

# TECUMSEH SHORELINE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

Date: November 17, 2014

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Tecumseh Arena

1. **Call to Order: 7:18 p.m.**

Present: Sandy Perreault      Ron Sanko      Albert Frattaroli  
          John Samoila      Matt MacPherson      Greg Gringas  
          Darren Lacoursiere      Domenic Chimienti      Steve Burke  
          Pete Morassutti

Absent: Derek Kelly      Garry Rossi      Cliff Tucker

2. Approve Minutes for October 20, 2014

*Motion to approve the Minutes for October 20, 2014 with minor amendments.*

*Motion made by: Pete Morassutti*

*Seconded by: Sandy Perreault*

*All in favour and carried unanimously.*

### **Reports**

**President's Report** - nothing to report.

### **VP Travel Report**

See report. We may want to start considering looking at the possibility of reclassifying any or all teams from AA to A. Some discussion ensued about what the criteria is with the OMHA. Based on our competitiveness, we should seriously think at looking at what our options are going forward. Obviously we would like to look at amalgamation as the first option, possibly an alliance as the second option and then reclassification. It is noted that the OMHA has criteria for reclassifications and we will have to look into that further. However, all of this needs to be addressed in the next two (2) years.

Greg Gingras entered the meeting.

## **VP House League Report**

Interlock in Midget-Juvenile. Apparently there has been a lot of fighting and aggression. Would like three (3) referees on the ice only for the interlock games. Discussion ensued as to why are we allowing this to happen in the first place. We need to provide safe environment for the players. Perhaps we should contact Belle River and Riverside and talk to them about enforcing a minimum suspension of five (5) games for any fighting in order to get this under control. We need to get the associations on the "same page" and then inform the players that there will be big suspensions before we consider going to an extra referee.

For the Peewee division and up, all parents and guardians etc. have been informed that they are not allowed to come in the change rooms. Its appears to be not an issue.

Matt MacPherson entered the meeting.

We are also working on certifying more volunteers as coaches in order to have more coaches available.

## **VP Travel Report - continuation**

Having a huge issue in travel with trying to go to a three (3) man referee system in the travel program from the ages of Bantam and up. The issue is that there are not a lot of referees that are qualified. Some discussion ensued about trying to figure out ways to get Level 2 referees qualified to a Level 3. The Toronto area is fine with qualified referees but outside of Toronto is where they are having issues. Craig Lane is sending letters out to all associations. The main problem is that any referee that is good ends up being pulled by the Junior division. There is also an age issue because the referees need to be at least 2 years older than the kids that they are refereeing.

Midget Major has lost another player due to many issues. Tried to keep him in hockey but was unable in the end. The question is, are there any kids that we can call up from house league? If so, please let Ron Sanko know.

## **Finance Report**

See Al's report. Double refund issue has been resolved with the exception of three (3) individuals and we will continue to contact these individuals.

Receipts for hockey. Need to provide these for income tax purposes as it has been upped from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

**Governance – n/a.**

**Communications – n/a**

**Past President – n/a**  
**Ethics and Conduct – n/a**  
**Sponsorship – n/a**

**Registrar Report** – impose deadline for Respect in Sport and police clearances – November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Registration deadline – December 1<sup>st</sup>

*Motion to approve committee reports*

*Motion made by: Pete Morassutti*

*Seconded by: Ron Sanko*

*All in favour and carried unanimously.*

### **New Business**

3. Pete has now joined the committee for amalgamation along with Sandy Perreault. More talks have been happening with different associations. We may look at the different options for maintaining individual house league and travel associations. Looking at feedback from the Board with respect to what their thoughts are as to what they are looking at for amalgamation also. Some have lifetime members and/or non-voting members. Each association wants to try and keep their individual identity as an association as well. Long discussion ensued.
4. Referee – What is the process to approve new referees. They are interviewed and then if approved, go to referee school. The new Referee and Chief is to be directed that all referees have to be approved by the Board.
5. Referees for House League – a three (3) man system was used previously in house league. It was agreed last year that it is not needed for this season. They have been running three (3) man in bantam (in order to train referees) and midget juvenile with respect to the safety etc. If they want to use this as an opportunity to train one referee then the fees for two referees need to be split among the three or the one being trained is doing it for free. Some discussion ensued and it was felt that a referee can be trained without having three on the ice and should only train one referee at a time.

On another note, some discussion ensued about who the referee and chief should answer too. He will be meeting with VP Travel and VP House League on a quarterly basis to see how things are going.

Payment for referees is on a four (4) week system. Albert will inform them of the same.

6. Legion wants to know if there are any players ages Bantam and up to help with their fish fry on Friday nights. Can also get volunteer hours for highschool. We can send something out to the kids in that age group.
7. Goalie equipment program for travel at Atom and below. We have two (2) goalies in the past three weeks that need new equipment. We have budgeted it for up to 6 goalies however, Tecumseh owns the equipment and Guy Decedere is in charge of it and should take care of it.
8. Picture day – was well organized. Team pictures looked great on center ice etc. It all went really well. However, the order form was a bit confusing.
9. Next meeting date is to be determined.
10. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

*Motion made by: Peter Morassutti*

*Seconded by: Greg Gingras*

*All in favour and carried unanimously.*