

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15th, 2012**

In Attendance: Joe Bilyea, Chris Smith, Dale Nurse, Stephan Miron, Adrian Douglas, Rick Tales, Lisa Matchim, Scott Nugent, Brent Smith, Harry Cosgrove, Jamie O'Brien, Mike Babcock, Mike Moore, Heiu Reid.

Regrets: Cindy Hodgins

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 8:02pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

There were no errors or omissions from the meeting minutes of Sept. 18th. There was no business arising.

Motion 10/15/2012 #035

To Approve the minutes of Sept. 18th as presented.

H. Cosgrove/C. Smith

Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Pee Wee A still owes money from the Knights Game.
- It was asked if we did an individual breakdown for each event – Dale does a GL for each event.
- Things are about the same as last year, refunds are down so far this year.
- Managers who are having problems collecting funds for Travel Team fees are asked to notify the Board and they will step in. Travel Fees were due Oct. 15th.

Motion 10/15/2012 #036

Families who have not paid their travel fees must make arrangements for the fees to be paid within 1 week of the due date.

D. Nurse/S. Nugent

Carried.

4. Travel Report:

Reduced Rosters:

Pee Wee A – the Pee Wee team had a player quit to return to girl's hockey.

Motion 10/15/2012 #037

To Allow the Pee Wee A team to reduce their roster to 16 due to a player who went back to girls hockey.

C. Smith/H. Cosgrove

Carried.

Atom A – player quit for medical reasons (concussions)

Motion 10/15/2012 #038

To allow the Atom A team to reduce their roster to 16 due to player lost for medical reasons.

C. Smith/H. Cosgrove

Carried.

Atom AE Fundraising Request – the Atom AE team has put in a request to run a glass turkey draw.

Motion 10/15/2012 #39

To allow the Atom AE team to conduct a glass turkey draw.

B. Smith/A. Douglas

Carried.

Novice Select – there is one application for the team, we should send out a request again so see if there are any other potential coaches.

Tyke Select – the list went up today for the Tyke Select 7 team. There were 36 kids at tryouts and we could expect more at the Tyke B tryouts. We need to post for coaching applications for the B team. Jamie suggested there may be enough interested players to have 3 Tyke Select teams. Joe stressed that it must be about development, we need to make sure there are quality coaches available. Joe asked that Jamie put together a model for review.

Shamrock Report – the Shamrock League is on board with MB and theOneBD will be used for score reporting and standings.

Alliance Report – with teams dropping out in Major Midget the Alliance is looking at a change to the league structure, they had proposed a new 34 game schedule with St. Thomas to play 28 games, St. Thomas has requested to stay at 34 games.

Jerseys – the rest (with the exception of Midget AE) should be in tomorrow, which is within the 4 weeks timeframe.

Motion 10/15/2012 #40

To Accept the Travel Report.

L. Matchim/C. Smith

Carried.

5. House League Report:

House league is up and running, late registrations required us to place a second jersey order to accommodate the players.

Convenors – we now have convenor for all divisions.

Jerseys - will be handed out once they are all in, except Pee Wee House league they are still trying to balance out the teams.

Novice - has almost 15 players per team and all the teams have a designated goalie and registrations are still coming in. If novice continues to grow next year we will need to look at increasing the amount of ice time and the number of teams. Novice is running with a 3 minutes buzzer and by the time the kids get lined up for face offs the players aren't getting on the ice often enough. It was suggested coaches should still be on the ice for the first few weeks to help speed up the process.

Goalies - We have a shortage of goalies in some divisions so convenors would like to share goalies when needed. No one had a problem with sharing.

Criminal Background checks – we need to re-vamp the process to ensure we are getting all the police checks in.

6. Tournament Report:

We have a couple of requests from teams who were originally going to be AE that have been classified as Rep. Lisa passed around their requests.

Motion 10/15/2012 #41

Motion to allow the Hespeler Shamrocks to play in the Midget AE Division.

J. Bilyea/J. O'Brien

Carried.

Motion 10/15/2012 #42

Motion to allow Port Stanley to compete in the Midget AE Division.

B. Smith/J. Bilyea

Carried.

7. Power Skating:

Power skating started tonight and everything went well. However when we first looked at the program, we didn't realize the cost was only for 1 session per night and we will have 2 session per night.

Motion 10/15/2012 #043

To amend Motion09/18/2012 #33 and increase the cost of TPH to a maximum of \$4500.00.

J. O'Brien/D. Nurse

Carried.

If we wish to continue the program in future years, it will need to become part of the 2013/14 Budget discussion.

8. Development/ IP Report:

Things went well and everything looks positive. Still working in skill groups, and there has been no negative feedback so far. Jamie would like to create some sort of advertising program to spread a positive message about the program, so when people are making their decision about hockey and choosing an association they are aware of what the STMHA program has to offer.

We are also investigating ways to do some promotional stuff with the Stars.

9. Registration:

We need to look at a more efficient system for registration. A committee was struck to investigate further – Lisa Matchim will chair the committee with Harry, Mike M, Stephan and Joe.

10. Volunteer Appreciation:

We need to have some sort of recognition – cups, certificates etc. Volunteer week is in April and we can order letters of recognition from our MPP.

11. New Business:

Arena Sign – Lisa presented a proposal for an arena sign, it is an idea currently in the works but the City may be looking for contributions from the User Groups.

Spirit of St. Thomas Awards – MY FM is running the Spirit of St. Thomas awards and they are giving us the opportunity to run the bar, since our Board is busy with the Tournament Chris would like to offer the Midget teams the opportunity to help out and share the profits.

Motion 10/15/2012 #044

To run the bar for the Spirit of St. Thomas awards.

C. Smith/D. Nurse

Carried.

Operations Manual – Joe would like to put together an operations type manual for future boards. Our current documentation sometimes lacks rationale which would be helpful.

Administrators Job Description – Joe is going to work with Lisa to tighten up her job description, so that she is not spending so much time on unnecessary work.

Travel Jersey's – there were some travel jerseys that fit incorrectly, Joe will need the information to re-order them.

12. Next Meeting:

Monday November 12 – 8:00pm

Motion 10/15/2012 #045

To Adjourn.

H. Cosgrove/H. Reid

Carried.