

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2014**

In Attendance: Adrian Douglas, Lisa Matchim, Rick Tales, Jamie O'Brien, Todd McIntyre, Brent Smith, Derek MacMillan, Dale Nurse, Angela King, Tim Coombs, Mike Moore.

Regrets: Joe Bilyea, Scott Nugent, Mike Babcock, Cindy Hodgins.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Adrian called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2. Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

Lisa forgot to send out the December minutes , they will have to be approved at the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report:

We are on track compared to last year, we should be able to decrease the deficit again this season. There are still sponsorships from the Knights Game outstanding, Board members are asked to help collect from those companies that they lined up. Registration is up 2-3 players, Revenue is up. Some teams still have outstanding balances. Team Sponsorship invoices still need to go out. The only thing that was not budgeting for was the Travel Banquet. If we want to have a banquet again this year it will cost approximately \$6000-8000.

Motion 01/13/2014 #074

To Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

B. Smith/L. Matchim

Carried.

4. House League Report:

Novice House League – there were complaints from the Novice House League during the Christmas Tournament about Referee's not calling enough penalties, aggressive play and coaches arguing. Lisa has looked into the problems and will be addressing them with the convenor. Referees will be reminded to call all the penalties they see.

There is also a problem with Novice House League moving away from the 3 minute buzzer. As in past years the league started the season using the 3 minute buzzer with the intention to eliminate it mid season. Lisa had asked the convenor to let the coaches know the change will take place after Christmas which has been met with some dissention. It appears the Convenor presentation of the changes are creating a "Us (Board) vs Them (League)" mentality amongst the coaches. As the Director of Development – Jamie will draft a letter to the convenor and coaches explaining the reason for the change and when the change will take place. Jamie also stressed that it's important to put people in place who are going to help eliminate this Us vs Them mentality in the future.

Pee Wee House League – teams were very short players during the tournament so players were AP'ed from other teams.

Bantam House League – a grandfather was helping out on the bench, he got in an argument with a player and grabble the player by the shoulders. The player insisted the Police be called. The Police asked for a cooling off period and have agreed no charges will be laid. The Grandfather has been instructed that he is no longer allowed to help out on the bench.

Midget House League – we have 1 player who's fees were returned NSF – the family has been given until Jan. 17th to clear up their account. Dale wondered if it comes to removing the player from the ice who would be responsible to do it? Dale will be sending the family a reminder.

5. Tyke Tournament:

It was brought to our attention that tyke teams can now be rostered as MD and since we have sanctioned the tournament as Roster Select or Select League the MD teams would not be able to participate. It was agreed the best bet would be to add the MD division to our permit.

6. Sponsorship:

We received a sign board from Scotia Bank, but it did not meet the specifications required by our arena to put it up. We would need to purchase a piece of clear lexan to cover the sign at a cost of approximately \$275 dollars. Lisa just wanted to confirm that was ok before proceeding. The board would still generate enough income to make it worthwhile so we will go ahead.

7. Ice Report:

There were no questions – the Select team were just showing a projection of ice based on what had been assigned to date.

Motion 01/13/2014 #075

To approve the Ice Report.

J. O'Brien/D. Nurse

Carried.

8. Shamrock Meeting:

The last meeting was cancelled due to weather. At the previous meeting the AP rule was clarified. It was voted on to charge Associations \$10 for games sheets not submitted after 30 days.

Motion 01/13/2014 #076

To Accept the Shamrock Report.

A. King/J. O'Brien

Carried.

9. Long Term Planning Committee:

The committee met with Aylmer and Port Stanley, Belmont was also invited to the meeting but cancelled at the last minute. The meeting was positive and everyone seemed in favour. There was concern raised regarding our financial situation, but once it was explained the size of the deficit wasn't as big as believed it didn't seem to be a big concern. The other centres stressed an interest in maintaining their own local league. All agreed to bring it back to their Boards for discussion and they would meet again in February. At that time it was agreed that each Association would assign 3 people to sit on a Committee. Scott Nugent, Derek MacMillan and Tim Coombs were appointed to represent STMHA.

10. Travel Report:

Alliance – Lisa reported that she had some concerns with the cancellation practices of some centres, [REDACTED] had cancelled a games in several centres while many centres still travelled to [REDACTED] for games. This may come up in future discussion at the Alliance.

Team Financials – A request had gone out to the teams requesting mid season financials, to date Dale has received 3.

Charging AP's – concerns were raised that the Tyke B team had charged their AP players the \$150 Select Fee. The coach had been emailed to clarify that AP players could not be charged STMHA Fees and they should be returned. Teams are eligible to charge Teams fees for things like extra ice, power skating etc.

It was pointed out that the Select teams lack direction because the coaches are often picked after the season has started and they miss the preseason coaches meetings etc.

Novice Select – registered for a tournament on the last weekend of house league not realizing this was the final day. They had not completed the Tournament Request Form so it didn't get caught. There were also concerns raised with the team winning a game 25-0. Mike has spoken to the coach about it, the game was arranged between 2 friends and they didn't realize the different skill levels involved.

Motion 01/13/2014 #077

To Accept the Travel Report.

T. McIntyre/L. Matchim

Carried.

11. New Business:

Novice A Team - Are having problems collecting some Fees from a family and they may have to limit ice time.

Banquet – we should book a space now if we are going to have a Travel Banquet. It was suggested we look at St. Anne's and the Masonic Temple for April 6th.

12. Next Meeting Date:

February 10th – 7pm

13. Adjourn.

Motion 01/13/2014 #78

To Adjourn.

A. King/T. Coombs

Carried.