

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2014
Ohi-Ontario Room**

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

Regrets: Cindy Hodgins.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion 03/17/2014 #088

To Accept the Minutes of the February 10th meeting as presented.

S. Nugent/T. Coombs

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Our cash flow is about the same as this time last year. We have \$8000 in the Jersey Replacement Fund and the Accounts payable is \$0 which is much better than last year. Dale is projecting a deficit of about \$15000.

Scott questioned if the Association has ever looked into running Bingo's. Joe indicated it was something that was done in the past but finding the volunteers to run them could be a problem. It was mentioned there was a waiting list to get in and there are options to help encourage volunteers. Scott will look into the application process and report back.

Motion 03/17/2014 #089

To Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

L. Matchim/M. Moore

Carried.

4. 2014/15 Budget:

Dale expressed concerns that unapproved budget information had been disclosed to the general public. The information he was confronted with was inaccurate and he reminded the Board information should remain confidential until released.

Adrian questioned the cancellation of the Travel Banquet, wasn't it part of the travel team fees. Dale indicated the cost of the banquet hadn't been budgeted for in last year's budget. Adrian pointed out that Brian Jacobs and Chris Smith had done a lot of work breaking out the Associations expenses to ensure that House League income wasn't subsidising the Travel program and now by cancelling Travel events and none for house league could be construed as the opposite.

Dale outlined the proposed changes to the Budget.

Adrian pointed out that some things up for discussion later on in the meeting could have budget implications.

Motion 03/17/2014 #090

To table further budget discussion to the end of the meeting.

A. Douglas/B. Smith

Carried.

5. Long Term Planning Committee:

The Association Representatives had met again and determined the next logical step would be to bring the proposal to the membership at their upcoming AGM's. The committee felt that direction from the association membership was important to before proceeding with the finer points and paperwork required for amalgamation. If the membership was dead set against it, then proceeding with paperwork was pointless. They were able to confirm that each Association could maintain their own House League or Local League.

Scott will provide the amalgamation information to be posted on the web site.

6. Travel Report:

Alliance Report – Mike highlighted the changes for London next season the Jr. Knights will continue to ice the same compliment of teams and the GLHA Association will combine to ice 2 teams in each Seeded divisions. This will allow them to be more competitive and increase the # of teams at the MD level. Mike handed out a page detailing the league record for each team in every Association. Joe thought it would be nice to see the information broken down to before and after the split. It was also announced that Hamilton Huskies and Hamilton Hub will also be amalgamating. The Alliance has also entered into an agreement with PrivIT which will track injuries etc in Minor Atom AAA players.

OMHA Report – There was some discussion regarding the requirement to play all league games, even after playoffs have started. This make some games meaningless and some felt it was just asking for trouble. Next Meeting is April 14th.

Tyke Select/Minor Novice – Tim provided a report on expanding the Tyke Select/Minor Novice into a full time travel team. Joe questioned the availability of ice. Lisa and Tim had checked with the City, currently there is only 1 hour of weeknight ice available and several hours of weekend ice. Lisa also pointed out the use of 7am weekdays could free up some primetime ice. Tim had also polled some of the parents and they indicated they would be in favour of a full time travel team. Derek pointed out that it's important not to lose sight of this being a development team and expectations would have to be clearly communicated to the coaching staff before the season starts. It will also be important to manage the parent's expectations.

Adrian pointed out while we are considering increasing the # of teams we have to keep in mind that Minor Midget could also be an option again this year.

Motion 03/17/2014 #091

To start the process of getting a Tyke/Minor Novice team in the Alliance MD Tier III loop for the 2014-15 season.

T. Coombs/S. Nugent

Carried.

Jersey Return – Mike has emailed teams who have been eliminated and asked the to return their cleaned jerseys to their lockers. Jerseys will need to be inventoried and cheques given to the coaches to be returned to the parents.

Coach Evaluations – evaluations are slowly coming in, please remind your teams they need to be completed.

Coach Applications – to date we have received 7 applications. The Coach Selection Committee will meet after the deadline to start the interview process.

Tryouts – Lisa provided a report on options for tryouts.

Motion 03/17/2014 #092

To use options 2 – A tryouts to take place the last 3 weeks in August, including an Exhibition Game. AE tryouts to start after Labour Day.

L. Matchim/B. Smith

Carried.

Motion 03/17/2014 #093

To Accept the Travel Report.

J. O'Brien/D. MacMillan

Carried.

7. House League Report:

Lisa M thanked everyone for their help with the Final Day and All Star Games. We do need to have a greater number of people on a regular basis. It was pointed out that the Convenors should be mandated to do more at the Christmas Tournament, All Star Games and Final Day, they are the only ones who receive compensation.

All Star Games – since we may be losing our sponsor for the All Star Games, it might be time to review the event to determine if it should continue.

atoMc Jerseys – Lisa S was able to order 2 additional sets of jerseys, so we can increase the league to 6 teams if needed.

Midget/Juvenile House League – Lisa S suggested we review the division to find ways to balance the teams and keep the scores reasonable. Decreasing the game length & expanding the season, holding a player draft etc might be required.

Motion 03/17/2014 #094

To look at decreasing Midget/Juvenile House League to 1 hour games and increasing the length of the season or decreasing the fees.

M. Babcock/A. Douglas

Carried.

Dale will have to review the changes to see if they have budget implications.

Motion 03/17/2014 #095

To table the budget to the next meeting.

D. Nurse/J. Bilyea

Carried.

8. Parent Respect In Sport:

Lisa S outlined the program, it will be up to each Association to determine how to administer/track it's implementation. Lisa asked for a Board Member to complete the course to see how it linked with the HCR. In the meantime Lisa will put the information on the web site.

9. Ice Report:

There were no questions or concerns.

10. AGM:

Lisa S has been unable to find a location for the meeting, should be look at another date or location? Mike B will check with his school and Lisa S will check with the City and Knights of Columbus for other dates. Joe reviewed the list of Board Members who terms are up for election and asked them to let him or Lisa know prior to the AGM if they will be seeking another term. He also requested any members who will not be returning to resign prior to the AGM so their spot on the Board could be filled at the meeting.

11. New Business:

Development Committee – will have a meeting on March 26 – 7pm for anyone who wants to attend.

Mike Moore, Sunlife – Mike will be relocating his office as part of the move they will be hosting a fundraising event and would like STMHA to be the beneficiary. We will need to promote the event to our membership.

Motion 03/17/2014 #096

To Accept Mike Moore, Sunlife's offer to be the recipient of their charitable event.

J. O'Brien/A. King

Carried.

12. Adjournment:

Motion 03/17/2014 #097

To Adjourn.

B. Smith/D. MacMillan

Carried.

Next Meeting – April 14, 7pm.