

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 30th, 2009
Knights of Columbus Hall**

In Attendance: Brian Jacobs, Chris Smith, Sheila Nesbitt, Clay Trumble, Rhonda Rickwood, Charmaine Goddeeris, Doredi Contardo, Derek McMillan, Adrian Douglas, Steve Woolley.

Regrets: Dave Thomson, Lois Corkum, Cindy Hodgins, Troy Carlson, Mike Brisson, Rob Clark.

Ex-officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

There were no errors or omissions from the previous minutes.

Motion #32 04/30/2009

To approve the minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting.

C. Smith/Trumble

Carried.

Brian asked if there was any new business arising from the previous minutes. Chris updated the Board that Alliance will be moving to an East/West split for AAA only the Seeded A/AA league with the addition of the Forest City teams will remain the same next season.

3. Treasurers Report:

Not much has changed since last meeting. We still have some Sponsorship cheques still outstanding. Mike will be calling them to remind them payments are due. Chris asked if we have received any Development Fees this season. Sheila indicated we had not, Lisa will investigate.

There are still some banquet receipts and the Arena donation was made in April, so they will show in the next months report.

Motion #33 04/30/2009

To approve the Treasurer's report.

Contardo/Rickwood

Carried.

4. Development Report:

Parkside Program – Brian updated the Board that he and Troy had participated in a couple of meetings with Parkside Collegiate on a Hockey Leadership program they are hoping to start in the fall. The program would be a partnership with Minor Hockey and the students involved would be act as coaching within our program. Details are still being worked out.

In Troy's absence, Lisa updated the Board on the survey conducted with the Coaches. Troy did several in person surveys during the house league final day and several were completed online. Paper copies were circulated for review, the results are available to be viewed on line Lisa will send the link.

Troy would also like to see us run an IP Fun Festival or have some sort of Development Day. Lisa and Troy will work on the details.

5. Travel Report:

Travel Teams for 2009/10 - Chris has suggested that we register a full complement of teams for 2009/10 plus a Midget AE team and Novice Roster Select Team. Even though we will likely only have enough players for 2 teams at Midget it is easier to cancel a team registration than add one on at the last minute. The Novice Roster Select Team would be able to play exhibition games and tournaments.

Coach Selection – Chris is hoping to get interviews scheduled for next week. Doredi asked if we had a least one application for each division, Chris indicated we were still missing one for Bantam.

Alliance – The Alliance has seen an increase in Parent problems and they are moving to a focus on “it’s a kid’s game” which will involve some parent seminars and training sessions.

The Alliance AGM is June 5 & 6, Chris presented the sponsorship options available.

Motion #34 04/30/2009

To purchase the Catch the Spirit Package for the Alliance AGM

C. Smith/Nesbitt

Carried.

OMHA – Brian will be attending the OMHA AGM in June 12 & 13th. Chris and Brian will be attending the Made in Ontario Town Hall Meeting May 2nd. The OMHA is hosting this meeting to allow associations to give feedback on the “Made for Ontario” which will address the Hockey Canada issue of residency and increased player movement.

Tryouts – Tryouts will start August 23rd, the schedule will be changed from last year so that Major and Minor Tryouts will be completed in the same week. Schedule and times still to be confirmed. All tryout information will be posted on the web site as soon as it is confirmed with the City.

6. Registration Report:

Rhonda has provided most schools (there are 3 left) with registration flyers. The online Pre-registration is up and running, Board members were asked to go in and try it.

Jump Start – Lisa spoke to the Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit who will administer Jump Start Funds for this season. They are hoping to be able to provide us with the amount they will be able to allocate to hockey for the 2009/10 season.

We received a donation from Chris McGonigle and his Atom AAA Chiefs teammates. Chris requested money for his birthday so that he could make a donation to help another player to be able to play hockey.

7. Policies /Procedures/Discipline:

There was nothing to report.

8. Special Events:

Golf Tournament – Give aways have been priced and are being ordered.

Knights Game – There is nothing new to report, the game is on the schedule and it will be the Knights final pre-season game.

Stars Day – Lisa is working on a schedule for the day, Doredi asked about booking the gym for a dance either by the Bantam Team or the Association, first choice for a dance would be the Senior Centre, Doredi will call to see if they have the date open.

Jr. B Stars 25th Anniversary Year – Larry had informed Lisa that this is their 25th Anniversary year and they are looking at special events to be held though out the season.

9. Annual General Meeting:

The AGM is scheduled for May 21st at the Timken Centre, Registration 6:00pm with the Meeting to start at 6:30pm. Brian reviewed the list of Board Members positions which will be available. Any Board Members whose terms expire are asked to let Lisa know of their intention to run again.

10. 2009/2010 Tournaments:

The dates for the 2009/10 Tournaments have been set. The Novice division will be moved to the AE weekend to help balance out the tournaments.

11. New Business:

Brian gave a chronological review of the correspondence prior to and after the Letter to the Editor in the St. Thomas Times Journal.

Lisa received a request from Jamie Hennessey asking if we could put a link from our site to the Sports Spectacular web site. The Board agreed there would be no problem with this as it is a sports related charity.

We received a request from the Senior Men’s Canadian Fastball Championship Committee for sponsorship. Discussion on what would be the best possible donation was tabled.

Motion #35 04/30/2009

Motion to Adjourn.

C. Smith/Woolley

Carried.

Next Meeting:

Annual General Meeting

May 21, 2009

Timken Centre

Registration 6:00pm

Meeting 6:30pm