

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 16th, 2013
Ohi-Ontario Board Room**

In Attendance: Joe Bilyea, Lisa Matchim, Angela King, Rick Tales, Todd McIntyre, Dale Nurse, Will Zufelt, Mike Moore, Scott Nugent

Regrets: Cindy Hodgins, Adrian Douglas, Jamie O'Brien, Mike Babcock, Tim Coombs, Brent Smith.

Ex-Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting.

There were no errors or omissions.

Motion 09/16/2013 #038

To approve the minutes of August 13th, 2013.

L. Matchim/M. Moore

Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Knights Game brought in over \$12,000 which doesn't take into account tickets still to be invoiced to teams and credit card sales.

Jersey Fund – the money received to purchase the Jerseys has been put into a GIC, once the bill is received Dale can transfer the money out to pay the bill. Then once the travel fees are in, Dale will purchase another GIC with the dedicated funds. This will keep the Jerseys Fund separate and generate some interest as well.

As of right now income is higher and expenses are down, but we are about 27 players down from last year.

Tournament income is higher from this time last year.

Dale is going to be invoicing the teams for their travel fees shortly, but he wondered about the Bantam AE Travel team. The team will be running short due to a lack of players at tryouts. In the past we have not charged these teams the full travel team fee.

Motion 09/16/2013 #039

To adjust the Bantam AE travel team fees to \$325/player not the full \$5500/team.

D. Nurse/J. O'Brien

Carried.

Motion 09/16/2013 #040

To Accept the Treasurer's Report.

D. Nurse/M. Moore

Carried.

4. Disciplinary Update:

██████████ – ██████████ is playing Pee Wee AE and the family has excepted their responsibility in the situation. The ██████████ Family filed a complaint with the OMHA regarding the Associations handling of the situation. Upon providing further information the OMHA agreed with the steps taken by STMHA and the punishment handed down. It was suggested we should look into the possibility of imposing a permanent ban on problem families.

5. Alliance Report:

There is a change in the implementation of GM64 Taunting – Lisa will circulate to the teams. The Midget Seeded has increased to 7 teams with the addition of London Bandits. The OHF reported that the RCMP will be making it a requirement that all volunteers be finger printed, so the OHF has suggested Associations start accepting Declaration of Admission Forms.

6. OMHA Report:

The Shamrock will be using the 1DB and games are being entered by the league. The Wallaceburg Bantam AE team has folded. Next year the OMHA will be implementing the Parent Respect in Sport and it will be mandatory for 1 parent from each family to complete the program.

7. Jersey Update:

All Green jerseys will be done next week and they have prioritized the White to have the Atom-Pee Wee- Bantam teams done in time for their tournaments. There was a small delay in getting the jerseys due to the added sewing of the numbers.

We had discussed the option of ordering fully sublimated Select team jerseys.

Motion 09-16-2013 #041

To purchased 2 sets of home and 2 sets of away fully sublimated jerseys to be shared by the Select teams.

S. Nugent/M. Moore

Carried.

Scott will also order socks.

8. Travel Report:

Requests to tryout Up - This year we had 5 requests to tryout up, 4 were decided by the coach after the first tryout. Novice player Clark Sandham was deemed to meet the criteria and was selected by the coach.

Reduced Rosters - The email vote to allow for a reduced roster for Atom AE was defeated and the team has selected 17 players.

Midget Request for a Reduced Roster – generally it is not recommended to run with a short roster in Midget due to suspensions, injuries, work etc but this will leave the Midget AE team with enough defensemen.

Motion 09/16/2013 #042

To Allow the Midget A team to have a reduced roster of 16.

J. O'Brien/T. McIntyre

Carried.

Will Zufelt abstained.

Midget Player- we received notification from our OMHA REM that a Midget player currently trying out as an NRP was now eligible under Regulation 3.5.

Motion 09/16/2013 #043

To Accept the Midget player from West Lorne under Regulation 3.5.

R. Tales/S. Nugent

Not Carried.

3 in Favour, 4 Against, 1 Abstained.

Travel Team Philosophy – Joe suggested the Association should develop a philosophy on Development. Short roster are no longer an exception they are becoming the norm. We need to look at development from the top down and look at the difference between A & AE. Joe would like to see a committee developed to start working on it. Will questioned amalgamation which could also be considered.

Minor Atom Goalie – one of the Minor Atom Goalies has been granted approval to move to AE. There were only 3 goalie in the division, many smaller centre do it this way with 2 goalies on the lower level team to allow for movement. The goalie will AP to Minor Atom.

Fundraising Request- the Minor Atom team would like to do a fundraising banner. It was questioned if this undermines sponsorship at the Association level. The Board will request the Association Team Sponsor be included on the banner.

Motion 09/16/2013 #044

That teams be allowed to produce their own sponsorship banner. The banner must include the Association Jersey sponsor in a more prominent size.

J. Bilyea/R. Tales

Carried.

Select Team Coaches – Mike will be putting together a Coach Selection Committee to start the interview process for the Tyke and Novice Select teams.

Team Spirit Wear – if a team wants to do something for the team (shirts, practice jerseys etc) they will be required to request permission from the Board in writing.

Motion 09/16/2013 #045

The Midget A team has requested to use the STMHA logo on pant shells to be donated by New Era Grafix.

J. Bilyea/S. Nugent

Carried.

Motion 09/16/2013 #46

Pending Clarification of the Jersey Sponsorship, the Association will accept the donation of bags from Impressions Printing for the Midget A team.

J. Bilyea/S. Nugent

Carried.

9. House League Report:

House league starts in 2 weeks, we are still in need of a Pee Wee Convenor. IP Jerseys have been ordered and should be ready for the 1st day. All other jerseys will be needed for Oct. 11.

Atom registration is good, but Pee Wee and Bantam are light. Lisa met with all the convenors and they were encouraged to make better use of their development time – things like no scrimmages at practice and teams working together on practice plans to make use of full ice were discussed.

10. Knights Game:

Everything went well, the teams were pleased and Joe thanked everyone for their help. There are a couple of things to be added to the notes for next year – like communication between the penalty box and the announcer need to be addressed. We also need to improve on our advertising and what is expected. Will indicated Home Hardware was please with their involvement and might be interested again next year and creating a partnership between the game and their street hockey tournament.

11. Tournaments:

We are looking at putting together packages for each team with tourist information; coupons etc. so if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for donation, please let Lisa or Adrian know.

12. Next Meeting Date:

October 7th – 7pm

13. Adjourn:

Motion 09/16/2013 #047

To Adjourn.

L. Matchim/A. King

Carried.