

St. Thomas Minor Hockey Board of Directors Meeting
June 17th, 2009
Peter J Lynch Room

In Attendance: Cindy Hodgins, Rhonda Rickwood, Brian Jacobs, Dave Thomson, Chris Smith, Adrian Douglas, Rob Clarke, Peter Ostojic, Troy Carlson, Charmaine Goddeeris, Lois Corkum, Sheila Nesbitt, Steve Woolley, Clay Trumble.

Regrets: Mike Brisson, Derek MacMillan

Ex. Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting called to order:

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

2. Errors or Omissions:

There were no errors or omissions from the previous meeting minutes.

3. New Business:

There was no new business arising from the previous meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Sheila did not have an up to date Income/Expense statement since the bank statement had just been received. Brian will be taking over the preparation of the Income/Expense statements, this will allow him as the Budget and Finance Chairman to regularly review the financial status of the Association.

We have already had some NSF cheques, the first family was contacted via mail and a payment plan outlined. Lisa reported that family had already paid their balance in full.

Jumpstart – Lisa reviewed the process for this season. Families would be directed to Jumpstart to complete the application and establish a payment schedule. The Jumpstart co-ordinators were very helpful and they would like to be informed of any families who do not abide by their established payment plans. Jump Start will also be running BBQ's over the summer, and if we are interested in staffing one, the money raised could be earmarked for hockey. Lisa has also asked if Jump Start would investigate how donations made specifically for hockey could be handled, could we donate \$ specifically for hockey to be distrusted to STMHA families only?

Chris questioned if we almost ready to send our books in for a review engagement. Brian pointed out that we should have gotten a motion at the AGM to appoint someone to do the review engagement each year.

5. Trillium Grant:

Brian has looked into submitting an application for a Trillium Grant. The first order of business would be to have our Incorporated status re-instated as it had lapsed several years back. There seems to be an emphasis on Recreation based activities right now so we could have a good case for funding. Peter suggested that Capital expenses seem to be funded to the highest degree, operating expenses are not normally funded. He also suggested Brian contact Steve Peter's office for assistance. Dave also noted Dianne Wakefield from Cardinals baseball would be a good resource as they have received funding in the past.

We need to think of ways to use potential funds. Troy suggested the cross ice boards, and Adrian suggested the new web site might also fit. Chris asked that any additional ideas be forwarded to Brian.

6. Travel Report:

(a) Mock Necks: We have been asked to discuss the possibility of eliminating the shirt and tie for players and go with a mock neck instead. We have obtained a price from Tommy Whites for a black mock neck embroidered with Jr. Stars and some stars (our full logo will not fit).

Adult \$20

Youth \$16

Everyone agreed that Midget Players should still be wearing a shirt and tie.

Motion 06/17/2009 #02

To Amend Regulation #14 (d) that players Minor Midget and below will wear the prescribed mock neck to all games (exhibition, league, playoffs and tournaments). No jeans will be permitted.

Douglas/Woolley

Carried.

Adrian and Lisa will work with Tommy Whites on the administration and ordering.

(b) Alliance Report: We have received approval to participate in the Alliance Seeded league for 2009/10. Rob and Lisa attended the Alliance meeting on Monday night. The league structure and playoff/playdown flowcharts were reviewed. The one item proposed by the Alliance is that no matter which league (Constellation AA or Bristol A) the St. Thomas team is seeded in for the second half, when they return back into the league playoffs they are seeded into the Constellation side, it helps to keep the playoffs brackets balanced. This will be reviewed further with Tony.

(c) Tryout Schedule: The tryout schedule will soon be posted on the web site. It has been changed so that Minor & Major team tryouts are rotated, which will better accommodate most of the players who are wishing to tryout up.

(d) Major Team Events:

- (i) Atom - The Atom teams has applied for the Peterborough tournament and their accommodations have been confirmed.
- (ii) Pee Wee - Scott Tottle has investigated the possibility of the team travelling to Phoenix on the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. He has worked out a cost it out to be approx. \$600 per person including flights and accommodations. He has asked some parents for feedback.
- (iii) Bantam Team – Europe – the Board debated the merits of having a team travel yearly, it was determined it should be left up to the team to decide. Brian will develop a set of guidelines (fundraising etc) for the next meeting. Once the Bantam team is picked Brian will meet with the team to review the options and help determine their direction.
- (iv) Midget – John is investigating travelling to Connecticut instead of Massachusetts this year. They will be going December 3-6.

Motion 06/17/2009 #03

To Accept the Travel Report as presented.

Corkum/Carlson

Carried.

8. Fundraising & Special Events:

Dave thanked Rhonda for volunteering to help with Sponsorship; they will be meeting with Mike in the near future to go over the details.

(a) Knights Game – Brian will be meeting with Jim after the draft. The game time will be 7:30pm tickets will be general admission and remain the same price as last year \$10. Brian is hoping to secure a sponsor(s) for the back of the tickets, hopefully between \$500 - \$1000 to cover the cost of printing the tickets. Peter suggested Wendy's might be a good option. We should also start looking for items to use as giveaways. Lisa will contact the city to confirm the slight change in game time.

Adrian has been in contact with a team from Plymouth about coming to play an Exhibition Game that day, and wondered if we would be able to provide the out of town players with game tickets? No one had a problem with this, Adrian will confirm the details with Lisa.

(b) Tom Gilson Memorial Golf Tournament – Dave provided an update on sponsorships to date:

Rocky's Harley Davidson is confirmed for a hole-in-one

14 Hole Sponsors are confirmed – 5 paid

Beverage Cart Sponsor – Nesbitt Trucking is confirmed & paid.

Putting Contest Sponsor – Nicholson Smith is confirmed.

Prize Donations have been received from: Coxon's Sales & Rentals, Rocky's, HWC Insurance, Cy's Bowling, Larry Oser Jeweller's, Marketing Energy, Al's Pizzeria, Hugh's Heating & Cooling.

Please keep Dave up to date on any prizes or sponsorship you receive.

48 golfers have registered to date.

(c) Jr. Stars Day – has been changed to September 26, this will better allow for scheduling all teams to play. Lisa will talk to Sean about bringing in some equipment reps. Lois suggested Lisa also look into getting a shooting cage, there is one often show in the Hometown Hockey Magazine.

Motion 06/17/2009 #04

To Accept the Special Events/Fundraising Report.

Nesbitt/Douglas

Carried.

9. House League:

Clay had nothing to report.

Lisa supplied the Board with a list of quotes for house league Jerseys. The cheapest quote was also a better quality jersey. There was some concern about the company being from out of town. Lisa will investigate the possibility of placing the order through a local supplier.

10. Registration Report:

Next Registration Date will be June 30th 6-9 at the Timken Centre, please let Rhonda know if you are able to help.

Registrations are coming in slowly, it was decided Lisa will place an ad in the Super Shopper prior to the Final Registration.

11. Web Site:

Now that OMHA has moved their on-line registration to the Hockey Canada Registry system, we are no longer tied to our current web site provider. Lisa provided the Board a report on some other options.

Motion 06/17/2009 #005

That Lisa Smith be given authorization to pursue moving our web page to the MB platform as per the costs and fee structure as presented.

Jacobs/Ostijic

Carried.

This change will standardize communication across our association and give added value to our members.

12. Centennial Sports Club Request:

We received a request from the Centennial Sports Club to provide volunteer parking attendants for 1 day at the Senior Men’s Canadian Championships. This is something we have done in the past and it was felt this was a better way for St. Thomas Minor Hockey to assist with this event. Chris will confirm a date with Brian Muscat and Lisa will set up the volunteers.

13. Next Meeting Date: July 30th – 6:30pm

Motion 06/17/2009 #006

To Adjourn.

Corkum/Hodgins

Carried.

List of Action Items:

#	<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Due date</u>
1	Trillium Grant Application Process	Brian	Ongoing
2	Trillium Grant – forward ideas/items/area to use funding for to Brian	Everyone	Ongoing
3	Obtain Golf Tournament Sponsors/ Prizes/Foursome s & update Dave	Everyone	Aug. 1
4	Update Rules & Reg’s re: mock necks	Lisa	
5	Place Registration Ad in Super Shopper	Lisa	June 30
6	Confirm ordering of house league jerseys	Lisa	ASAP
7	Search out Vendor’s for Jr. Stars Day	Lisa	July 30th
8	New Web Site	Lisa	ongoing
9	Confirm day w/ Brian Muscat for parking lot attendants	Chris	ASAP
	Arrange Parking Lot Volunteers	Lisa	Aug. 15