

Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association
Minutes
March 20 2012@ 1900 hours
New Liskeard Old Council Chambers

Attendance: Allan Legros Fred Rivet Christian Lemire
 Shelly Dedo Hugo Rivet Trevor Desrosiers
 Sylvie Bailey Richard Beauchamp Cory Siermachesky
 Dyna McDonald

Regrets: Terry Pedersen, Don Lajoie

Late: Marc Robillard, Mike Kidd, and Natalie Rivet

1. Call to order by Allan Legros at 6:11pm
2. **Motion by Hugo Rivet and seconded by Shelly Dedo to adopt the agenda with addition to New Business 8.5 Novice A Fundraiser. CARRIED**
3. **Motion by Trevor Desrosiers and seconded by Richard Beauchamp to adopt the minutes from February 21/2012. CARRIED**
4. **Treasurer's/Administrator's report: Administrators/ Treasurer Report for February 21 2012.**

NOHA Annual General Meeting

The NOHA AGM will be held in Timmins this year on May 4th to 6th, 2012. The deadline for reserving banquet tickets is April 27th. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Rooms are available at Riverside Inn and Suites: \$89.99 for single or double and \$129.99 for suite. TSMHA will send a TSMHA representative to the AGM. Allan Legros will be attending for one day. Richard Beauchamp indicated if a resolution needs to be discussed at the AGM the request needs to be made by April 16/2012.

TSMHA Annual General Meeting

Fred Rivet suggested that the TSMHA AGM be held on Wednesday May 23rd, 2012. Fred recommended that each Executive member start working on their reports for the AGM. Fred requested that the reports be provided to him by April 30th, 2012 in order to ensure that the information can be made available to all members attending the AGM. It was suggested that the AGM be held in Haileybury this year as the AGM has been held in New Liskeard for the last 2 years. **Motion by Marc Robillard and seconded by Chris Lemire that the AGM for TSMHA be held on May 23/2012 in Haileybury. CARRIED**

NOHA Summit Chapter 2

The NOHA Summit Chapter 2 will be held in North Bay the first weekend of June at Nipissing University. TSMHA can send 2 delegates to attend the Summit. TSMHA need to decide who will represent the Association at this year's Summit. It was suggested that the members who attended the first Summit return. TSMHA will send 2 delegates to the NOHA Summit and the members that will attend will be decided after the AGM.

TSMHA Registration

Tentative dates set for the 2012-2013 player registrations are Wednesday June 20th, 2012 in New Liskeard, Wednesday July 18th, 2012 in Haileybury and Wednesday July 25th, 2012 in New Liskeard. Late registrations fees will be charged on all registrations completed after August 1, 2012. After this date an extra \$100.00 per player will be charged for late fees except for Tykes, as per minutes.

Midget players will also be exempt from late registration fee as we have a lot of players that tryout for the Lions and Cubs, before they come and register with TSMHA.

NOHA Card Refund

TSMHA is estimating a refund in the amount of \$2,802.80 give or take, plus a few double carded coaches. The NOHA will reconcile our teams in early April and a refund will be issued sometime after that. We have already been refunded for the Midget C team, which we did not ice this year.

NOHA Tournament of Champions

TSMHA hosted very successful TOC. It was suggested that the format that was used this year continue. Having the teams organize their own tournament went very well. They truly put their heart and soul into the event to ensure success. Congratulations to Sandra Peddie and Louise Plante for the Bantam TOC and Angela Huppe and Casey Hearn for the Novice/Peewee TOC. It was suggested that an ad be put in the speaker to thank the sponsors who contributed to the TOC. **Motion by Marc Robillard and seconded by Trevor Desrosiers that TSMHA spend \$240 +HST for an ad in the Temiskaming Speaker to thank all the Sponsors of the NOHA tournaments hosted by TSMHA. CARRIED**

Volunteer Cheques

All volunteer opportunities have now been completed and the cheques have been deposited. There are still a few outstanding NSF cheques to get cleared regarding volunteers. We ended up with a total of 71 players that did not volunteer for the association which represents 16.9% of our membership.

Fall Try Outs

It looks like things are panning out regarding fall ice. The ice will be in for the last week of July. TSMHA should have the ice available that was requested at the last meeting. Ice time has already been requested for August/2012.

CORRESPONDANCE /MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

NDHL North Finals (In the arena)

I have received a comment from one parent regarding the NDHL North Finals. No medals were given to the kids at the playoffs. They would like to see medals awarded to players. Maybe this is something the Northern Loop could look into for next season. Allan Legros indicated that this issue was discussed at the NDHL meeting and decided that medals would not be awarded as the teams who win the NDHL Finals move on to a tournament where medals are awarded.

Steps to Leadership Program (E-mail)

TSMHA has been asked to speak for this program regarding working with volunteers. The Leadership Program has asked that a 40 minute presentation be presented. TSMHA needs to decide if they would

like to participate. Executive members are asked to volunteer for this task. There is lots of literature to help prepare for this discussion. Fred will like to know within the next week if anyone is interested in doing a 40 min presentation on working with volunteers.

Fred indicated that he paid the equipment insurance coverage however a possible increase in coverage of \$80 000 was discussed. It was determined that an increase in coverage was not necessary because we will not have any jerseys in inventory this season that would surpass \$50 000 in value.

Fred did get correspondence from the City of Temiskaming Shores for a rate increase of 2% in user fees.

5. Correspondence/phone calls-See administrator report

6. Business arising from the previous minutes:

- 6.1 Meeting with the City of Temiskaming Shores and Users meeting-See Administrator report.
- 6.2 Team Funding Policy-need to have a deadline date-Fred Rivet and Sylvie Bailey. Fred suggested that teams need to be aware that the manager's need to request parent refund from their team account before April 30. It was suggested that this be added to the team refund policy. The team refund policy will be revised at our next meeting.
- 6.3 HDCCO-Hockey Trainer's Certification Program Recognition Award-Fred Rivet-TSMHA will not participate in this program.
- 6.4 Renewal of Insurance Policy for equipment-Fred Rivet-see Administrator report.
- 6.5 Outstanding policies to be reviewed
 - 6.5.1 Ice allocation policy-Cory Siermachesky presented a tentative Ice Allocation Policy to be revised by the Executive members so that feedback could be provided before the next TSMHA meeting at which time the policy can be motioned and accepted.

A discussion was held regarding teams attending the OHF and OWHA tournaments. It was suggested that TSMHA pay for 2 practises per week for teams who attend that OHF and OWHA. **Motion by Sylvie Bailey and seconded by Trevor Desrosiers that TSMHA will pay for 2 practises per week for teams going to the OHF and OWHA. Any money left over in that team account shall be used first before TSMHA will pay.**
CARRIED

- 6.6 Jersey's/letter requesting donations/addresses-Allan Legros indicated that TSMHA has been paid from Pedersen Construction and Grant Home Hardware for donations towards the jersey project. The Waterfront Inn has also confirmed their donation for the jersey project as well.
- 6.7 Jersey Committee update/prototype-All-Hugo Rivet indicated that a tender will go out to Temiskaming Printing, Source for Sports, Eagle Wings and Arc Industries regarding the purchase of the jerseys. The e-mail will go out to the aforementioned companies within the next 2-3 days and responses will be requested within the next 10 days.
- 6.8 Frog's Breath application-Cory Siermachesky indicated that the application has been forwarded to the Frog's Breath Foundation.
- 6.9 Reebok socks vs. wool socks-Richard Beauchamp requested feedback from the executive members regarding reebok socks vs. wool socks. Most members felt that the reeboks socks were of better quality and durability.
- 6.10 Registration dates/Fred to provide tentative dates-Fred Rivet-see administrator report. Suggested dates were June 20/2012 in New Liskeard, July 18/2012 in Haileybury and July 25/2012 in New Liskeard. Freddie will check if halls are available than confirm the dates. Registration forms will need to be modified to ensure correct information is obtained at the time for registration. It was also suggested that the volunteer funds be paid by cheque as this will facilitate refunding those who volunteer. Loony table fees will be added at the time of registration to help facilitate the collection of money for this worthwhile fundraiser.

- 6.11 Executive member-A discussion was held regarding head coaches being available for Executive duties. Allan Legros wondered if being involved with both coaching and being involved as a board member was an overwhelming task for members without taking away the expertise that coaches bring to the association. Trevor Desrosiers and Chris Lemire indicated that they felt that their head coaching position did not interfere with contributing to the Board. Hugo Rivet indicated that members should take turns in doing certain jobs. It was cautioned that the Executive Members involved in two roles ensure to consider the association as a whole when making decision as opposed to their team.
- 6.12 Coach evaluation form update-Allan Legros indicated that some evaluation forms are coming back and will be reviewed. All members were provided with a chance to provide input.
- 6.13 Tournament policy changes-Dyna MacDonald-deferred
- 6.14 Neo Net Funding Website update-Hugo Rivet contacted Neo net and they have funding up to 5000\$ to set up an interactive website. Hugo indicated that the application form to access the funding will be completed in an attempt to get funding. Allan Legros indicated that we, as an Association want to ensure that TSMHA modernize their current system and keep up with technology. Allan Legros indicated that the plan is to start with a basic system and eventually expand to an interactive system.

7. Reports of Committees: None

8. New Business

- 8.1 Turcotte Stick Handling School-Allan Legros indicated that the Turcotte Stick Handling School has agreed to do a 1 week session at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena which helped persuade the City of Temiskaming Shores to put in ice in mid-July.
- 8.2 Extending existing clothing contract to Temiskaming Printing vs. putting up to tender-A discussion was held regarding extending the existing clothing contract to Temiskaming Printing for the upcoming year. Richard Beauchamp suggested that TSMHA put the contract to tender. All were in agreement that the contract go to tender, however TSMHA will expect the same service that was provided this season.
- 8.3 Discussion of ideas about what we can purchase next season to help minor hockey and offer our members more, for example; extra ice time, free hockey weekend, hockey school or coaches training-Allan Legros recommended that the Executive members think of a wish list for their portfolio. Allan suggested that TSMHA provide more to its members to help enhance their Minor Hockey experience. Allan suggested that another set of half boards could be purchased. Trevor Desrosiers suggested that a year-end party be organized by the Association with a possible 3 on 3 tournament. Sylvie Bailey suggested better prizes for our local tournaments.
- 8.4 Spring skate for new skaters wanting to try the game of hockey-Allan Legros suggested that a promotional weekend to get kids out to play hockey be offered to new skaters to see if these players are interested in hockey.
- 8.5 Novice A Fundraiser-A discussion was held regarding the NEOHA hosted by the Novice A team. The tournament was organized by the Novice A team parents. The funds raised at this tournament were discussed and it was decided that given that the parents had contributed \$100 each at the beginning of the year that the funds would be returned to the parents. It was however noted that protocols were not followed during this tournament. It is important to note that any fundraising request must be approved by the administrator before a team proceeds with any fundraising activity.

Marc Robillard wondered about the need for a financial review. Allan Legros indicated that TSMHA committed to have a financial review completed after this season and therefore a local accountant will be proceeding with the financial review.

Next meeting April 17 2012

Motion by Marc Robillard and seconded by Chris Lemire to adjourn the meeting 8:58pm.

Written by
Sylvie Bailey
Secretary