

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 18, 2013  
Doug Terry Auditorium**

**In Attendance:** Brent Smith, Joe Bilyea, Jamie O'Brien, Dale Nurse, Mike Moore, Lisa Matchim, Hieu Reid, Harry Cosgrove, Scott Nugent, Rick Tales.

**Regrets:** Adrian Douglas, Cindy Hodgins, Mike Babcock, Angie DaCosta, Steph Miron.

**Ex Officio:** Lisa Smith

**1. Called to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 8:05pm.

**2. Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The incorrect minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, February minutes will be reviewed and approved at the April Meeting.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

We did not receive the grant Dale applied for from Libro. They use Jacob's ladder as guide and the Association lacks Team Leadership and Player Involvement. Dale suggested that next year a committee of players be formed to run a fundraising event.

Financials are on board for a \$10,000 surplus for the season. Dale will be transferring the money from the Nevada account to pay some of the final season bills.

*2013-14 Budget Review:*

The Budget Committee presented the budget for review with the following highlights:

- Raise Registration Fees by \$25/player
- Incorporate the Lottery Fee into the Registration Fee and hand out 25 x \$100 gift certificates
- Increase tryout fees to \$65
- Body Checking Clinic Fee raised to \$40
- Increase Tournament Entry Fees
- Add TPH Power Skating for IP and Novice
- Add Visa/MC/Interact as payment options
- Eliminate the Travel Banquet – it was suggested we do a survey after this year banquet to determine if the members still want to continue with it.

The Board also discussed other key area we need to improve:

- Develop a Sponsorship Committee to make sure we are getting the most potential out of our sponsorship opportunities.
- Review our tournaments to make sure we are giving the teams good value for their dollar, maxing out the # of teams entered and ensure we are making the desired profit.
- Increase sponsorship and tickets sales for the Knights Game, we should also have beer sales to increase income.

**Motion 03/18/2013 #070**

**To approve the 2013/14 Budget as presented.**

**D. Nurse/S. Nugent**

**Carried.**

**4. Special Events Committee:**

House League All Star Game – games went well, thanks to Joe, Angie and Adrian for helping out. Joe received 2 complaints about the All Star Games and player selection both will be reviewed when planning for next year.

*House League Final Day* – Things ran smoothly but we need more volunteers.

*Travel Banquets* – April 7<sup>th</sup>, Belmont Restaurant is confirmed the Committee will meet this week to finalize the details. Due to the size of the venue, there will be a limited # of extra tickets available for sale. It was suggested the committee consider moving the Atom A team to the second banquet to allow for more tickets at the first banquet since the younger teams are more likely to have more than 1 parent attend.

*2013 Knights Game* – the Knights have approached us to host a game again this season, they have worked out a deal with Plymouth to decrease our expenses, we will only be required to pay for the teams accommodations no meals or transportation. The game date is still to be confirmed but they are looking at September 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Heiu pointed out we need to start the game sponsorship etc much earlier this year.

**5. Travel Report:**

There are 4 teams in their respective league finals – Novice, Minor Pee Wee, Pee Wee and Minor Bantam.

Coaching Applications closed on Friday – there are a couple of teams without any qualified applicants, we should extend the deadline to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion 03/18/2013 #071**

**To extend the deadline for Travel Team Coaching Applications to April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**B. Smith/H. Cosgrove**

**Carried.**

*Alliance Report* – for 2013 there will be no boundaries for Major Midget AAA, players will be able to tryout for any team in the Alliance. Players wishing to go outside the Alliance will need permission from the office. Midget AAA tryouts cannot start before Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Shamrock Report* – Sue is stepping down, Debbie Munn will be taking over. Team fees will be going up next season. The AGM is set for April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm we can send 2 designates, Rick is unable to attend so if you are able to go please let Joe know.

*2013/14 Tryouts* – last year “A” team tryouts started mid August and ran over a 3 week period. Teams looking for Exhibition Games the last week in August had trouble finding teams ready to play.

**Motion 03/18/2013 #072**

**To start Alliance team tryouts August 19<sup>th</sup> (except Midget) and Shamrock Team tryouts to start September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**B. Smith/J. O'Brien**

**Carried.**

**6. Annual General Meeting:**

Is set for May 15<sup>th</sup> – Lisa will circulate a list of positions up for election. Joe asked that anyone who is sure they are not going to continue let the Board know prior to the meeting as it is easier to replace members at the AGM.

**7. House League Report:**

Lisa M circulated a draft copy of a House League Manual, please review it and let Lisa know if you have any feedback or if there are any area's that need to be expanded upon.

Lisa S will provide projected numbers for next year for review, so that we can see if there is potential for divisions being too big or too small.

**8. Rules and Regulations updates:**

Adrian had reviewed Regulation 15 and proposed a change to Regulation 20. Adrian's proposal was reviewed. Lisa S explained (d) is still applicable it just needs to be re-worded for clarification.

**Motion 03/18/2013 #73**

**To change Regulation 20 – Travel Permits to read:**

**Regulation 20 – TRAVEL PERMITS**

**a) Travel permits are required for all games that are played outside your regular season or playoff games. This includes all exhibition games and tournaments. Failure to obtain a travel permit may result in the forfeiture of insurance coverage for both the players and coaches.**

**b) No travel permits will be considered during playoffs.**

**c) Select teams must file a travel permit when participating in any on ice activity with the exception of ice allocated for practices by the Vice President of House League hockey.**

**d) Travel permit requests for Select teams which conflict with houseleague in any way will not be considered until such time as the Vice President of House League hockey has been provided with a staffing (both bench and player) plan that is to both his or her satisfaction and in accordance with Regulation 15.**

**e) Teams will not be permitted to play against, practice with or participate with any team not sanctioned by the IIHF, Hockey Canada, the OHF or its Member Partners.**

**J.Bilyea/H. Cosgrove**

**Carried.**

**9. Progressive Hockey:**

Lisa had spoken to Mike Ellis from Progressive Hockey, he will be running camps in St. Thomas this spring and summer. He was interested in getting a better rate on ice but it goes against the policy already outlined by the Board.

**10. New Business:**

There was no new business.

**11. Next Meeting Date:**

The Board should meet before the AGM to ratify coach selections and review any constitutional amendments for posting prior to the AGM, in order to do so we should revisit the deadline for coach applications to all for time for interviews etc.

***Motion 03/18/2013 #74***

***To change the deadline for Travel Team coaching applications to April 1<sup>st</sup>.***

***H. Cosgrove/J. O'Brien***

***Carried.***

Next Meeting will be held April 22 – 7pm.

**12. Adjournment:**

***Motion 03/18/2013 #75***

***To Adjourn.***

***M. Moore/S. Nugent***

***Carried.***