

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 2014
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Derek MacMillan, Joe Bilyea, Dale Nurse, Scott Nugent, Tim Coombs, Tim Smart, Chris Holder, Brent Smith, Adrian Douglas, Mike Moore, Mike Babcock, Todd McIntyre, Jamie O'Brien, Rick Tales

Regrets: Angela King

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion 06/23/1014 #005

To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting.

T. Coombs/A. Douglas

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

Motion 06/23/2014 #006

To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 meeting.

T. Coombs/A. Douglas

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report:

There are currently no payables, cash flow has \$21000 in the general account plus the GIC. Tournament fees are starting to be paid out for the teams. The biggest concern is the drop in registration income, registration income is down 50% compared to last year at this time. Lisa wondered if the drop could be attributed to:

- Little advertising done in advance of the registration nights.
- Increased awareness of online registration – people know they can register online and pay by credit card to their waiting until the last minute.
- The Parent RIS, people might be waiting until the complete the RIS before they register.

The biggest concern at this point in finding ways to replace the lost revenue from the Knights Game.

Motion 06/23/2014 #007

To Approve the Treasurer's Report.

T. Coombs/B. Smith

Carried.

4. Development Report:

Tim talked to both Total Package Hockey and Progressive Hockey Development about running power skating for the IP and Novice House Leagues – both came back with similar costs. PHD was also going to add a drill sharing platform for all STMHA coaches to access and is willing to run monthly coaches meetings to assist anyone looking for help or feedback. We have used TPH for the past couple of years and most of our travel teams have been using PHD for additional training. Both groups are very good.

Motion 06/23/2014 #008

To use PHD at a cost of \$8640 for the IP1, IP2 and Novice House League power skating sessions.

T. Coombs/J. O'Brien

Carried.

5. Travel Report:

Pee Wee AE Coach – the Coach Selection Committee meeting with applicants for the Pee Wee AE team.

Motion 06/23/2014 #009

To Recommend Jason Johnston as the Pee Wee AE coach for the 2014/15 Season.

J. Bilyea/T. McIntyre

Carried.

D. Nurse, B. Smith, M. Moore, S. Nugent, T. Smart declared a conflict of interest.

Bantam AE – the original applicant withdrew his name due to families issues, so Brent had the past coaches email the parents to see if anyone was interested and a previous coach did submit an application and the Committee would like to recommend him.

Motion 06/23/2014 #010

To Appoint Harry Cosgrove as the Bantam AE coach for the 2014/15 Season.

B. Smith/M. Moore

Carried.

D. MacMillan declared a conflict of interest.

Midget A & AE – there are still no applicants for either team.

Atom AE – we have 2 applicants in place but the Committee will be waiting until after A team tryouts to name a coach. In the meantime, Lisa has emailed both applicants and asked for some recommendations for tournaments which we will enter on their behalf. Joe suggested the same be done for Midget A and AE.

Shamrock Report – nothing to report, no meeting.

Alliance Report – Mike and Lisa attended the Alliance Structure Meeting. At the meeting the group reviews the league structures for the upcoming season. One of the issues raised was the protocol for cancellation of games due to weather. Games can only be cancelled by Ice Schedulers, and coaches are not to contact other coaches, they must go through the scheduler. Procedures are outlined in the Alliance Manual; we need to make sure it is highlighted at the Coaches Meeting. There was discussion on the Association telling people they have drive in bad weather. Lisa explained that the Alliance puts a lot of faith in their schedulers, and they have built a rapport and try to do what's in the best interest of the teams, but unforeseen circumstances do arise and if teams encounter severe weather and have to turn back they will just need to notify Lisa ASAP. Teams should also review the policy with their parents; perhaps it will alleviate some of the undue pressure on the Coach and Scheduler.

Motion 06/23/2014 #011

To Accept the Alliance Report.

T. Coombs/A. Douglas

Carried.

Tryout Change – we received a request from the Minor Bantam Coach to change his tryout scheduled for Aug. 12th to the following week. The Minor Midget team is willing to make a trade if needed. Concern was raised over the families who have planned their vacations around the posted tryouts. It was pointed out that we have not allowed similar changes in the past.

Motion 06/23/2014 #012

To allow the Minor Bantam and Minor Midget teams to change their first tryout dates.

B. Smith/M. Babcock

Defeated.

5 in favour, 6 apposed, 3 abstained.

Body Checking Clinic – we received a request from Ian Westaway to miss the body checking clinic, he will be out of town and he has already taken a clinic this year for which we have received confirmation.

Motion 06/23/2014 #013

To allow players to bi-pass the mandatory body checking clinic with proof of completion from another Board Approved Body Checking clinic in the current year. Exceptions will be granted on a case by case basis.

B. Smith/M. Moore

Carried.

Motion 06/23/2014 #014

To allow Ian Westaway to miss the body checking clinic based on the proof provided.

B. Smith/M. Moore

Carried.

Jerseys & Socks – we need to order a couple of replacement jerseys, 1 was cut from an injured player by medical staff, and another was jerseys was missing. It wasn't assigned to a player so there is no deposit cheque to be cashed. A reminder to the coaches that "extra" team jersey's must be tracked and accounted for at the end of season. Socks can be ordered now for all travel teams. We will wait to order additional sublimated jerseys for Select teams once the # of teams is determined.

6. House League Report:

House League Jerseys – the Board discussed the purchase of house league jerseys since it is a large purchase we should get at least 3 quotes.

Motion 06/23/2014 #015

To tender out house league jerseys to a minimum of 3 vendors to include St. Thomas Source for Sports, London Source for Sports and a 3rd company.

S. Nugent/J. O'Brien

Carried.

There was nothing else to report at this time.

7. Sponsorship Committee:

Tim has been contacting last year's sponsors and the were a couple who were unhappy with the service or contact from the Association, perhaps this was due to the loss of the Sponsorship Chairmen part way through the year. Tim has been able to confirm most of the travel teams, there are some who are dependent on their child making the team. We need to make the teams more aware of ways they can help show appreciation to our Sponsors.

Motion 06/23/2014 #016

To purchase picture plaques for the STMHA sponsors as a thank-you.

T. Coombs/J. O'Brien

Carried.

8. Registration:

Lisa reviewed the roster requirements by the OMHA.

- 4 year olds – Pre-School, one roster unlimited # of players

- 5 & 6 – Initiation Program
- 7 year old – Tyke, players must be on a Tyke HL roster to be eligible for Tyke Select.
- 8 year olds – Novice

We have requested teams in all categories to make sure we are covered. Refunds can be requested for teams not used.

Right now we are referring to our Tyke Select 7 team as Minor Novice but the OMHA does not have Minor Novice so Lisa requested we refer to them as Tyke MD, based on our plans for the team that is where they will be rostered.

9. Tournaments:

Lisa received a request from a Bluewater area team who would like to enter the Tyke tournament, however even though the team will be comprised of 7 year olds they will be rostered as Novice AE. Lisa consulted with the OMHA and they have advised that we should not accept them.

10. Ice Allocation:

We have sent in our Allocation request and we should hear back next week. The City has asked if we can further clarify the # of Midget teams we will have. The Board would like to proceed with the ice as requested with registrations coming in so late we are in no position to make an accurate prediction.

11. Fundraising:

Bingo's - Dale has completed the application but there are 12 other Associations ahead of us on the waiting list which could take up to 4 years.

Other Idea's:

- Charity BBQ at Briwood
- Minor Hockey Day at Briwood
- Spring Hockey Tournament
- Used Equipment Sale
- 50/50 at our own tournaments

Motion 06/23/2014 #016

To have Board run 50/50 draws at all STMHA tournaments.

M. Babcock/S. Nugent

Carried.

12. 2012 OMHA Banner:

Approval to purchase the OMHA Champions banner for the 2012 Bantam A team was previously approved but had not been purchased. We were waiting to find the previous OMHA banner to make sure they were the same size. The order will now be placed.

13. New Business:

There was no new business.

14. Next Meeting Date:

July 15th 7pm.

15. Adjournment:

Motion 06/23/2014 #017

To Adjourn.

J. Bilyea/J. O'Brien

Carried.