

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 25th, 2010**

In Attendance: Charmaine Goddeeris, Adrian Douglas, Cindy Hodgins, Peter Ostojic, Clay Trumble, Derek MacMillan, Chris Smith, Dave Thomson, Brian Jacobs, Mike Brisson, Lois Corkum, Troy Carlson.

Regrets: Sheila Nesbitt, Rob Clark, Steve Woolley, Rhonda Rickwood.

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

Motion 01/25/2010 #028

To accept the minutes of the Nov. 30th, 2009 meeting as presented.

T. Carlson/C. Goddeeris

Carried.

2. Special Events:

Travel Banquet – Will be April 11th @ St. Anne's.

- Extra Tickets will be \$10
- Dave will be getting quotes for food.
- Guest Speaker – if anyone has any suggestions please let Dave know.
- Teams will again hand out, Best Defensive, Best Offensive etc.

House League Banquet Final Day – Will be March 27th.

- Pizza will be ordered again from Al's

Motion 01/25/2010 #29

To Accept Dave's Report.

P. Ostojic/L. Corkum

Carried.

3. House League Report:

- A Suspension was handed down in Midget for fighting.
- Bantam Convener has had some problems with a couple of players who are more aggressive than the others. One player is Midget aged but was given permission to play down, Clay will investigate further if this player should now be moved to Midget.
- There was a complaint from the Tournament about the points system used, compliments outweighed the complaints.
- Novice House League didn't use their ice on January 2nd. The Convener indicated to Lisa he had heard it was a blackout date.
- Lisa informed Clay she didn't have the team lists from the Atom Convener, Clay will touch base with her to get them.

4. Travel Report:

Alliance Report – The Playoff Flow Charts are posted on the web site.

An Amherstburg Parent was ejected from the arena after the Minor Bantam Game 2. The Arena Staff witnessed the behaviour and ejected the parent. Chris contracted the Amherstburg Association to inform them; they investigated quickly and offered an apology for the incident.

We are hearing of these stories more and more often – this type of behaviour won't be tolerated. It was suggested that we identify the problem teams and do up a letter advising them of our Policy and make them aware. Adrian suggested a letter like one he sent should be sent to all parents. Chris and Troy to discuss further.

5. Disciplinary Committee:

Chris informed the Board a unanimous letter of complaint had been received but it will not be discussed since the Board does not accept unsigned letters of complaint.

6. Treasurers Report:

- The AE tournament was larger than usual, so that increases costs.
- Development costs are down since we didn't run many clinics this year.
- Sponsorship there is still \$ to come in, Reminders should go out soon.

Motion 01/25/2010 #030

To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

P. Ostojic/C. Hodgins

Carried.

7. Tournament Report:

Tyke Tournament – Has 26 teams

- Parkside Students will be there to help.
- We are looking at creating 2 or 3 different divisions
- We should survey the teams to assist in seeding the teams into divisions.
- Lisa highlighted the tournament module being used for the Tyke Tournament. MB has turned it on so we could try it out to see if we are interested in purchasing it next season.

8. Ice Report:

Adrian did a detailed breakdown of the ice allocation and things are pretty even. No one can question the amount of ice each team has received. From this point on the ice may vary depending on how deep the teams go into playdowns, as those teams may get more ice.

It was questioned if the Alliance teams will be a rebate due to the difference in games. The number of games was implemented by the Alliance to assist them in creating a balanced schedule was beyond our control. It was also done in order to assist us finishing the season prior to OMHA playdowns.

Motion 01/25/2010 #031

To accept the ice report.

L. Corkum/A. Douglas

Carried.

9. New Business:

Amherstburg Preseason Game Day – Amherstburg had approached us about doing a preseason tournament between the two associations. All the teams would play 2 games, ½ here and ½ in Amherstburg. The only potential problem is they don't have AE teams. Chris will come back to the next meeting with more information.

Association Logo – it has been suggested that our logo should be updated or freshened up. If we are thinking of purchasing New Jersey's then this is something we might wish to investigate.

Budget Item Requests – if there are any budget item requests, please forward them to Chris or Brian.

Banners – hopefully we will be able to start hanging banners when the ice comes out this spring. The Committee needs to look at what is downstairs and possibly re-doing some of the banners.

3 on 3 Spring Hockey – The City has approached us about possibly running the 3 on 3 spring league. Last year they charged \$125. The only way we could consider it would be if it did not lose money. Other questions /comments were raised:

- What happened with insurance?
- Would there be any implications with the OMHA?
- This would just extend the season and leave no break for planning for next season.

Bleachers on B – as the crowds increase during OMHA playdowns teams are finding that people standing around the rink are blocking the view from the bleachers. Could we approach the city about marking a no standing zone on the floor.

10. Next Meeting Date:

February 22, 2010

Motion 01/25/2010 #032

To Adjourn.

P. Ostojic/L. Corkum

Carried.