

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Board of Directors Meeting
November 23rd, 2010
Ohi-Ontario Room**

In Attendance: Charmaine Goddeeris, Rob Clark, Rhonda Rickwood, Kevin Rickwood, Adrian Douglas, Chris Smith, Lois Corkum, Steve Woolley, Harry Cosgrove, Troy Carlson.

Regrets: Sheila Nesbitt, Cindy Hodgins, Derek MacMillan, Dave Thomson, Peter Ostojic.

Ex-Officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:38.

2. Approval of Past Minutes:

Motion #035 11/23/2010

To Approve the Minutes of September 13th, 2010.

S. Woolley/R. Rickwood

Carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes:

2011 Tryout Progression – to be discussed under the Travel Report.

4. Travel Report:

Chris presented Derek's Report in his absence.

Minor Bantam Team Fundraising events scheduled to date include: Christmas Dance to include donations to the Caring Cupboard, Valentines Dance, Hair Cut Challenge. They have also had a BBQ and Garage Sale.

Jersey Bags – were purchased for the AE teams @ \$20 per bag, they are smaller and easier to use than the old bags. It was suggested we consider purchasing additional bags for the A teams.

AE Tournament Issue – An unknown male entered our Atom AE teams dressing room (to fill a water bottle) there was 1 player left in the dressing room alone when the male entered. The parents of the player expressed their concerns and the issue was reported to the Arena Staff. Overall it seems this was an innocent sequence of events – the team has been reminded of the 2 deep rule and Parks Department has reminded us to enforce the 2 deep rule with all our teams.

Tryout Committee – We have still not received final confirmation spring tryouts for the Chiefs. It has been suggested that players may be required to tryout for AAA then get a release to attend A or AA tryouts. We would like to have spring tryouts for Import players with a yet to be determined # invited back to final tryouts in August. We would need to have a pre-registration system in place in order to determine the need for import tryouts. Discussion on Selection of Coaches, Roster sizes, Exceptional Player Rule and 7am practices were tabled until the next meeting.

Select Teams – Tyke and Novice Select teams are up and running. The Select 7's have entered 2 tournaments plus our own and the Novice Select has requested 4 tournaments. It was pointed out that 4 tournaments would total more than some Travel teams in costs and number.

Motion #036 11/23/2010

To allow the Novice Select team to enter 3 tournaments – 1 Drivable, 1 Away and Home.

T. Carlson/R. Rickwood

Defeated.

Motion #37 11/23/2010

To amend motion #26 to read to allow the Novice Select to enter 3 tournaments.

T. Carlson/R. Rickwood

Carried.

Shamrock Report – There are still some games to be re-scheduled.

Alliance Report – nothing to report the meeting is tomorrow.

5. House League Report:

IP Co-ordinator - Lisa Matchim has been named the IP co-ordinator.

Pictures – it appears we are doing pictures too soon after the start of the season – this year convenors were still trying to balance out teams and families were less willing to move because the teams pictures had been taken.

Midget House League – we are still trying to balance out teams, there are problems with players not showing up and others not wanting to change teams, Kevin is working with Gord to try and resolve any issues.

6. Tournament Report:

Tyke and Novice Select – we have 23 Tyke Teams and 4 Novice Teams confirmed. It was determined that our Tyke B team should not participate in the tournament, there would be no teams for them to be competitive with. It was suggested we could increase the number of Novice Select teams.

AE Tournament – Steve questioned the set up of the Atom AE division – Lisa explained at the last minute we dropped to 11 teams which is impossible to schedule giving each team 3 games, so each team was given 4 round robin games and the top 2 teams played in the Final, which increase the total games for the division by 2 at an additional cost of approx. \$360. If we had included Semi Final the additional cost increases to approx \$720 decreasing our overall profit. Our Atom team was disappointed that they were undefeated and didn't make the final – but it would have been impossible to predict that 3 teams could go through a 4 game round robin undefeated.

We had no vendors at the AE tournament - George Caves "the Hockey Card Guy" had passed. Gerry "Memorbeila" was unable to attend his wife had recently had surgery and Cam the "Photographer" was ill.

We will need Volunteer for presentations at the Christmas Tournament and for the Tyke Tournament.

We need to work on a better way to staff tournaments in the future.

7. Ice Report:

The Board reviewed the ice report. Steve questioned some of the differences, Lisa pointed out some teams with slightly more hours had taken advantage of the “optional” hours that were sent out to coaches for pick-up.

8. Admin Review:

Chris asked if there was any progress on this, Adrian indicated Sheila had sent an email to the proposed committee to determine their interest.

9. New Business:

Association Logo –currently STMHA uses Tommy Whites as our supplier for clothing etc. this is done to maintain control over what our logo is printed on and to maintain a consistent appearance with the teams – our Rules and Regulations state all attire must be purchased through the approved supplier. We have received a request from another supplier for our logo as they have received requests to print items. It was pointed out the competition is good for business and perhaps we should be giving suppliers the model of what we are looking for and tender out our apparel for a period of 1 or 2 years.

Referees – we have received come verbal complaints regarding Referees, Chris pointed out that the Referees Association is supplying us with a service and we have no right to request specific referees are not assigned. If there are problems we need to put those concerns in writing.

Trillium Grant – Chris attempted to get the application in by the deadline but things did not get finalized.

Motion #38 11/23/2010

To Adjourn.

L. Corkum/K. Rickwood.

Carried.

Next Meeting – December 14th Christmas Dinner Location to be determined.