

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 1st, 2011**

In Attendance: Derek MacMillan, Chris Smith, Charmaine Goddeeris, Rhonda Rickwood, Kevin Rickwood, Rob Clark, Cindy Hodgins, Harry Cosgrove, Peter Ostojic, Adrian Douglas, Mike Brisson, Dave Thomson.

Regrets: Steve Woolley, Sheila Nesbitt, Lois Corkum.

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

2. House League Final Day(s):

Mike recapped everything for the Final Day – Mike ordered pizza and picked up chips and drinks. Sheila has door prizes, Charmaine has ordered trophies, Lisa will print off ballots for the Lottery Draw and Mike will do the draw.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

There were no errors or omissions.

Motion #054 01/03/2011

To approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting.

D. Thomson/H. Cosgrove

Carried.

4. Business Arising:

There was no business arising from the January 25th meeting.

5. 2011/12 Budget:

Peter presented the 2011/12 Budget. Most budget items remained the same with the following changes the Committee discussed:

(a) Increase General Registration by \$25.00 – we haven't raised the General Registration fee in 5 years, it is definitely needed now.

(b) New Jersey's for Travel Teams have been put on the back burner pending Trillium Funding.

(c) Increase Tournament Fees to \$700/ Tyke, \$925 Novice to Pee Wee, \$975 Bantam & Midget.

Motion #055 01/03/2011

To Approve the 2011/12 Budget as Presented.

P. Ostojic/C. Goddeeris

Carried.

6. Trillium Grant:

Chris has spoken to the contract with the Trillium Foundation and they have suggested we wait for the July 1 submission deadline for the following reasons – our quotes are outdated, our financials from last year are not complete, our upcoming budget had not been approved. If we apply for July 1st and receive a grant we can expect the funds sometime in September.

7. Tryouts & Player Movement:

Chris read a draft letter that will be handed out to all players who register for tryouts, and we will be putting together an information package including rules and regulations etc. Chris will send out a copy when it is complete.

The Tryout Committee meet and Derek summarized their discussions:

Tryout Progress – All players trying out for a Travel Team must be registered by August 1st, including NRP's. NRP's will be allowed to post date their Registration (Sept. 5) and tryouts cheques (first day of tryouts). Chiefs have been granted fall tryouts for 2011/12; Chiefs tryouts will finish by Aug. 28 that will be the last day for players to be released. NRP's will not be indentified on the ice but coaches will be informed.

Motion 056 01/03/2011

That Regulation 3 – c be amended as follows:

Remove “of his/her higher age group or upon approval, a higher age group”.

Add after ...attending tryouts for AAA “or AA”

Add afterThe VP of Travel will notify the coach of the team of this players(s). “Players still involved in AAA or AA tryouts are expected to attend STMHA tryouts unless there is a DIRECT conflict with tryout times.”

D. MacMillan/A. Douglas

Carried.

Motion 057 01/03/2011

That Regulation 6 – g be amended as follows:

Remove – “is evaluated and ranked as the top defenseman or is evaluated and ranked as the top forward.”

Add – “Is evaluated and ranked as the top Skater.”

D. MacMillan/P. Ostojic

Carried.

Roster Size – NRP's could resolve skill issues, coaches will still have the option to make a request to the Board for a decreased roster.

Jersey's – we have the potential for large numbers at tryouts and we don't know if there will be enough Jersey's. The committee talked about ordering Pinnies at a cost of approximately \$3.50 each. Peter suggested we increase the tryout fee to cover the cost of the pinny and players can keep them.

Motion 058 01/03/2011

To increase the tryout fee to \$5.00 to cover the cost of Pinnies.

P. Ostojic/D. MacMillan

Carried.

We may need to schedule Board Members to work at tryouts to make sure things run smoothly. It was asked if there would be any special criteria for the selection of NRP's – there would be none if they were good enough to make the team the coaches can select them. A special meeting will be held with the Minor Pee Wee and above coaches to clarify any questions regarding NRP's.

8. Admin Review:

Harry updated the Board that the committee hadn't meet since the last meeting. They are currently doing an analysis on what Lisa is currently doing, the constitution and the job description. The Committee will be meeting again to compile a report to the Board.

9. Travel Update:

Minor Bantam is down 2 games to 0 in their OMHA semi-final against Woolwich. All other teams have started Shamrock or Alliance League playoffs.

Coaching Applications are due at Midnight March 1st, to date we have received 24 applications.

10. New Business:

Annual General Meeting – we need to set a date for the AGM – May 18th @ Knights of Columbus.

Registration Dates – for next season have been set; May 3rd, June 11th, June 28th.

'97 Trip Update – the team has the following fundraising events upcoming: May Dance, Booze Barrel Draw, Elmira Chicken Sales, Beer Garden at the Stars Games. They should have a final price breakdown from the tour company shortly.

11. Next Meeting:

April 5th – 7pm.

Motion 059 01/03/2011

To Adjourn

H. Cosgrove/R. Rickwood

Carried.