

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association  
Annual General Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Knights of Columbus Hall**

**1. Called to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Joe Bilyea welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**2. Presidents Message:**

*The Annual General Meeting is a unique opportunity to both reflect and look forward. We cast our glance back in time and evaluate our successes and identify our areas for improvement. We also look to the horizon and try to predict what the future may hold and how we might best position ourselves to meet the challenges that will invariably come as we continue on our unique path under the jurisdiction of two governing bodies (OMHA and Alliance) and participation in three leagues (Alliance Seeded, Shamrock, and our own House League.)*

*The highlights were many. From the fact that all of our Alliance teams made it as least as far as the final game in their respective OMHA tournaments to a Bristol Play-off Championship to a highly popular and competitive final day in the House League to another successful London Knights game, our Association has reason to celebrate.*

*Further, under the direction of the Budget Committee led by Dale Nurse, the Association made significant inroads against its deficit. This is especially noteworthy as it was done with no decrease in service to any of our players. Quite the opposite, the Association was able to ice two additional Select teams and provide a new powerskating program to the youngest house league divisions in an effort to stimulate skill development.*

*A quick look into the crystal ball shows that the near future for the Association cannot exist in isolation from the economic reality that has enveloped our community, though. Increased ice costs for the coming season along with standard inflationary pressures will necessitate costs being passed along to the membership.*

*Before I conclude, I do want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this past season a success. Without the Board members, conveners, coaches, schedulers, timekeepers, referees, and administrators, there could be no season. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who is interested to become involved to a deeper degree than they may have before so that we can use the cumulative strength of the membership to provide the best hockey opportunity possible to the players within our system.*

*Yours in hockey,  
Joe Bilyea  
President, STMHA*

**3. Previous Meeting Minutes:**

There were no errors, omissions or questions regarding the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting.

**Motion AGM 05/15/2013 #01**

**To Accept the Minutes of the May 16, 2012 Annual General Meeting.**

**C. Hodgins/J. O'Brien**

**Carried.**

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Every year the Board of Directors has the task of spending the money brought in by the Association. This past season, membership was up 1.5% and the deficit is down. The Board has managed to pay down the deficit while maintaining and improving the programming with the inclusion of power-skating at the younger age groups. Sponsorship was down this year, and with the development of a sponsorship committee we hope to see it improve.

Ice is the biggest expense we have and it accounts for approximately ½ the operating budget and we can expect to see a 3-5% increase in ice costs again this season.

The Midget travel program which was previously getting buses to away games over 1 hour has been eliminated. One of the programs objectives was to run a Jr type program to encourage players to stay and play minor hockey vs some level of Junior Hockey. The program was reviewed and the benefits of the program were no longer being realized and it was felt the money would be better spent on development at the younger levels and paying down the deficit.

Will Zufelt questioned if the City was aware of the deficit, why they continue to raise our ice costs? Lisa explained we do get a subsidized rate from the City and increases to fees are set by Council on a yearly basis.

Joe explained that families purchasing jerseys for Travel teams will continue. Jeff Wood suggested the Sponsorship Committee look at obtaining sponsors to cover the cost of purchasing jerseys for 3 year period. It was also suggested we need to give more value to the sponsors.

Joe handed out a fee comparison that was completed by the Board and our programs are in-line with other programs, even with the Jersey fee included in the Travel Fee.

Dale indicated that if anyone had any further questions regarding the Financial Report they could send him an email.

**Motion AGM 05/15/2013 #02**

**To Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

**H. Cosgrove/M. Moore**

**Carried.**

**5. New Business:**

Joe reported that Hockey Canada will be voting on the body checking age being moved to Minor Bantam at their upcoming AGM.

There was no other new business.

**6. Election of Officers:**

There are 5 – 3 years terms up for election.

The following people were nominated prior to the AGM:

Adrian Douglas  
Harry Cosgrove  
Angela King  
Mike Cincelli  
Derek MacMillan.

Joe opened up for Nominations from the Floor and the following people were nominated:

Will Zufelt - Accepted  
Todd McIntyre - Accepted  
Tim Coombs - Accepted  
Mark Lassam – Accepted

Lisa Smith and Dale Nurse were appointed Scrutinizers.

The following people were elected:

Tim Coombs, Adrian Douglas, Angela King, Todd McIntyre, Will Zufelt.

***Motion AGM 05/15/2013 #03***

***To destroy the ballots.***

***J. Cookson/L. Matchim***

***Carried.***

**7. Adjournment:**

Joe thanked everyone for coming.

***Motion AGM 05/15/2013 #04***

***To Adjourn.***

***J. O'Brien/L. Matchim***

***Carried.***