

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 19th, 2012
Peter J Lynch Room – Memorial Arena**

In Attendance: Adrian Douglas, Dale Nurse, Lisa Matchim, Heiu Reid, Rick Tales, Scott Nugent, Joe Bilyea, Jamie O'Brien, Mike Moore, Steph Miron.

Regrets: Chris Smith, Cindy Hodgins, Mike Babcock, Brent Smith, Harry Cosgrove.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order, however since there was not a quorum the meeting would be for information purposes only.

2. Disciplinary Committee:

Novice House League – we received 7 or 8 written complaints after a Novice House League game a Grandfather of a player was involved in an altercation at the players bench following a game. The situation was defused with assistance from other parents and the referees. Adrian will contact the grandfather to schedule a meeting. If the situation cannot be resolved further action will be taken with the City of St. Thomas.

Atom AE Article – concerns were raised regarding an article on the Atom AE web site. Most agreed that it was simply the wrong forum for the message. The coach was notified and the issue has been resolved.

Pee Wee AE – the relationship between the coaching staff and player seems to be improving, however the father continues to email the Disciplinary Chairman despite a request stop. The Board has recommended a suspension of 4 games. Adrian to follow-up.

Novice House League/Tyke Select Complaint – we received a letter which contained several complaints regarding both Novice House League and Tyke Select. Joe has investigated the following issues:
House League severe blow-outs – there has only been one really lopsided score to date.
House League teams stacked with Tyke Select Players – house league teams were selected based on the draft skates and it is unknown at that time what players are going to make the Select teams.
Tyke players promised spots – allegation was denied by those involved.
Board Evaluators not used/Tryout up Policy not followed – the underage rule and assignment of Board Evaluators for underage players was mis-interpreted. There were no underage players since the team was advertised for players born in 2005 and 2006 therefore Board Assigned Evaluators are not required. The coach used several people to evaluate tryouts – some potential assistant coaches and some independent evaluators.
Before proceeding with investigation of the remainder of the complaints/allegations Joe will verify the family's registration to determine if they are members of the Association.

3. Tyke Select 7 Jerseys:

We had an offer for the sponsorship/purchase Jerseys for the Tyke Select 7 team. The Sponsor had a supplier credit to be used and unfortunately the cancellation of the last meeting meant the Jerseys had to be ordered without Board discussion or the credit would have been lost.

4. Tournament Report:

Tyke – we will incorporate all 3 tyke teams in the Tyke Classic tournament.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Major Tournament should make approximately \$15,000. We have approximately \$70,000 in projected income still to come. Travel fees are all paid. Tournament Fees have been invoiced. Ice Rentals are right on track.

6. Travel Report:

Select teams are currently practicing, things are going well. One complaint was received from a parent who wasn't happy with the division of '05 and '06's on the B and C teams and they have chosen not to participate in the program. All 3 teams will have equal ice time.

Shamrock Report – AE All Star Games will be March 31st in Petrolia.

Alliance Report – the handling of Police Records Checks was discussed, we need to have an internal to ensure we are doing our due diligence.

7. House League:

Jamie asked if we had the ability to do surveys with our web site – he would like to get feedback on the TPH program – yes we can set up surveys on the web site – either has a formal survey or a simple poll.

A couple of players have been moved up in hopes of balancing the teams. A 3 goal rule was implemented to prevent better players/teams from possibly running up the score. We need to determine what we will be giving away at the Christmas Tournament – pucks, medals, t-shirts – please let Adrian know if you have any suggestions.

8. Registration Committee:

The committee has had one meeting to brain storm ideas and direction they will be looking at increases to late fees and the use of debit and credit cards for next season.

9. New Business:

Dale will be attending a Libro Fundraising meeting.

Minor Atom – requested permission to do a fundraising raffle – there were no concerns.

Tyke Select 7 – is looking at a Boston Pizza night, and selling Mint Smoothies and/or pepperettes.

10. Next Meeting Date:

December 10th – 8pm.