

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9th, 2009**

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

Regrets: Charmaine Goddeeris, Rob Clark

Ex Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order 6:44pm

2. Previous Minutes:

There were no errors or omissions from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

A question was raised regarding the web site generated ice report, Lisa explained that Ex. Games played at home show under the games column and we would prefer them to show under practices so that we can track the assigned practice times to ensure teams are getting equal ice time.

Motion 11/09/2009 #020

To accept the minutes of Oct. 1st, 2009.

A. Douglas/B. Jacobs

Carried.

3. New Business:

Trillium Grant, Minutes, Policy Update, Equipment Storage, Timekeepers & Referees, Midget Program, Special Events, Coaches Clothing, Web Site, Office Hours.

4. Travel Report:

i) Tyke Select.

First 2 skates for Tyke Select were held, there were 30 skaters and 3 goalies. Numbers are down but the information was well communicated to the families via a hand-out and the web site. The question is do we go with 2 equal teams like last year or have an A & B team. Those who attended tryouts were concerned with the level of play, and if they would be competitive when divided into 2 teams. Adrian will investigate further and make a decision. We have 3 coaching applications.

ii) Novice Select :

Will start this weekend. A request for coaching applications has also gone out.

iii) Alliance Report:

Mike heard a complaint about a coach and wondered if any Board Members had heard about a recent coach's suspension. Board Members were aware, and it was pointed out there were issues with both the Coach and some Parents at the game in question. The Coach was suspended and no further complaints were filed, so this is not something the Board will pursue.

Lisa updated the Board on the recent Alliance Directives for Ice Schedulers.

iv) OMHA:

Chris had received a proposal on a new structure from the Bluewater for OMHA playdowns but a decision still has not been made. Chris will pursue further with Sue.

v) Expense Reports:

Mike has contacted most team managers regarding financial reports for last year and this year.

Motion 11/09/2009 #021

To accept the Travel Report.

P. Ostojic/L. Corkum

Carried.

5. House League Report:

Peter has requested a donation of \$1300 from St. Thomas Energy to purchase awards for the House League tournament. Centennial Sports Club has indicated they will again pay \$3000 towards the ice bill for the Tournament.

Motion 11/09/2009 #022

To Accept the House League Report.

L. Corkum/C. Hodgins

Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report:

We received a \$500 donation; Sheila would like to put that money towards Registration for a subsidized family.

Refunds – are up to date, some got lost in the web site change over but we think we caught them all.

Invoices for Tournament Fees will be sent out November 30th.

Motion 11/09/2009 #023

To Accept the Treasurers Report as presented.

T. Carlson/S. Woolley

Carried.

7. Ice Report:

Lisa received a request from the Panthers to switch ice at Timken with ice at Memorial on Nov. 14th and 28th as they are hosting 2 Provincial Women's Hockey League games featuring the Bluewater Junior AA team. Unfortunately due to the timing of our meeting the request is a bit last minute.

Motion 11/09/2009 #024

To accommodate the Panthers request to switch ice for November 28th.

A. Douglas/L. Corkum

Carried.

8. Tournament Report:

The upcoming AE tournament has 48 teams, Mike will be asking each team to donate 4-5 volunteer hours so that we don't have to double up Board Members.

Charmaine has ordered awards. Cindy is assigning timekeepers. We need someone to do the pay envelopes for the Referees. Brian suggested only doing one envelope per Referee, he does this for the Hitman Tournament and the Ref's seem to like it. Chris will talk to Mike Smith about doing this.

9. Special Events:

Adrian pointed out that we haven't done well with our Special Events this year. Most recently the Holland Game, we didn't do enough to prepare. Many feel if we are going to take on special events such as these we need to do them right.

As a Board we are taking on more of these events, perhaps it's time to start getting the parents more involved. It was suggested we should have an outline for the team on what is required when running one of these events. Lois will prepare and information sheet on hosting International Games.

The next event would be the House League Christmas tournament - Clay will arrange a meeting with the Conveners to update them on expectations for the event.

10. New Business:

Trillium Grant – In the past Minor Hockey has partnered with the City. Our incorporated status is inactive and Brian is working towards get it reactivated, it has taken over 6 months now. Brian and Peter will form a committee to work on a grant proposal.

Equipment & Storage Room – Adrian spent several hours cleaning and re-organizing the Equipment room. Clay will remind the House League Conveners they are responsible for making sure the equipment is returned and properly stored after all their games.

Arena Issues – There was talk of trophy cases being built that never materialized. Dave pointed out the Elgin Mall has also offered to put up trophy cases for us. There have been issues with the lack of a Gender Neutral Dressing room; one of our female players is currently changing in the IP Storage Room. Chris will set up a meeting with Rob to discuss these items.

Referees & Timekeepers – Is there any chance we could get a Referee and Timekeepers schedule posted so that coaches and convenor know who is expected to show up for games or get a listing of timekeepers to contact in case of a no-show. Cindy will forward to Lisa.

Midget Program – Adrian has been getting questions about the purpose of the program – we set out to retain players in our system, are we meeting those objectives? By filling the roster we have accomplished what we set out to do, in the past we haven't even been able to roster a full team. We need to evaluate each year to make sure we are meeting the objectives. Adrian will head up a committee to evaluate the program at the end of this season.

Rhonda questioned if we should change the name of the Tyke Tournament, Elgin Chrysler gave less money to the program this year, and she wondered if we should change it to Mike Nesbitt Trucking. The Tyke tournament was tied in because of the Dodge Caravan for Kids. We will change the name for this year.

Clothing for Coaches – do we allow coaches to use the \$50 credit each year? Yes they can.

Office Hours – Mike suggested the office hours should be increased, especially in August – December. There are many things Lisa does not have enough time to keep up to date, due to the work load. Things like meeting minutes, web site updates, aren't being kept up to date.

Motion 09/11/2009 #025

Brian will form a committee to review and evaluate the Administrators Position, in the meantime office hours will increase to 9-5.

S. Nesbitt/M. Brisson

Carried.

Sheila, Peter, and Mike would be interested in sitting on the Committee.

Purchasing – Chris reminded everyone that in order to ensure purchases are handled effectively and efficiently the Board agreed all purchases need to go through Lisa. We need to make sure others are aware of purchases being made.

11. Meeting Dates:

It was suggested we should go back to a standard meeting day. Board meetings will be held the last Monday of the Month at 6:30pm.

Next Meeting – Monday November 30th, 2009.