



Thompson Minor Hockey Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Rhonda McDonald, Maxine Larway, Claude Hykawy, Clinton Bullock, Troy Steeves, Darcy Delyea, Diane Platford, Kristina Hearn, Dave Dawson, Tanya Oakes, Angela Cummings, John McNevin, Darin Kulbaski, Dennis Rathgeber

Regrets: Christina Reuther, Kris Menard, Murray Kissick

Absent: None

Minutes: Kristina Hearn

Approval of the June 16th meeting minutes. No errors or omissions. Motion to accept minutes adopted as read by Darcy Delyea, seconded by Clinton Bullock. CARRIED

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: None

Additions to New Business: Referees

Treasurer Report: None

President Report:

2007/08 Suspensions Carry-overs:

- Pee wee coach for one game.
- Pee wee player is in question whether or not he had a game misconduct left from last season. Clinton Bullock to confirm. **ACTION...Clinton**
- Midget AA – player was suspended indefinitely. Clinton Bullock to confirm the status with Hockey Manitoba. **ACTION...Clinton**

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Clinics - The Initiation will take place on October 3rd, 2008. The session will be held in the evening. Murray Kissick has reserved the rooms; Clinton will confirm which rooms we have. Two separate rooms will be required on the Sunday. The safety session will be held on October 4th, 2008. Interested people can sign up online. Referees also need to register online. Dave Dawson wondered who was to be paying for the session online. It was confirmed that although the option to pay online is there, you do not have to pay until you get to the session. Diane will find out who needs to pay the coaching fees.

ACTION... Diane

Old Business:

Evaluations: Darcy reported that the evaluations went well. The number of kids at the evaluations seemed to be down in some groups. Teams are to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Angela Cummings reported a concern that there were first year players attending the second year players ice time. Troy Steeves explained that a coach had asked two first year players to attend the second year ice time (one reason being they needed the one player as a goalie). It was stated that these evaluations are only intended to evaluate individual players in order to place them on house league teams. The players are divided in their respective age groups and not by caliber. This will be stressed for next year and the only exception is if a second goalie is needed to run the session.

Registration: Kristina reported that as of September 15th, our registration numbers are as follows:

Pre-novice - 38

Novice - 49

Atom - 72

Peewee - 52

Bantam - 47

Midget - 41

Grand total is 289.

Registration will continue on Friday, September 19th at 7pm at the arena. Angela Cummings will be available to help Kristina.

General Meeting: Diane has set the General meeting date to October 20th, 7p.m. in the Mary Fenske boardroom, just prior to our regular board meeting.

Ice: Diane reported that we are still in negotiations with the city, and that we do not have any answers yet. She also pointed out that there is no need to panic because the regular season does not start until after the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Directors Reports:

Troy Steeves... Troy reported that he has already been contacted by a couple of teams from down south. Munn Cup purchased a computer for TMHA, as well as made a \$1500.00 donation to the new arena on behalf of TMHA. They have also purchased two seats for the Munn family. Troy noted that they have begun preparations for the tournament. Teams that have been in contact with Troy have been advised to book their hotel rooms now. There was a point made that if there is not enough room in the hotels in town, the schools may be available. It was pointed out that last year the teams were not interested in staying in schools.

Clinton Bullock... Clinton reported that there will be a clinic on October 5th beginning at 8am. The level 3 & 4 coaches have already been certified. Kevin Hayco did this program and suggested that we begin a mentoring program.

Tanya Oakes... Tanya reported that a coach inquired as to whether or not he needed to coach again this year. He is concerned that if he does not coach this year, he will have to pay back money from his coaching clinic last year. It was clarified that you only need to coach once within the following two years of getting certified in order to not have to pay back the money. There may be as many as 5 goalies in Peewee this year. Tanya wanted to

clarify the fact that goalies are allowed to play out during the year in Peewee and it was confirmed that they do not have to commit to playing goal all year until Bantam. The manager for the Prince Albert AA team contacted Tanya about a tournament invitation. Tanya forwarded the contact info to Dustin.

Rhonda McDonald... Rhonda confirmed what she needs to do in these next few weeks (find coaches; send the coaches to the clinic on Oct 3-5).

Maxine Larway... Maxine reported that she is getting daily calls. She has been in contact with one mom who would like to coach this year. Maxine expressed her concern about the amount of ice time that the girls would have. Darcy and Diane noted that the program would have at least 1 hour a week.

New Business:

Referees - Diane reiterated (from the last meeting) the three possible solutions to entice referees to continue to ref and asked Clinton which scenario he feels is the best. Clinton noted that TMHA purchasing their own jerseys sounds like a great idea since many of the kids are buying the wrong jersey (they are buying the NHL ref jersey instead of the one mandated by Hockey Canada). Darcy suggested that once the referees have worked an entire year that we reimburse their clinic registration fee at the end of the season. It was pointed out that if we are going to do this, we will need to be on top of who is in their second year of refing.

Claude motioned that we reimburse the referee registration fee in their second year of refing based on their recertification. They will also be required to ref a minimum of 10 games prior to getting paid. Seconded by Tanya Oakes. CARRIED

Munn Cup will purchase 3 referee jerseys. **ACTION... Troy**

Clint recommended that 3 referees get the bonus of \$100.00 from last year. These three kids reffed over the expected number of games. Each kid did over 40 games. Seconded by Dave Dawson. CARRIED

Clint received an email forwarded by Jason Haywood (Norman Hockey Referee in Chief) from Assign by Web. For \$200.00 you can email them your schedule, they post it, and the kids can check when they are supposed to be refereeing. Maxine wanted to know the benefits of this.

ACTION... Clinton to complete the two hour tutorial and report back to the board if this program would be valuable to our organization. Rhonda asked if we knew of another minor hockey club that was using this, and perhaps we could contact one to see what they considered the advantages/disadvantages to be.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:10 p.m. 1st Troy Steeves, 2nd Dave Dawson. CARRIED

Next Meeting: October 6, 2008 @ 7pm - Mary Fenske Board Room