

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2010
Timken Centre**

In Attendance: Peter Ostojic, Dave Thomson, Steve Woolley, Chris Smith, Adrian Douglas, Rhonda Rickwood, Charmaine Goddeeris, Troy Carlson, Derek MacMillan, Mike Brisson, Clay Trumble.

Regrets: Sheila Nesbitt, Brian Jacobs, Lois Corkum, Rob Clark, Cindy Hodgins

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

2. Approval of Minutes:

There were no errors or omissions from the Minutes of the January 25th, 2010 meeting.
There was no business arising from those minutes.

Motion 02/22/2010 # 34

To accept the minutes of the January 25th, 2010 Meeting.

D. Thomson/S. Woolley

Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

2010-11 Budget Items Discussed

Expense:

- We can expect a \$2.00 increase in Referees rates
- Travel Equipment - \$ budgeted to purchase new Travel Jerseys
- It was questioned why there isn't anything budgeted for Board Insurance? It is paid by the OMHA – do we know what the coverage is? Lisa will investigate.
- Goalie clinic expense was increased to be able to offer a better product.

Income:

- Increase Tournament Fees by \$50 – Tyke Fees to \$700
- Increase Tryout Fee to \$50
- Special Events, doesn't include Knights Game which was just announced. We will again be the only centre to host one this year. Peter questioned if the ticket price will increase. Chris didn't think so.
- Sponsorship was increased, but the Budget committee couldn't remember how much, Chris to check with Brian. Rhonda and Mike thought an increase to the sponsors would be hard to sell. It was suggested we could also increase the number of sponsors.
- Increase in Travel Fees for AE teams to bring them in line with the A teams.

As it stands right now the Budget isn't balanced so fees will need to increase or we need to find savings some suggestions were:

- Re-introduce the lottery fee – 1 per family \$25.00

- In the past few years house league has seen an increase in ice, they have been above the 35 hours for the past 3 season so we could possibly shorten their season. Keeping in mind we have increase the quality of the product they are getting, better Jerseys, IP equipment etc.

Chris & Brian will review the suggestions and update the budget. It will then be forwarded to the Board for approval.

4. House League Report:

- Two coaches from Pee Wee house league have been suspended. One for the remainder of the season for being verbally abusive to a player while shaking hands. The other for 3 games as a result of his confrontation with that coach.
- Clay also had a letter from a parent wanting to know why her son, who had quit a travel team, was not eligible. The reasons were discussed. Clay will inform the family they are not in good standing with the Association and all further correspondence will go to Chris.
- Houseleague All Star Game – Lisa is looking at March 13th for the games.
- Mike received some donated hockey sticks, and they have been distributed to House League players.
- Clay noticed parents standing by the player benches yelling at the players, he has asked the conveners to keep the parents away from the benches.
- We received a complaint about the Atom teams being unbalanced; the Convener will address the concerns.

5. Travel Report:

- All teams have returned to Alliance League Playoffs except the Minor Pee Wee's who have moved onto the OMHA Semi-Finals against Burlington Eagles.
- The Shamrock Scheduling meeting is Wednesday night, all teams will return back to League playoffs except for the Pee Wee AE team which has advanced to the OMHA Semi-Finals vs Caledon Hawks.
- The break between OMHA Playdowns and Alliance Playoffs is hard, but we are definitely showing signs of improvement.
- We received a price on New Jerseys from Inara and Tommy White's. Chris will touch base with Sean to see if he can match the Inara price.

6. Development Report:

- Troy has set up a survey pertaining to our web site that was circulated to the Board Members. He also set up and will be sending out surveys for the Parents, the IP Parents, the Coaches and the Board. Please email Tory with any changes or comments.
- Once the surveys are posted Troy would like an email to go out telling people about the surveys and asking them to go in and take them.

7. Special Events Report:

- The House League Final Days will be March 27th and 30th. Mike has already ordered Pizza from Al's.
- Dave provided quotes for the Travel Banquet.

Motion 02/22/2010 #035

To go with Wop & Wong (Andre Reda) as caterer for the Travel Banquets.

D. Thomson/R. Rickwood

Carried.

Motion 02/22/2010 #036

To order ice cream from Shaws at a cost of \$291.66.

D. Thomson/R. Rickwood

Carried.

- Each player receives 2 tickets, additional tickets will be \$10. Lisa will post the information on the web site.
- Dave approached Scott Stafford about being guest speaker, but it is exam time so he will be unable to attend.
- Dave would like to clarify how many gift cards were purchased for each banquet (House League & Travel) for last year.

Golf Tournament – set for Sept 18th @ Pleasant Valley

Knights Game – Sept. 11th vs Plymouth Whalers

8. Tyke Tournament:

- Hats were ordered for all players, we have also received a package from the Egg Farmers of Canada.
- Charmaine also went with medals for participants instead of trophies.

9. AGM Date:

- April 14th, 2010

10. Next Meeting:

Notice of Motion – that Travel teams be allowed to carry a maximum of 13 players including 2 goalies with a maximum of 3 AP players.

Meeting Date: March 29th, 7:00pm.