



Tillsonburg Minor Hockey Inc.



April 12th, 2011 7:00pm

Agenda Annual General Meeting Lions' Den

1. **Call to Order:** at 7:05pm by Rob Tanner, Meeting Chairperson. Rob explained that he will take questions from the membership in order and to raise your hands if you wish to speak.

2. **President's Opening Remarks:** Walter Palermo welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone from parents, volunteers and Executive members. Walter mentioned that it had been a tough year due to the passing of Dan Hambleton as we continued to learn just how much Dan had done for TMHI in the past. His duties were taken over by three Executive members and Walter thanked the group for taking on more responsibilities this year. TMHI had a successful season with 4 teams winning an SC Championship. Walter thanked the Bench staff and Coaches and mentioned that the Lightning Committee has been reestablished. The Committee conducted a very successful 'Girls Hockey day' in Tillsonburg, a University Exhibition Varsity game and will be working on their first ever Girls tournament next season. Thank you to all the Hockey Moms for their hard work and their dedication and lastly, a thank you to all parents.

3. **Reading of the 2010 AGM Minutes:** Kimberly Scott read the 2010 AGM minutes and Everett Nieuwkoop motioned to accept the minutes and the motion was 2nd by Dana Hicks. Motion carried. A few members asked if the minutes had to be read and if it would be more efficient to print copies and hand out to membership as they enter meeting room. The minutes would not have to be read and voting could occur promptly. **Board to review Constitution and discuss time and cost effectiveness of proposal.**

4. **Financial Report:** Dana Hicks presented the financial report for the 2010-2011 season. The ice bill was the largest expense at \$163,538.57 which is down by \$48,076.22 year over year due to having 4 less teams, billing issues in the 2008-2009 season and the last ice bill from the 2009-2010 season being paid after the last financial report was presented. Our Registration income was 200,448.00 (\$213,078.00 less refunds of \$12,630.00). Our Nevada account sat at \$32,161.34 and there are limitations as to what we can spend this money on. Gate Revenue was up year over year for a total of \$6211.09 (\$9159.67 less gatekeepers' payment of \$2947.98) and referees payments for Rep and AE were \$9349.00 (this come directly out of gate revenue and is not included in the \$6211.09). Tournament revenues were up \$57,855.00 less expenses of \$11,458.00 not including ice or ref costs which account for most expenses at tournaments. We saved approximately \$4511.00 year over year on awards for teams/players. OMHA players insurance was \$16,184.88 and was lower than last season based on lower

number of players. LL referees fees were \$21,742.00. Girls Varsity Game brought in enough to donate \$1000 per team with the remaining amount to go towards future Girls programs. Equipment expenses were \$5001.80 which was in line with past seasons. Dana mentioned that the Hambleton Family donated \$5000 to TMHI. Jason Lessif asked where the \$50,000.00 reserve came from? Rob Tanner mentioned that back in 1999 during our 50th anniversary; TMHI had to borrow \$4000 from Hockey Moms to get out of 'the red'. TMHI then decided to build in a cushion of \$25,000.00. Approximately 5 years ago, they increased it to \$50,000.00 since a years ago, the savings had to be dipped into. Jason suggested we set a percentage of our budget as our buffer and spend the rest. **Board to review suggestion.** Dana mentioned that our financials had been reviewed independently by an auditor. We could not do a formal audit (costing from \$5000-\$7000) as an auditor would not guarantee the report due to the amount of cash transactions we have. Jane McLean mentioned that she would like to see a copy of the statements and Scott McLean felt he was being asked to vote on something he has not seen ahead of time. **Kimberly motioned that we accepted financial report as written and 2nd by Tina. Motion passed with a few members abstaining.** **PS.** Board discussed and it was felt that posting the financial statements would not be wise as they would not be confidential to our own membership. A copy is available to read in the MH room if a member would like to see them.

5. Registration: Tornados rostered 368 players which was a decrease of 14 players from the previous season. Atoms had 58 players, Bantam 50, Midget 69, Novice 28, Pee wee 68 and Tykes were 95. There were 93 team officials and 26 registered teams. For the Lightning side, we had 3 teams of 43 players with 14 on the Atom team, 11 on Pee wee and 18 on the Midget team. We had 2 teams less then the 2009-2010 season. Darryl Homick felt that the on line registration system was confusing. Board mentioned that the system puts players into divisions based on their birth year. They can also email the Board/Registrar for help and they can fix any errors.

6. OMHA Report/Rep Report: OMHA: Chip Barkhouse mentioned that the OMHA AGM would be June 10th & 11th in Richmond Hill. TMHI can send 9 representatives and please let the Executive know if you would like to represent our center. Elections will occur at the meeting. Current Western District VP Joyce Junker is seeking election as President and our Region 2 Executive Member Bill Leask is seeking to replace Joyce. Our inter-town LL President Linda Ralf is seeking election of the Region 2 position. Biggest change this year is the "Made in Ontario" plan where peewee players from BB and lower can tryout at their closest OMHA designated AA and A center. A passport will be issued prior to tryouts and a player can tryout for either center but not both. A player does not have to tryout for AAA first. Each center is only allowed 3 non resident players on their roster. **REP/AE:** There were 8 teams this year who played 140 home games. Novice BB coached by Scott Baird, won the C Championship in the Hagersville Tournament, and were semi finalists in SC. The Atom BB team coached by Mark Brazier brought home 3 "A tournament Championship titles and won the A Championship title in SC. The Atom AE BB team coached by Derek Partlo were the B Champions in the Tillsonburg tournament and won Silver at the Regional Silver Stick. They were semi finalists in SC. The Pee wee BB team coached by Drew Sinden, were A champions in the Tillsonburg tournament and won the Pelham Silver Stick and did well at the International SS. They also won the A SC

Championship. The Pee wee AE BB team coached by Terry Hildebrant, were C division champs at the Tillsonburg tournament, finalist in the A division at the Aylmer AE tournament and won the A Championship in SC. The Bantam BB team coached by Wayne Ostermaier won the A Championship in the Tillsonburg tournament, and did well at the Bobby Orr tournament in Parry Sound.

7. House League Report (Novice to Pee wee): Clayton Collver would like to thank all the coaches, managers and trainers for their dedication to all the young hockey players this year. TMHI had four teams advancing to the Local League semi-finals this past season. Everett Nieuwkoop, Pee wee #1 and Marty Maertens, Pee wee #3 team advanced to the "B" semi-final. Pee wee #1 was eliminated by Waterford with 59 secs left in the third overtime period and Pee wee #3 was eliminate by Ingersoll. Jim Battin, Novice team advance to the "A" final and was unsuccessful against a strong Simcoe team. Scott McLean, Atom #2 team advance to the "B" final and was victories over Simcoe to the capture the "B" Championship.

(Bantam to Midget): Rob Tanner mentioned that this year we had one bantam LL team registered. They competed in the B division for the second half of the season and had 5 wins, 5 losses and 4 ties. They almost qualified for the semi-finals for the Southern Counties loop, but missed out by one point. TMHI had three Midget LL teams. Team 2 qualified to play the second half of the season in the A division and had 4 wins, 8 losses and 2 ties. They didn't qualify for the semi finals of the Southern Counties Playoffs. Team 1 and Team 3 played the second half of the season in the B division but neither team qualified for the Southern Counties Playoffs.

8. Initiation Program Report: Dana Hicks mentioned that there were 100 players registered in the IP program this year. The Tim Horton's sponsored Beginners were led by some great coaches who are CHIP certified. The Tim Horton's sponsored JR Tykes participated in games against Burford and Norwich. Their season ended up with a C championship in the Six Nations tournament. The Tykes division had three teams this year sponsored by TriCounty Remax. The red team participated and won the Langton, Plattsville and Delhi tournament. The blue team had a successful year participating in the Delhi, Tillsonburg and losing in the Six Nations tournament final. The white team won the Six Nations and Tillsonburg tournament and won the B side Championship in the Langton tournament. Thank you to the Hockey Moms for supplying the Tyke socks. Thank you to Dan Sanders for paying for the pizza at the year end party. Jason Lessif asked how the numbers were overall. Dana mentioned that there was only a difference of 10 year over year.

9. Lightning Hockey Report: Megan Simmonds mentioned that the hockey committee was reinstated this year to promote girls hockey and they organized a "Girls Hockey Day" in Tillsonburg where every girls team was featured. We had vendors selling girls hockey merchandise and had an RBC Olympian here to promote girls athletics. We also had an Exhibition University Varsity hockey game in Tillsonburg between Western and Mc Master. Thanks to all of the businesses and people who donated items to our silent auction. Approximately 400 people attendant the game. The Midget C team ended up first place in their Division with a record of 12 wins 5 ties and 5 losses, they also won gold in lower lakes championship weekend in Toronto. The team won gold at the Kitchener tournament. The Pee wee HL team also ended up first in their WOGHL division with a record of 13 wins, 1 tie and 6 losses. The Atom HL team played in WOGHL and they ended 4th in their division

with a record of 8 wins, 3 ties and 10 losses, they also won the Woodstock Wildcats tournament.

10. Hockey Moms' Report: Sandy Barkhouse mentioned that the Hockey Moms had a very successful season which allowed them to make several contributions to players and their families in Tillsonburg Minor Hockey. Through the sales of Nevada tickets, convening the annual Tyke Tournament, annual Halloween dance, treasure shop, and clothing sales, they were able to provide one pair of socks to each player in Minor Hockey, restock first-aid kits, and sponsor the registration of players in need. This year we were also able to donate \$250 toward the registration of six players for next season (total \$1500), pay for the meals of all players attending the year-end banquet and purchase new water bottles and pylons for next season. This could not have been achieved without the generous support of the families, players and local businesses that contribute so much to our organization. Hockey Moms would also like to gratefully acknowledge the support of the members of the Executive and thank them for working alongside our group to help us achieve our goals of improving the experience for all players involved in Tillsonburg Minor Hockey. We are always looking for more Moms interested in joining to be active participants and encourage everyone to watch the website advertising our first meeting in the fall.

11. Referees' Report: Steve Garham mentioned that he is the past Referee in Chief which means that Andrew Gradish and Chris Parker were in charge of scheduling the referees. He continued to run the referee meetings but slowly letting these gentlemen take over. There were over 650 games played in Tillsonburg this season. We had 32 officials and lost 9 last season. Eight new ones started this season. Send email to Steve in June/July if you would like to become a referee and you must be 14years and old. Andrew Gradish refereed the Gold medal game in the OHF Single A tournament and the same official who refereed the University Varsity game, refereed the OMHA Bantam AAA Championship game.

12. Proposed Constitution Amendments: Any amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing 30days prior to the AGM. Dave Moore thanked the Board for all their work. He is not upset or dissatisfied with the current procedure but wanted to find a way to get the membership involved and take more work away from the Board. Dave Moore motioned for the following change (see attached). 2nd by Jason Lessif. Lynda Poredos asked if the members had to be Bench staff and would it be the same members for the entire year? Dave answered yes. Steve Garnham asked what would happen if no one applied? Dana Hicks mentioned that often the Board needs to meet asap as it is often a sensitive and volatile issue. Her concern is about confidentiality and the time commitment from the individual. Jane McLean mentioned that this Committee could be viewed as a Sub Committee of the Board. Becky Delaney asked how a personal conflict would be handled if it involved an actual committee member. Board answered that the individual would be asked to sit out for that particular meeting and they would work with reduced numbers. Robyn Hanson asked for confirmation that if a player whose parent was on the committee, if that person would be asked to excuse themselves. Jane McLean asked if the Board had come to a common decision about the motion. Board has discussed and their main concern was about confidentiality. Darryl Hommick mentioned that the conflict issue needs to be added to the proposal in writing. Board mentioned that another Board member could always be brought in if necessary. Dana Hicks mentioned that the Board always errs on the side of caution.

Someone mentioned that the practice is already in place if you reread the first line of the motion. Vote was called and motion carried. **Board to amend Constitution.**

13. Nominations for the 2011-2012 Executive:

- **appointment of Scrutineers:** Steve Garham and Rob Hutchison agreed and were asked to sit with Walter while the voting took place.
- **13.1 (1) Secretary – 1 Year:** Walter Palermo nominated Kimberly Scott. 2nd by Megan Simmonds. Kimberly declined. Dana Hicks nominated Sandy Barkhouse and she declined. Board will assign secretary from new Board members.
- **13.2 (1) Treasurer – 1 Year:** Kimberly Scott nominated Dana Hicks and nomination was 2nd by Megan Simmonds. Dana accepted. Chip Barkhouse nominated Becky Delaney and she declined. Dana was acclaimed
- **13.4 (6) Two Year Directors:** Board brought forth the following names: Walter Palermo, Marc Vandepoele, Robyn Hanson, and Clayton Collver. Kimberly Scott nominated Tamara Bull and 2nd by Robyn. Tamara accepted. Dana Hicks nominated Derek Partlo and he declined. Everett Nieuwkoop nominated Dave Moore and 2nd by Kimberly. Dave accepted. Someone asked about a conflict of interest since his spouse is a returning member of the Board. Rob Tanner mentioned that since it is not in the Constitution then it cannot be viewed as a conflict. Kathy DeBackere nominated Brenda Horvath and 2nd by Megan Simmonds. Brenda accepted. Becky Delaney nominated Jason Lessif and he declined. Dana Hicks nominated Darryl Hommick and he declined. Dana Hicks nominated Monic Collins and she declined. Everett Nieuwkoop nominated Richard Fuller and he declined. Chip Barkhouse nominated Scott McLean and he declined. Tina Kersten nominated Jane McLean and she declined. Derek Partlo nominated Scott Baird and he declined. Jane McLean asked if we had a nominated committee. Board stated yes but that we had to open it up to all members attending. Derek Partlo asked if we could explain the voting procedure again. First place receives 6 points, 2nd place receives 5 points and so on. You cannot vote for the same person twice or the vote will be discounted. Nora Hentz asked who would be staying from the Board members in attendance. Kimberly Scott pointed them out. Jane McLean asked if Walter would be Past President if he does not get reelected. Board answered yes. Sandy Barkhouse mentioned that she would like to hear from all candidates. Computer problem occurred and break was called (8:40pm-8:51pm). Voting procedure was explained one more time. Voting occurred and Scrutineers verified and watched the proceedings. Walter, Clayton, Marc, Tamara, Robyn and Dave were elected. One set of votes were disqualified as someone voted twice.
- **13.3 (2) One Year Directors:** Kathy DeBackere's name was brought forward by the Board. Chip Barkhouse nominated Richard Fuller and 2nd by Clayton. Richard accepted. Dana Hicks nominated Brenda Horvath and 2nd by Monic Collins. Brenda accepted. Rob Tanner nominated Gerry Hentz and he declined. Members can vote for two people and procedure remains the same. Monic

Collins asked for the candidates to speak. Voting occurred and Scrutineers watched and reviewed. Kathy and Brenda were elected. Robyn Hanson asked if someone new could be nominated as Secretary. Board asked if there was a name. Kathy Sinden asked what would happen now. Board answered that they would work with one less member this year. Motion to destroy ballots by Jane McLean and 2nd by Dana. Sandy Barkhouse asked if we could keep ballots to fill Secretary's position. Board answered no. Voting occurred and was passed with two abstaining. Scrutineers watched ballots being destroyed. Everett Nieuwkoop nominated Richard Fuller again for Secretary and he declined.

14. Other/New Business

- A-** Christine Verschueren asked if we could recognize more players at the year end Banquet? Board mentioned that each current award is specific to a role. All suggestion are welcome for new categories to be awarded
- B –** Darryl Hommick asked about the change to 7 years olds being able to tryout for Novice rep? Dana Hicks mentioned that this was not a change and that they always could tryout. Last year the Board changed the criteria for a player to tryout at a higher level. This year the Board went back and remove the top 5 criteria. OMHA changed the rule two years ago based on ability so the Board had to define 'ability'. This is up to each individual center to define. We had to set up criteria to be able to measure. This affected the Tykes division so we recinded the Tyke/Novice criteria. Darryl asked if all 7year olds could move to Novice LL without being told no by the Board. Board answered that the decision to move is up to the Board and that we need to look at numbers and ability before making a decision. Wayne King from the OMHA Chair IP Committee was in attendance and asked why a 7year old should be moved to Novice? Player should play at their level and should not be moved just to create a rep team.
- C-** Derek Partlo suggested that the Board needs to re-look at criteria for moving up players. Everyone has a difference opinion as to what a top 5 player may look like. The player either belongs on the team or doesn't. Board: responded that we have a system where independent evaluators come in and look at the player might it fair and unbiased. Jason Lessif remarked that regardless it it still the coaches decision in the end to take the player or not. Board responded yes. Chip Barkhouse mentioned that a parent could always take their request to the OMHA but that would cost time and money. Walter clarified that all levels except Novice player must make Top 5 of the higher team they are trying out for, in order to be offered a place on the team. A few members mentioned that they were not aware of this policy. Policy is written in the minutes and is in the Policy Manual. Dana Hicks mentioned that she has a meeting every year with Novice parents and this is something that comes up very year. Scott Baird mentioned that it would be great to have something in place to help coaches develop younger players. Either a Committee from the Board or a group of coaches that attend practices to give the coaches pointers. Everett mentioned that we had something in place a few years ago and even thought all the coaches promised to show up, many did not. Many complain that they are volunteers and should not have to spend any more time here than is necessary. Having a group attend all different practices requires a lot of time out of

their schedule. The Board has to be sensitive to all volunteer needs and wants, as many coaches do not want someone coming to their practices to critique them as they feel they are volunteering their time and we should be grateful with the time they are putting in. It's a fine line trying to find a balance. Wayne King mentioned that a Coaching program was starting in 1999 and that we could find a Development Coordinator to sit on the Board. Dana Hicks like the suggestion and mentioned that the Board would be looking at it and since there is so much talent in Tillsonburg, perhaps we could recruit and share this talent with others. (Future Meeting).

D- Derek Partlo suggested we try to find more ice time for practices. Perhaps teams could share ice. Full ice is not always being utilized. Chip mentioned that the Board has to look at the cost. Difficult to get parents to commit to practices before school. What about half ice for LL and full ice for rep? Could we run practices together between LL and Rep players? Dave Kersten asked about power skating? Board asked how coaches feel about sharing ice with same age group. Would coaches, players and parents buy into it? Could players learn from each other or would skill set leave some players frustrated? It was suggested that coaches with specific skills could step up and give power skating classes at no extra cost to the parents and Board. Rob Hutchison mentioned that coaches need to follow programs already set up by OMHA. Scott Baird mentioned that the program is only as good as the person executing them. Who monitors the execution of the program? Dana Hicks mentioned that the programs are monitors but they are only as good as the coaches who buy into them. There is often flack from the IP coaches as they have very specific manuals to follow and sometimes don't. Bob Coyle proposed that he would sit down with a few coaches and bring a full program to the Board for review. Board is more than happy to review it. (Future meeting). Derek Partlo also mentioned that he would like to see practice times being rotated as kids perform differently at different times and it is not always fair to have the same early morning practice time. Cathy Sinden mentioned that it is very difficult to schedule other sporting or life events if practices are not always at the same time. Scott Baird thanked the Board for all their hard work and the membership clapped. ☺ ☺ ☺

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15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dana at 10:10pm

Minutes by Kimberly Scott