

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Elgin Mall**

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

**Regrets:** Cindy Hodgins, Lois Corkum, Mike Brisson, Brian Jacobs.

**1. Meeting Called to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

**2. Previous Meeting Minutes:**

There were no errors or omissions from the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion 04/26/1010 #044**

**To accept the minutes of March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**A. Douglas/D. Thomson**

**Carried.**

**3. Business Arising:**

Chris updated that the request to remain a guest in the Alliance Seeded league had been sent to the OMHA President Marg Ensell. Our REM Sue Michalski, has send a letter in support of our application. There is an OMHA meeting in May where it should be discussed.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Brian and Sheila experienced some technical difficulties when preparing the report so it is unavailable. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

**5. Travel Report:**

Dress Code - Adrian highlighted the proposed change to the dress code for next season. Rob suggested that since the players are representing themselves, our teams, association and city, they should be reminded to look respectful no matter what they are wearing. Ties etc need to be worn correctly.

**Motion 04/26/2010 #045**

**That Regulation 14 – Association Attire/Dress Code shall now read:**

- a) All attire (including jackets, windbreakers, golf shirts, pants, ties etc.) must be approved by the STMHA Board prior to purchasing.**
- b) All attire bearing the name or logo of STMHA is to be purchased at a retailer approved by STMHA Board of Directors.**
- c) Any team purchasing team attire without Board approval may result in suspension of the Head Coach.**
- d) All players and bench staff must adhere to the STMHA dress code.**
  - a. All players and bench staff, trainers excluded are required to wear a shirt and tie to all games (exhibition, league, playoff and tournaments).**
  - b. Teams Major Peewee and below, at the coach's discretion, may elect to have their players wear STMHA mock necks to all games in lieu of a shirt and tie. Decision to do so applies to all players on team and STMHA Board must be advised.**
  - c. Trainers may choose to wear the mock neck instead of a shirt & tie.**
  - d. No jeans will be permitted.**

**e) The dress code will be strictly enforced for all teams and may result in suspension of player or coaching staff if it is not followed.**

**A. Douglas/C. Trumble**

**Carried.**

*Coach Selection* – We received applications for every team. Interviews will start April 27<sup>th</sup> with non-parent coaches since they applied for more than one team. There are 3 teams with only one applicant.

*Jerseys* – A reminder needs to be sent to the coaches that all Jerseys must be washed and returned to the team locker, all personal items need to be removed from the locker and keys returned.

**6. House League:**

The Goalie Equipment needs to be cleaned up and inventoried. All but one convenor has returned his keys.

**7. Special Events:**

Amherstburg Pre-Season Tournament – the preseason tournament with Amherstburg has been finalized, due to the Knights game this year we will have all teams play in St. Thomas on Saturday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and all teams will play in Amherstburg on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The Association with the winning record will win the trophy. They would like to have a Memorial Trophy, so Chris asked the Board to think about someone we could name the trophy after.

Golf Tournament Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> – Dave will be circulating the sponsor information shortly.

Stars Day – no date had been set for Stars Day, traditionally it has been the Alliance Regular Season opening day, but this year that will be Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> which interferes with the Golf Tournament. September 25<sup>th</sup> will be the first home day for the Alliance Teams and possibly some Shamrock Teams.

**8. Annual General Meeting:**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Terms of office are up for the following Board Members: Peter Ostojic, Clay Trumble, Chris Smith, Adrian Douglas, Brian Jacobs. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in standing again.

**9. Tournaments:**

Lisa presented the following dates for our 2010/11 Tournaments:

Major Tournament – October 22-24

AE Tournament – November 19-21

Tyke Tournament – February 25-27

All dates looked good. Lisa suggested that the Novice A division be moved back to the Major weekend. We had anticipated an increase in teams due to the large Tyke Tournament but that did not happen, plus we had an increase in the number of AE teams in every division. There were no concerns with moving the Novices.

**10. STMHA Equipment:**

We have had several requests to borrow STMHA Jerseys, Goalie equipment for 3 on 3 leagues and tournaments. The Board felt we should deny all requests as it creates additional wear on our equipment and increases the potential for loss.

Ball hockey had also wondered about the possibility of renting our cross ice dividers, again this would create additional wear on the equipment.

**11. Development Report:**

Troy, Chris and Lisa met to discuss implementation of the new IP program and the Select teams and the following suggestion were made:

- To create and advertise for an IP program co-ordinator position (similar to a convenor) to oversee and assist in implementing the IP program.

- To remove the Select teams from the VP Travel's portfolio and into the Development Co-ordinators.
- Operation of the Tyke and Novice Select teams will change slightly – teams will start earlier and be limited the age category. 2 Tyke teams will be created Tyke Select 7 and Tyke Select 6 and one Novice Select 8 team.
- Even though we don't operate the Select teams on a cost recovery basis, we will need to raise the fees if they are starting sooner.

**Motion 04/26/2010 #046**

**To implement the Select 7 (formally Tyke Select) and Select 8 (formally Novice Select 8) programs as outlined for \$150.00. And to implement the Select 6 program as outlined for \$100 for the 2010/11 season.**

**T. Carlson/R. Rickwood**

**Carried.**

**Motion 04/26/2010 #047**

**To move the Select Teams from the VP of Travel to the Director of Developments portfolio.**

**T. Carlson/S. Woolley**

**Carried.**

Surveys – the surveys will be closed soon. We received 130 parent surveys. Overall most were satisfied with the coaches. 80% responded in the neutral to strongly agree range. We received the names of 12 volunteers. Coaches will be getting the results of their surveys minus the comments. Troy can give the Board limited access to the survey results but they are reminded this information is strictly confidential. Troy asked the Board to think about whether they wanted to do the surveys on a yearly basis. Most thought it was a good idea to give people to voice their opinions every year. Chris thanked Troy for all his hard work on the Surveys.

**12. Trillium Grant:**

A small committee met to discuss options for the Trillium Grant, Lisa provided the list of potential items discussed. The next deadline to apply is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris has completed the initial on-line application and we are awaiting confirmation before proceeding.

Sheila mentioned she received information from Public Health on potential grants, she will forward the list to Peter so he can investigate other options for STMHA.

**13. HST:**

Charmaine has done some research and there is no way for us to collect it back since we don't charge GST.

**14. Next Meeting:**

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm location to be determined.

**Motion 04/26/2010 #048**

**To Adjourn.**

**R. Rickwood/D. Thomson**

**Carried.**