

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2014
Braxton's**

In Attendance: Adrian Douglas, Tim Coombs, Tim Smart, Chris Holder, Brent Smith, Joe Bilyea, Dale Nurse, Todd McIntyre, Mike Moore, Angela King, Scott Nugent, Derek MacMillan.

Regrets: Mike Babcock, Rick Tales, Jamie O'Brien.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion 12-08-2014 #092

To accept the minutes of November 17th, 2014 as presented.

T. Coombs/T.McIntyre

Carried.

There were no errors or omissions.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes:

The request to re-classify the Midget A team was approved down to BB.

Tyke MD is going to AP some players to fill the spot of the injured player.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Looking to get the final # from Lisa.

Jump Start – we had a family with 2 boys apply and receive Jump Start funding for Travel players. Dale contacted Jump Start and they have modified their policy to allow players to participate in travel programs.

Motion 12-08-2014 #093

To make an Exception to the Travel Funding Policy for the Family this season.

D. Nurse/B. Smith

Carried.

T. Smart abstained.

Motion 12-08-2014 #094

To Amend the STMHA policy on outside funding for players.

D. Nurse/B. Smith

Carried.

There is 1 player on the Midget A team who has not paid their Travel Fees.

Motion 12-08-2014#095

Major Midget Travel Fees to be paid by December 31st, or the player will be removed from the ice.

A. King/M. Moore

Carried.

5. Travel Report:

Recent Tournament Successes – Bantam & Minor Atom teams helped Canada to win the Nations Cup tournaments, Pee Wee won the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights Tournament, Minor Pee Wee lost the semi-final in a shoot-out in Guelph and won the Orillia Tournament.

Novice A – Joe and Brent were made aware of an incident between a Parent and Coach. The family and coaching staff met and have dealt with the issue as a team.

Pee Wee – there was a racial slur reported, not confirmed by and opposing team. The coach held a team meeting to address the issue and the team has signed new codes of conduct and the Alliance has been appraised of the steps taken.

Minor Pee Wee – Parents of a St. Thomas player had an incident in the stands where a racial comment was made both the centre involved and the Alliance were made aware of the incident. The Association met with the parent involved and an apology was issued. Neither parent attended the next game between the 2 teams.

Novice Select – a parent has decided to quit the team, he went to tryouts as a goalie. The coach spoke to the family about his skill level and that he would need work before getting in a game situation but it's not working out and the players feels bad about not getting the opportunity to play.

Alliance Report – the OHF Minor Council defeated the GTHL body checking motion for all levels below A. The Age Change motion presented to Hockey Canada has been tabled for further discussion.

OMHA/Shamrock Report – nothing to report the meeting was tonight.

Motion 12-08-2014 #096

To accept the Travel Report as presented.

T. Smart/D. Nurse

Carried.

6. Disciplinary Committee:

Nothing new to report.

Motion 12-08-2014 #097

To accept the Disciplinary Committee Report:

M. Moore/D. Nurse

Carried.

7. House League Report:

Lisa will order T-shirts for the House League tournament. Kevin suggested a change for the Midget/Juvenile division, since attendance is always an issue, he would like to make up 2 teams and play a few games instead of running a full tournament schedule. Lisa will update the schedule.

8. Sponsorship Update:

We still have some fees to collect. Tim has contacted Bauer about potential sponsorship for the Tyke Tournament. Lisa received a call from the Centennial Sports Club, they had not received our request for sponsorship. A letter was dropped off and Tim will follow up with the Club.

9. Long Range Planning Committee:

Nothing new to report – we are still waiting for Aylmer and Port boards to vote on whether to proceed with the Committee proposed agreement.

With our declining #'s we might need to investigate Local League at least in some of our divisions for next year. We should put a poll on our web site to see if our membership would support the change.

10. Development Report:

There was some confusion about the Goalie Clinic, if it's being run as a PHD clinic or an STMHA clinic. due to the subsidize being offered by STMHA we would like to register our goalies first. If the clinic does not fill with STMHA goalies then perhaps the clinic can be opened up to "outside" goalies at full rate.

Motion 12-08-2014 #098

To allow Non-STMHA goalies to register for the goalie clinic at full rate.

T. Smart/T. Coombs

Carried.

11. Tournament Report:

At the last tournament there was a issue with 1 Referee's pay, it appeared to have been signed for and picked up but the Referee himself hadn't picked it up. There were envelopes left over after the tournament and they were provided to the Referee. He mentioned that sometimes the Referee's don't like walking through the arena lobby and upstairs to get their pay because there could be angry parents of coaching milling about. Having the timekeepers bringing the pay envelopes to the box, might present more problems. Derek will speak to Mike Smith about billing STMHA for Tournaments the same as other associations.

12. New Business:

Time Clocks – we need to encourage the City to replace the time clocks, several times in the past couple of weeks the clocks have frozen or re-set during games. We should make a list of items to be discussed with the City. Mike will help to compile a list.

Tournament Committee – the tournament committee will meet January 6 @ 6:30 pm

Spring Tryout Committee – will set a meeting date.

13. Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be January 12, 2015.

14. Adjournment:

Motion 12-08-2014 #099

To Adjourn.

A. King/J. Bilyea

Carried.