

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 2014
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Cindy Hodgins, Scott Nugent, Jamie O'Brien, Rick Tales, Todd McIntyre, Brent Smith, Mike Babcock, Angela King, Derek MacMillan, Joe Bilyea, Lisa Matchim, Mike Moore, Tim Coombs.

Regrets: Dale Nurse (Shamrock Mtg), Adrian Douglas.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion 02/10/2014 #079

To Accept the Minutes of December 7, 2013 as presented.

C. Hodgins/T. McIntyre

Carried.

Motion 02/10/1014 #080

To Accept the minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented.

B. Smith/T. McIntyre

Carried.

2. Business Arising:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Dale is at the Shamrock Meeting. The Budget Committee has met and reviewed the Revenue side, they will meet again on Feb. 24th to review Expenses.

4. Travel Report:

Alliance Report – Mike wasn't able to attend the last meeting – Semi Annual – due to a game. At the previous meeting Alliance reviewed the appeal process used for seeded the 2nd half. Five appeals were received, 2 were approved and 3 denied. They will use the same process next season. Registration in the Alliance is down, only 3 Associations showed growth.

OMHA Update – 3 possibly 4 teams have moved into the Quarter-Finals – Minor Bantam, Pee Wee A and Pee Wee AE, Atom A will play game 6 tomorrow night.

Team Financials – Mike & Dale have received a Financial updates from all the teams, there didn't seem to be any issues.

Match Penalty – an Atom player was assessed a Match Penalty during an Alliance League game, it was unclear who would be ruling on the Penalty – the OMHA or the Alliance. The deadline to provide the suspension for the OMHA would be Tuesday.

Novice Select Tournament – The Novice Select team has been unable to secure a refund from the Glacier Point tournament, Lisa has been trying to assist with this as well. The team is concerned they may be out the \$600 fee if the tournament is unable to fill their spot and are asking the Board for assistance.

Motion 02/10/2014 #081

To refund the Novice Select team \$600us if we are unsuccessful in securing a refund.

M. Moore/J. Bilyea

Defeated.

Rationale – it would be a dangerous precedence for the Board to financially responsible for teams mistakes.

We do need to make sure that a meeting is held with the Select Coaches after they are picked to bring them up to speed on policies and procedures, expectations etc.

Coaches Applications – can be posted now, deadline for applications will be April 1st.

Coaching Evaluations – in the past we have used an anonymous online form for Coaches Evaluations, which have only generated negative feedback. The online forms also presented issues with what appeared to be multiple evaluations from 1 family. Derek suggested that the online form not be anonymous for verification purposes, but the copies supplied to the coaches would have the names etc redacted. Joe suggested that a hard copy evaluation presented to each team might be better. An Evaluation would be developed then a Board member would attend a teams practice hand out the evaluations and collect the completed forms back that night. Teams would be notified in advance as to when their “evaluation night” would be. Joe will look after the Coach Evaluations.

Motion 02/10/2014 #082

To Accept the Travel Report.

D. MacMillan/C. Hodgins

Carried.

5. Long Term Planning Committee:

London will have a new structure next season – Jr Knights will continue to have 1 AAA and 2 AA teams and the GLHA will be combined to have 2 Seeded Teams.

The committee has spoken with Lambeth, Port Stanley, Aylmer and Belmont about investigating the possibility of Amalgamation. All centres want to maintain their own local/house league program and are looking at amalgamation for Travel teams only.

After the initial meeting some centres seem to be back tracking on the idea, while others would like to see it in place for Sept. 2014. The Committee has given the other centres a deadline of February 20th to determine if they want to proceed. From the information the Committee has been able to gather to date the process can be tedious so the Associations involved would only want to go through the process once and they are not interested in adding Associations in one at a time.

6. Disciplinary Committee Update:

Adrian couldn't make it tonight – there hasn't been any change in the status with the [REDACTED] Family. The Committee will be interviewing another family before making any final decisions.

7. House League Report:

Final Day – house league final day is March 1st. Lisa M will circulate a schedule for volunteers on that day.

All Star Game – we do have it budget for it would be held on March 8th. Rick indicated the Old Angels would still assist with the event, but given the drop in attendance for their tournament this might be their last year.

Motion 02/10/2014 #083

To Accept the House League Report.

J. O'Brien/R. Tales

Carried.

8. Tournament Update:

The Tyke Tournament has 36 teams – we added MD to our permit and we have 12 teams in that division. We will still be running the same format with each team playing 2 Round Robin games, all teams will then advance to a Semi-Final.

Adrian will circulate the volunteer schedule.

Lisa is trying to put together teams packages – so if anyone has anything they can collect to add to them please let her know.

9. Special Events Committee:

House League Final Day – we will need volunteers on that day to serve pizza etc. Trophies have been ordered but we will need assistance with picking up juice and chips etc prior to the event.

Travel Banquet – in an effort to cut costs the Travel Banquet was eliminated from the Budget. Should we re-visit hosting a banquet again this year? Dale indicated the banquet cost the Association approximately \$8000.

Most teams have their own team parties – and the presentation of plaques can be done there.

Motion 02/10/2014 #084

To continue with the Travel Banquet using the same format as last year.

J. Bilyea/D. MacMillan

Defeated.

Motion 02/10/2014 #085

In a continued effort to be fiscally responsible, STMHA will be eliminating the Travel Team Banquet.

J. O'Brien/T. Coombs

Carried.

Teams will still receive their plaques – with the option to upgrade to be presented at their own event.

Mike M will send notification to the teams – Lisa S will start work on gathering the plaque information.

10. Ice Report:

Report was not ready to be presented at this time.

11. Sponsorship Update:

All invoices have gone out. One company contacted us to indicate they had not agreed to the sponsorship. For next season, we have to make sure a sponsorship committee is formed and sponsors are confirmed and invoiced before the season starts.

AtoMc Hockey – we have been confirmed for AtoMC hockey from McDonalds for next year, Lisa has ordered 4 sets of jerseys. Lisa M mentioned that our large '05 age group will be moving into Atom and there's a good chance the league could increase to 6 teams so we should investigate the possibility of increase our order to 6 teams.

12. New Business:

Tyke B – it appears the Tyke B team has scheduled a last minute practice for tomorrow night which conflict with House League, and Lisa M has received a complaint from some House League coaches.

Motion 02/10/2014 #086

That Tyke B players must attend their regularly scheduled house league practices or games.

J. Bilyea/C. Hodgins

Carried.

AGM Date – the Annual General Meeting will be held on May 14th – 6:30pm. Lisa will confirm the location.

13. Next Meeting Date:

The next 2 Board Meetings will be held:

March 17th – 7pm

April 14 – 7pm

Motion 02/10/2014 #087

To Adjourn.

B. Smith/T. Coombs

Carried.