

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 22, 2013
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Joe Bilyea, Will Zufelt, Tim Coombs, Jamie O'Brien, Todd McIntyre, Mike Moore, Scott Nugent, Cindy Hodgins, Rick Tales.

Regrets: Lisa Matchim, Dale Nurse, Angela King, Mike Babcock, Adrian Douglas.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05, since there was no quorum, the meeting would be for information purposed only.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Green Lane Trust – Scott had emailed the Green Lane Trust looking for a donation to purchase travel jerseys, the Association has been asked to make a presentation to the Green Lane Board on Wednesday and we will have an answer within 24 hours. Joe discussed some of the key points he would be presenting. Our request seemed out of the normal scope, but hopefully they can make a strong case. Jamie suggested we have a plan for a replacement cycle that should be part of the presentation.

3. Travel Report:

Jerseys/Spirit Wear – the suppliers for the Jersey's and Spirit Wear have been contacted.

London Source is looking for information on the sock order, Joe will forward Mike the information from last year. Mike will inventory socks from last year and place an order asap. We will need to order some additional socks to sell.

Tommy Whites will be providing Spirit Wear order forms and they set up at the arena for 2 order days before Christmas. The original Bauer order form had some green equipment on it, we should have them removed since they go against our policy on equipment.

The question was raised about the use of our logo, should we limit the use of to only our "official suppliers"? Many coaches use different suppliers for things like bags, practice jerseys etc. Anyone using our logo should first ask permission from the Board, it will allow the Board to maintain consistency and ensure proper use of the logo. If in the future we were to change the logo or if we were benefitting financially from products containing the logo, then exclusive rights or use of the logo could be considered. In the meantime coaches will be instructed to contract the Board for approval on use of the STMHA logo to ensure it is being used in an appropriate manner.

Mike will ensure we have the correct sized jerseys for sizing this year.

Alliance Report – we have been approved to play as a quest in the Alliance for the 2013/14 season.

Member Partner Change – over the past several years members are continually asking why we don't move to the Alliance on a permanent basis, so some investigation into the process was done. In order to

start the process the Board would need to formally announce our intention to the OMHA and request a Changing Member Partner Form to be filed by Dec. 1, 2013. After which a series of meetings with the OMHA would be required. The OMHA would then vote on our request. The entire process could take a couple of years. Right now the Board would need to vote on whether to pursue the change and form a committee. The Committee could then start gathering information to support the request. We would likely also need to put the change to a vote by the general membership at an AGM to ensure their support.

Shamrock Report:

- Gate fees will remain the same, an increase was voted down.
- Ice times need to be confirmed with the League by August. 1st.
- There will be no Novice AE in Shamrock as there is no place to play for OMHA playdowns. Centres can enter a 2nd "A" team if they are interested.
- The league is looking for more Juvenile teams, would St. Thomas be interested. Joe indicated we hadn't had any interested expressed in the past few years.
- If we are interested in hosting an All Star Game, let Dale know.

Player Requests to Tryout Up – we have received 4 requests to date, so we will need evaluators for those tryouts. Jamie and Rick volunteered, Mike will setup a schedule. Joe pointed out the rule is designed for exceptional players and we seem to be getting more and more requests. Lisa pointed out we don't make them pay the additional tryout fee, perhaps doing so might cut down on the requests.

Midget AE Coaching – we have received 2 applications to date, but we are not ready to make a decision. Lisa pointed out in the past we have pre-entered tournaments for these teams due to their late start.

Goalie Clinics – Scott has talked to Steve M from Future Pro, about some goalie clinics. He would like to run a free clinic in St. Thomas then look at something on a monthly basis at a cost of about \$20/goalie. Scott will get further details and report back.

4. Registration Update:

Lisa provided a breakdown:

- 319 are entered into the HCR
- Approximately 70 families used the online registration to date
- 104 House League registrations still to be entered
- Plus approximately 30 incomplete registrations

5. Knights Game Update:

Sponsorship summery – we are still looking for a game sponsor, we will give it one more week and then proceed with printing the tickets.

Liquor Licence – we can't use the OMHA insurance, so we would have to get our own insurance at a cost of \$500-750. The Stars are working on setting up a licensed area for their home games, so it may be possible to partner with them.

Period Shoot for a Car – St. Thomas Ford is willing to do a shoot for a car if they can get the cost of the insurance covered by Ford Canada, otherwise it would be too expensive. Also we would have sell tickets for the chance and it might not make for a profitable venture.

6. Tournament Update:

We have received the following tournament registrations:

Major Tournament:	AE Tournament:	Tyke /Novice Tournament
Novice – 4	Atom AE – 5	Select 7 - 7
Atom – 1	Pee Wee AE – 3	Novice - 0
Pee Wee – 7	Bantam AE - 4	
Bantam – 2	Midget AE - 3	
Midget – 4		

7. Sponsorship Update:

Joe thanked Will for the phenomenal job he has done. Almost all teams have been spoken for. Some parents want to sponsor which ever team their son is on, so it will mean waiting to confirm a few teams. We are still missing Minor Pee Wee and Minor Bantam.

8. New Business:

Ice Allocation is complete so we can move forward with scheduling.

Shirts & Ties – Todd asked why coaches are required to wear shirts and ties? Mostly for uniformity and consistency. Discussion regarding players and tie also took place, Joe pointed out as outlined in the Rules and Regulations - teams below Bantam have the option of using a mock neck instead.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

August 13th – 8pm

August 21st – 8pm