

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 22, 2009  
Timken Centre**

**In attendance:** Cindy Hodgins, Rhonda Rickwood, Charmaine Goddeeris, Doredi Contardo, Mike Brisson, Troy Carlson, Clay Trumble, Rob Clark, Adrian Douglas, Derek MacMillan, Chris Smith, Steve Woolley, Brian Jacobs.

**Regrets:** Sheila Nesbitt, Dave Thomson, Lois Corkum

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

***Motion # 32 01/22/2009***

***To approve the minutes of the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.***

***Hodgins/Rickwood***

***Carried.***

Now that we have a full compliment of Board Members, Brian would like to see the meetings become more orderly. He would like to encourage the committees to meet and bring reports to the Board Meetings. This will allow the Board to over more ground, more efficiently and allow time for items that need further review.

Brian introduced Rob Clark as the newest member of our Board.

**2. House League**

Clay announced the Midget/Juvenile convenor had resigned and he was now overseeing the league on Tuesdays at Memorial. Clay had thanked Jim for his years of service. Clay will follow the suspension guide lines outlined by Jim.

Clay updated the Board on an issue that had taken place during the Christmas tournament. One player in Midget/Juvenile had been handed down a suspension, which the family felt was unfair. Clay had reduced the suspension based on the guidelines out lined at the start of the season, and he will be keeping an eye on the players for the remainder of the season.

Lisa updated the Board on an incident that had taken place during a pee wee game. A player had been suspended for 2 games for a high sticking infraction. The parents of the player on the receiving end of the high stick were not satisfied by the outcome and had written a letter of complaint. Adrian updated the Board on his investigation and the suggested course of action. The Board agreed and Adrian will following up with the families.

Mike read a letter from the Referees about an incident during an atom house league game. Rhonda also provided a report from Kevin Rickwood (atom convenor) about the steps being taken. The Board has requested Kevin help them in identifying the parent in question and refer the matter to Adrian.

*Goalie Equipment* - Chris updated the Board that he and Dave had cleared out all the old and damaged Goalie equipment from the storage room. Chris had purchased and sorted into bags 10 complete sets of goalie equipment. 8 sets for house league and 2 sets were designated for Tyke Select. We need to remind the coaches and conveners to ensure the equipment is put back in the bags and returned to the storage room after each use.

*Christmas Tournament* - We received a lot of positive feedback on the tournament. The only negative comments noted were that the players seemed to prefer the T-shirts instead of the water bottles handed out this year. The Coaches really liked their Travel Mugs.

### **3. Treasurers' Report:**

Sheila was not in attendance but her report had been handed out. Brian asked if there were any questions. The Midget bus was approaching the budgeted amount and Mike wondered what should be done. Brian explained that when they went through the budget process, it was a best guess, for next season we would have a more accurate idea of what the bussing would cost. But that the Board would continue their commitment for buses to Midget away games.

#### ***Motion #34 01/22/2009***

***Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.***

***Woolley/Rickwood***

***Carried.***

We are due to make our final donation to the Arena Fund, and Brian will be issuing a press release.

### **4. Travel Report:**

*OMHA Playdowns* - Chris reported that things had gone better this year in our preliminary round seeding with the Bluewater teams, the M. Atoms and M. Pee Wee had received first round buy based on their records. Unfortunately our request to move out of the Bluewater for the preliminary rounds had not reached the OMHA in time.

Chris also noted that the teams should now carry a copy of not only their teams approved roster but also the roster for any teams to which their AP's are rostered.

*Coaching Applications* - Coaching applications will be handed the same as last year. We will not select AE coaches until after the A teams tryouts. It will also be noted the Coach Selection Committee is not obligated to interview all candidates who apply.

*Alumni* - Mike wondered if we could set up a section on our web page for graduating alumni? Everyone thought this was a great idea.

There were some concerns raised regarding the direction of the Tyke Select Program. The number of games being played seemed high. Chris and Adrian will investigate the issues further and report back.

**5. Disciplinary Committee:**

Adrian updated the Board on the Parent suspension, he has now met with most obligations with the exception of attendance at a PRS clinic as there are none currently posted, he would like to consider this matter closed and put it behind us, the Board was in agreement.

The Midget player suspension has been fulfilled.

An inquiry regarding an old suspension had been received by a Board Member. The family requested a refund prior to the suspension being served and they wondering if they returned to STMHA next year would the suspension carry over? It was agreed the suspension will stand, Adrian will inform the family.

**6. Special Events:**

*Golf Tournament* - Dave wanted some feed back on possible dates: September 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm tee off or September 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00am tee off. It was agreed to go with Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

*House League Final Day* - The Doug Terry room has been booked for the Pizza Party for the House League teams. Doredi confirmed the amounts for the purchase of gift cards.

*Stars Day* - Stars Day for next season will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

*German Teams* - Brian received a request to host 2 teams from Germany in April. We will have 2 teams in town an Under 15 and Under 17 teams will play our Bantam and Midget teams. The Bantam team will be playing some of the same players when they travel to Europe a few weeks later.

**7. Tournaments:**

The Tyke tournament currently has 22 teams, we are hoping for 24. Lisa outlined a new format with 2 seeding games, then having the teams divided into 3 divisions. Steve wondered why we don't rank the teams before the tournament; Brian explained that is very difficult with Tyke because the programs can be very different.

We have been approached by Dawn Desrosiers' about hosting a sledge hockey exhibition during the tyke tournament. Troy pointed out this was an excellent opportunity to expose the players to another sport. Everyone was in agreement this would be an excellent idea. Lisa will inform Dawn and find out if there are any special requirements.

**8. Sponsorship:**

Mike reported all the invoices had been sent out. He had received some donated sticks which had been given out to house league players in need.

*Jersey Bill* - Mike updated the Board on a bill received from company which does our house league jerseys after a mix up with the colour of some house league shirts. And he wondered if we should be paying the bill. Lisa thought the bill had probably been paid, but will confirm

with Sheila. If the bill has been paid, Mike will contact the company owner and express our concern with the way the situation was handled.

**9. Ice Report:**

Not provided, Lisa will send it out with the minutes.

**10. New Business:**

Jr. B Stars had asked about purchasing our washing machine. Chris informed the Board that the washing machine was hooked back up and there are some teams who do use it. He suggested that he could put the Stars in touch with a company to purchase a used washing machine that would better suit their needs.

*Bantam Europe Update* - The team has raised between \$26 - 27000 towards their trip. Some upcoming events include: Feb. 3 Casino Bus Trip

Feb. 14 Valentines Dance

Bottle Drive

Wendy's Night

Elmira Chicken order

Cindy asked if anyone had any fundraising suggestions, to please pass them on to her.

*Registration* - Lisa updated the Board that the OMHA will be moving from IT sportsnet to the Hockey Canada registration system. Lisa and Rhonda will attend a training session in the coming months. Lisa would like to see the formation of a registration committee to assist her and Rhonda in the planning for next season.

*Development* - Troy updated the Board that he has recently been named the "Development Leader" for our OMHA zone. This will mean clinics etc will be handled differently than in past years. He updated the Board on the Specialty clinics we could be running which are a much better way for Coaches to stay certified. Troy handed out flyer of a Development weekend being run by TNT, and he thought it would be something that we should consider. Everyone thought this would be an excellent idea.

*Esso Medals of Achievement* - Lisa had received the information from Walt about the Medals and wondering if there was any interest in ordering them again. It was felt that we had gotten away from ordering them since they were not in accordance with the non-competitive philosophy for house league.

***Motion # 35 01/22/09***

***To Adjourn.***

***Hodgins/Contardo***

***Carried.***

**11. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm.