

Thompson Minor Hockey Association
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Maxine Larway, Claude Hykawy, Troy Steeves, Darcy Delyea, Diane Platford, Kristina Hearn, John McNevin, Darin Kulbaski, Tanya Oakes, Rhonda MacDonald, Dennis Rathgeber, Christina Reuther, Clint Bullock, Kris Menard, Murray Kissick

Regrets: Dave Dawson,

Minutes: Kristina Hearn

Delegates: None

Additions to New Business: Midget tournament.

Treasurer Report: Paid some bills. A \$500.00 float was given for registration. Deposits from Registration have been made. The deposit total is extremely low for this time of year, but was assured by Kristina that everything is now deposited.

Correspondance: Accepting the coaching staff of all A select teams from Atom to Bantam (uncertainty as to whether or not there will be a Midget A team for this season).

Bantam A: Motion to accept coaching staff: Kris Menard, seconded by Claude Hykawy CARRIED

Peewee A: Motion to accept coaching staff: Note that Ray Zimmerman must call Hockey Canada to ensure that they recognize that he has his Respect in Sport. Motion to accept coaching staff: Kris Menard, seconded by Brian Moss CARRIED

Atom A: Motion to accept coaching staff: Claude Hykawy, seconded by Brian Moss CARRIED

Kathy Valentino, manager of the Peewee AA team, has sent a letter in regards to what will happen in the event that the CA rink is not finished in time for the Prince/Bercheid Tournament and whether or not we should be hosting a AA side, plus given the fact that Norman Hockey has brought in the new policy of guraranteeing 4 AA teams in the tournament. Kris pointed out that Cross Lake and OCN do not count as AA centres. It is going to be harder and harder to have AA tournaments. At the AGM in May, TMHA will pursue this issue with Norman Hockey. Murray Kissick noted that there are problems with having to play/not playing. We need to look at ourselves and see what we can do as an organization. We need to come up with a stable scenario, and figure things out

as a separate entity. Darcy pointed out that we have to think about building our players at home so that the AA teams can have a home tournament. Southern teams do not come up to Thompson for tournaments, especially the A teams. Motion to only host the A side Pee wee Prince/Bercheid tournament: Motioned by Diane Platford. Seconded: Darcy Delyea. CARRIED.

Welcome to Kevin Barnowich. Kevin will be taking care of Publicity.

Old Business:

Registration: A couple more registrations. Kristina is still accepting registrations.

The Midget AA hosted a tournament in Thompson this past weekend. They had 2 wins and 1 tie. Congratulations Miners! Kris Menard reported that there is a possibility of 4 – 5 more A players. The A team will be practicing every couple of weeks. If there is any less than 15 players, it is not worth it to have an A team. John currently has 3 goaltenders, which is fine because we need to give the kids the chance to develop their skills. If there will be an A team, we will run an ad for the coach.

Pee wee House League: Tanya asked for opinions on whether or not she should have 4 teams. It was decided that if things aren't working out, she can switch to having 4 teams from 3 after Christmas. Murray Kissick suggested to leave the number at 3 for a few weeks, and then reevaluate. Dave Dawson said there are a few weekends that he can give up Bantam time.

Director's Reports:

Pre-Novice (Rhonda): Parents are keeping the kids jerseys for now. If they need to be replaced it will be at a fee of \$50.00 paid by the parent. The skate on Halloween from 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. will probably be cancelled. John needs to know for certain 48 hours in advance. Rhonda needs parents names for her players. It was noted that the Norman Northstars will come and skate with the kids. We need to encourage parents to help their kids learn to skate as well (i.e. take them public skating)

Pee wee (Tanya): Things are going good. There is a new schedule for next month. The 3:15 p.m. practice on Saturdays is now a game.

Murray Kissick: Hitting clinic will be on November 2. This is for the Atom AA kids and first year PeeWees.

Novice (Dennis): Still needs a couple police record checks. The Novice tournament is scheduled for March 20th-22nd. There are 9 teams wanting to come, so this could be a 20 team tournament!

Equipment Manager (Brian): Donnie Mitchell donated a blocker and a trapper. Please have coaches call well in advance, not 30 minutes before they need something. Supplying pucks for the year costs around \$700.00. Is it possible to tell each kid they need to bring 3 pucks with them? We could start this next year. It was noted that every team has 50 pucks at the beginning of the year. The problem is we give them more pucks when we shouldn't. All select teams with the exception of Doug's and Carroll Aeros now have pucks. He is still working on the goalie equipment. There are 4 sets of goalie equipment. There may be a sponsor to purchase all four in the Pee wee house league.

Female Hockey (Maxine): Female hockey will need two sets of goalie equipment for Saturdays. There are 21 Atom players! ☺ Equipment sign-out sheet is very good. If nothing changes we will not have enough Tiger Jerseys. It was suggested that we could buy the set that was mis-ordered from JAKs last year. The reason they didn't work out last year was that they are mesh, and for boys playing contact, there is a strong chance they will tear, but maybe they will work for the female team. 2 weeks ago the Norman region held tryouts for their team. The calls were made last week, and 8 players from Thompson made it, 4 Midget and 4 Bantam. It was noted that the girl's first commitment is to their home organization because the girls will be double rostered. Their first tournament is January 12th-15th.

Fundraising (Claude): Made up two calendars and sent them to the teams. He is still waiting on one budget, and on the Bantam A team.

Atom (Christina): Things are going well. She finally has a proper format for the schedule. There may be some switching as to which team is home/visitor. Every team has 18 kids.

Companies who donate things are unable to get a charitable receipt as TMHA is a non-charitable organization.

Program directors are expected to be at the coaches meeting in the Mary Fenske board room. Managers meeting will be in the tournament room.

Motion to Adjourn by Troy Steeves, Seconded by Claude Hykawy at 8:27 p.m.

Next Meeting November 3, 2008 in the Mary Fenske Board Room