

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Timken Centre**

**In Attendance:** Brian Jacobs, Sheila Nesbitt, Chris Smith, Dave Thomson, Adrian Douglas, Clay Trumble, Derek MacMillan, Troy Carlson, Rhonda Rickwood, Mike Brisson, Lois Corkum, Cindy Hodgins, Steve Woolley.

**Regrets:** Charmaine Goddeeris, Doredi Contardo, Rob Clark

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

Brian asked if there were any errors or omissions from the minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – there were none.

**Motion # 39 03/36/2009**

**To approve the minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.**

**Smith/Thomson**

**Carried.**

There was no new business arising from those minutes.

*Alliance Update* – Chris updated the Board on the changes to Alliance. At their last meeting the Alliance had approved the proposal to allow the Forest City MD1 teams to join the Seeded A/AA loop for next season. Starting next season the Jr. Knights will have 2 “AAA” teams and 1 “AA” team in each division and 4 Forest City teams will be added to the seeded league. This will mean a few more games over the course of the season, and we will return to playing the second half of the seeded schedule.

**2. Treasurers Report:**

Everyone received the Income/Expense Statement to the end of February. Sponsorship is still coming in we have about 9 left.

**2009-10 Budget:**

Brian presented the budget worked on by the Budget Committee earlier in the week.

Concerns were raised about the increasing number of subsidized families – Lisa & Sheila will write to the families who received subsidies last year and direct them to sources of assistance available in the community early before resources are exhausted.

Nevada is not doing as well as it has in the past.

The Golf Tournament is budgeted the same as last year. Brian will send Dave the breakdown of where the committee thinks income can be generated.

We have to look at ways to reduce expenses (phone bills etc). Jerseys for example need to be sorted and we can replace individual jerseys instead of entire sets. Instead of increasing our ice, Troy will be looking at ways to make more efficient use of ice (shared ice practices etc) the key will be getting our coaches to buy into it.

Our tournaments did well last year, we didn't have as many AE teams originally planned and moving the Novice division to the AE weekend would help balance it out. We had a really well run Tyke tournament last year which may increase the number of Novice teams for 2009-10.

The amount budgeted for advertising was reduced.

The Budget Committee was able to keep registration fees the same for next season.

**Motion #30 03/26/2009**

**To Approve the Treasurers Report and 2009-10 Budget as amended.**

**Smith/Trumble**

**Carried.**

**3. Development:**

Troy reviewed the list of area's we need to consider when discussing development. Once he has gathered his information he will make a presentation on the direction our development programs should take. Some things we can do better are teaching the coaches how to re-enforce what is learned in power skating, better ways to train and utilize goalies in practice.

Area's to look at include:

**A. Players - What are the needs of the players?**

- *Power skating* – professional coaches are great, but the coaches sometime lack the knowledge to re-enforce what is learned in these sessions.
- *Checking clinic for Atom Major*
- *IP program* - The IP program this year didn't completely follow the outline, we need to go one step further to implement it, the coaches were left to fend for themselves, and we can provide them with more training and support.
- *House league VS Travel needs*
- *Goalie Clinic(s)/Training* – we can give the coaches the tools to better train and utilize the goalies

**B. Coaches - What are the needs of the coaches?**

- Refresher clinics
- Specialty clinics
- Resources

**C. Parents - What are the needs of the parents?**

- "Our Game" Parent Workshop – some associations are making these clinics mandatory for all Parents. They help the give the parents pride and ownership of the team & provides them with effective communication tools.

**D. Board members**

What are the needs of the Board Members?

**4. Travel Report:**

With the addition of the Forest City teams the Alliance may also investigate a change in their league structure with one of the potential changes being an East/West split.

**5. House League:**

Final days for house league are Saturday and Monday help is needed on both days. It was suggested that next year we might wish to look for parents volunteers from the House League teams as well.

**6. Registration Report:**

Lisa and Rhonda attended the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) training session in Strathroy. The HCR is going to be very helpful, it is more user friendly and it specific to hockey. It will allow us to pre-register players online. The HCR online registration will allows for "added items" such as jackets etc. to be added to the registrants total. Lisa & Rhonda suggested perhaps we might like to ask if people were interested in adding on a donation to a financial assistance fund

for those families struggling to pay their registration fees. Everyone thought it was a great idea. Lisa will work a getting the online registration set up.

Rhonda reviewed the Registration dates:

Tuesday May 5th 6-9pm, St. Thomas Timken Community Centre  
Saturday June 6th 10am-1pm, St. Thomas Timken Community Centre  
Tuesday June 30th 6-9pm, St. Thomas Timken Centre Community Centre

Adrian pointed out that we won't need to print as many registration forms as we did last year.

**7. Policy's/Procedures'/Discipline:**

There were no new issues to deal with. The Referee complaint regarding an Atom house league parent went unresolved because the parent in question was only recently identified and there was no time left to deal with the issue.

**8. Special Events:**

*Travel Team Banquets* – the only question remaining is a Guest Speaker. Brian suggested Scott Stafford, everyone agreed that was a good choice. Brian will contact him.

*Germany Games* – Donations to the Caring Cupboard will be accepted, spread the word.

*Golf Tournament* – August 8<sup>th</sup> is confirmed. Dave would like to drop the hole sponsorship to \$150 in hopes of getting more. If anyone has a sponsorship lined up please let everyone know so that we are not asking them more than once.

*Knights Game*- Everything is a go, Brian is researching ways of selling tickets by assigned seats.

**9. Ice Report:**

Lisa will send it out with the minutes.

**10. New Business:**

The Coaching Selection Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to set up any required interviews.

**11. Next Meeting Date:**

April 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

***Motion 31 03/26/2009***

***To Adjourn.***

***Rickwood/Thomson***

***Carried.***