committee would like to recommend or investigate further the following:

- Some type of online registration either via the HCR or our Web site.
- Accepting Visa/MC/Debit
- A discount for first time players in undersubscribed divisions – ie. Pee Wee
- Early Registration Fees prior to July 15th
- Late Tryout Fee for Travel Players – players be registered something like 48 hours prior to tryouts, but no walk-ins will be accepted.

9. Criminal Records Checks:

We need to be more diligent in getting check for house league coaches, information and letters will be added to the web site.

10. Annual General Meeting:

To be held May 15th – 6:00pm Registration/6:30 Start.

11. Next Meeting:
March 18th.

12. Adjournment:

*Motion 02/11/2013 #069
To Adjourn.
C. Hodgins/M. Moore*

Carried.