

**St. Thomas Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 16th, 2010
Braxton's**

In Attendance: Chris Smith, Dave Thomson, Peter Ostojic, Rhonda Rickwood, Kevin Rickwood, Sheila Nesbitt, Cindy Hodgins, Harry Cosgrove.

Regrets: Troy Carlson, Derek MacMillan, Charmaine Goddeeris, Steve Woolley, Rob Clark, Lois Corkum, Adrian Douglas.

Ex. officio: Lisa Smith

1. Meeting Called to Order:
Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion #039 12/16/2010

To approve the minutes of the November 23rd, 2010 meeting.

R. Rickwood/D. Thomson

Carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Admin Review - Sheila clarified that a committee was struck after the AGM to do the Admin Review and she had emailed the Board Members who had indicated an interest at that time to see if they were still willing to participate. Two of the four members are no longer able to commit so Sheila would like to know if there is anyone else interested. Harry and Cindy will join the committee. Sheila will forward them the information gathered to date. She is hoping to start the review in January.

4. Travel Report:

Bantam AE AP Request – Derek received a request from the Bantam AE team to keep an AP on a permanent basis as their 16th skater. The AP has been filling in for a player out with a serious injury. The AP did not attend tryouts, but was recruited from House League after the season had started. Our Rules and Regulations state a player must attend tryouts. We have also received 3 letters from Parents of the team who do not want to see this happen.

Motion #40 12/16/2010

To deny the Bantam AE Request to use their AP on a permanent basis. The player may continue to serve as an AP to be used as needed in situations of injuries, illness or suspension.

D. Thomson/K. Rickwood

Carried.

1 declared conflict of interest.

Minor Pee Wee – A player from the Minor Pee Wee team is rumoured to be looking for a release due to a conflict with the Coach, if he quits our Rules and Regulations state he would only be eligible for House League - the Pee Wee team is wondering if they are still able to AP the player. Chris has talked to the family and believes the situation is being resolved.

Select and IP Programs – Derek and Chris have been assisting Troy with the programs.

'97 Europe Tour – The team's application must be in to the OMHA by the end of the year so a motion is required.

Motion #041 12/16/2010

To support the '97 Minor Bantam's 2011 European Tour. STMHA will also donate the \$1000 Bond payable to the OMHA.

R. Rickwood/P. Ostojic

Carried.

The Board has also asked that Scott Tottle supply a list and cost of items to be covered under the teams fundraising ventures.

5. Shamrock Report:

Nothing new to report - the meeting was cancelled this month due to weather.

6. Alliance Report:

Chris will be attending a meeting on Saturday regarding the Made for Ontario Plan. No other details were available, Chris will report back.

7. Disciplinary Committee:

Peter reported the committee met to discuss the Bantam AE incident – 3 players directly involved have been suspended for one game and have supplied letters of apology to the City of St. Thomas. The team will not lose a practice. The team has also been banded from the use of Dressing Rooms 5 & 6 until February 1st.

8. House League Report:

The Christmas tournament schedule has been posted. Convenors will each be looking after their own divisions and Kevin will be around during the tournament. T-shirts have been ordered and Esso will supply medals for the final games. Rhonda will look into setting up an official "puck drop" with Centennial Sports Club and Dowlar Karn.

Referees – Kevin is concerned with the Referees during Pee Wee house league games they seem to lack experience which has caused Coaches and Parents to become frustrated. He wondered if there was a way to get some older more experienced Referees involved with our program. Chris indicated any mentorship type program would have to go through the local association and the OMHA and past experience indicates this would be difficult to work out.

Bantam Tournament Request – A Bantam house league coach is interested in taking his team to a House League tournament in Ajax in March. The Board is fine with the team attending provided the parents are in agreement. The team must also have a full complement of qualified coaches so that it can team can be properly rostered. Lisa will review it to make sure everything is fine.

9. Refund Request:

A refund request was received after the November 30th deadline. The family has requested a refund for medical reasons and have provided a Doctor's note. The player presented with symptoms in October and only played 3 games, surgery is now required and the player will miss the remainder of the season. Some Board members questioned why the family waited until now to request the refund.

Motion #042 12/16/2010

To approve a refund of 75% less the Admin Fee.

R. Rickwood/K. Rickwood

Carried.

10. New Business:

Chris sent a request to Aldermen Warden and Aldermen Kohler for lights to put up at Wellington and Third Ave, Aldermen Kohler indicated that while planned at one time budget constraints may be a factor. It was suggested that perhaps a petition be started in order to help the process.

Made for Ontario Plan – Chris will be attending an Alliance Meeting on the Made for Ontario Plan on Saturday. The OMHA and Alliance have come to an agreement and it will be discussed at the meeting.

Motion #043 12/16/2010

To adjourn.

S. Nesbitt/C. Hodgins

Carried.