

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors
Emergency Meeting
September 3, 2014**

In Attendance: Scott Nugent, Angela King, Dale Nurse, Tim Coombs, Joe Bilyea, Brent Smith, Derek MacMillan, Tim Smart, Adrian Douglas, Jamie O'Brien, Mike Moore.

Regrets: Scott Holder, Rick Tales, Todd McIntyre, Mike Babcock.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Derek called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. OMHA Regulation 3.5:

We have heard that Lambeth and West Lorne have folded their Midget Rep teams. We have contacted the effected centres and our REM for further information but have not received confirmation or list of potential players. We have been contacted by 2 families expressing an interest in attending our tryouts.

Lisa provided an update on the number of Midget players registered to date. If there were sufficient numbers to create a Midget AE team it would be a good idea, but given the lack of information at this time we can't count on that. As it stands we could potentially cut Midget aged St. Thomas players.

Motion 03/09/2013 #047

To not accept players under Rule 3.5 for Midget.

J. O'Brien/D. Nurse

Carried.

J. Bilyea abstained.

3. Minor Midget Players:

Brent received a request to allow the players released from the Minor Midget to tryout for the Major Midget team without Regulation 6 being applied. It was pointed out that without a Midget AE team they would not have a second opportunity to tryout for a travel team. However that option is not available to Major Midget players either. There is now the potential for a '99 player to displace a player in their final year of minor hockey.

Motion 03/09/2013 #048

To remove Regulation 6 – Exceptional Player Rule for the '99 players trying out for the Major Midget team.

B. Smith/M. Moore

Carried.

6 In Favour – 2 Against

J. Bilyea abstained.

4. Refund Policy:

Lisa suggested that we may receive requests for exemptions on the refund policy for Midget players due to there being no Midget AE team.

5. Late Registrations for Bantam AE Tryouts:

Brent received a request for a player to tryout for Bantam AE after they had missed A team tryouts. Players had never played A here before and given the low # for Bantam AE the request was granted.

6. House League Numbers:

Lisa provided a breakdown of where we stand - #'s are low in all divisions especially Pee Wee – Bantam – Midget/Juvenile. It's not uncommon for Midget/Juvenile to be low at this time of year, many players register once the season starts. The idea of eliminating the Pee Wee Division and incorporating it into Atom and Bantam was discussed. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

7. New Business:

Harry suggested perhaps we should waive the tryout fee for any house league players interested in coming to tryouts.

Motion 03/09/2013 #049

To waive the tryout fee for potential Bantam AE players from house league.

B. Smith/J. Bilyea

Defeated.

Select Team Tryouts:

In past years we have had Novice Select for 8 year olds, Tyke Select 7 for 7 year olds and Tyke Select B for 6 years old. There was concern that the # of 7 year olds trying out would mean there would no room in Select for 6 year olds. At the same time we might not have enough 8 year olds for Novice select. Jamie suggested that we adjust the tryout progression as such:

Novice Select - for players 7 and 8 years old.

Tyke B – for 6 year olds.

Motion 03/09/2013 #050

That the Novice Select team be comprised of players born in 2006 & 2007 and Tyke B be comprised of players born in 2008.

S. Nugent/D. MacMillan

Carried.

J. O'Brien, A. King, T. Coombs, T. Smart abstained.

8. Adjournment:

Motion 03/09/2013 #051

To Ajourn.

A. King/S. Nugent

Carried.