

## Twin Centre Minor Hockey Association Executive Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020 – 7:00pm  
Wellesley Community Center

Present: David Dienesch, Laura Albrecht, Tammy Egli, Troy Cluthe, Greg Gedcke, Brett Bartlett, Luke Piasecki, Linda Chamberlain, Stefan Mitani, Kyle Mavin, Tonya Munro, Mike Ellison White, Krista Edwards

Absent: Bob Crawford, Andrew Martin

Guests: Dan Shaus, social media

### 1. Call to Order – 7:09 pm

David called meeting to order and thanked everyone for their work.

### 2. Minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Motion: To accept

Moved by: Tammy

Seconded by: Krista

Vote: All in favour

Motion: Passed

### 3. Association Reports

Treasurer Report: Tammy Egli

Profit and loss provided. Tammy noted that if you have any questions or concerns, they will be addressed by the finance committee. Ice cost is based on 736 hours.

Registrar: Tammy Egli

Nothing to report.

Banquet Chair Report – Krista Edwards

Nothing to report.

Photo Coordinator Report: Luke Piasecki

What are the plans for photos? This will be discussed once teams have been set.

Fundraising Chair Report: Open

Nothing to report.

Compliance Report: Linda Chamberland

Nothing to report.

Community Development Chair Report – Luke Piasecki

Nothing to report.

#### 4. Hockey Operations Report

U11-U21 Convenor Report: Greg Gedcke

Nothing to report

U7-U9 Convenor Report: Stefan Mitani

Nothing to report.

Equipment Chair Report: Andrew Martin

Nothing to report.

Coaching Committee Chair Report: Troy Cluthe

Nothing to report.

Game Coordinator Report: Mike Ellison White

Nothing to report.

Ice Scheduler Report: Tonya Munro

Nothing to report.

Hockey Development Report: Brett Bartlett

Nothing to report.

Tournament Chair Report: Kyle Mavin

Nothing to report.

#### 5. New business

Return to Hockey Plan

-FAQ

#### Covid Safety and Alert Group

Group Lead: David

Members: Laura, Luke, Krista

- We have had multiple meetings and discussions with the Township, they have signage and directions for where to go when you arrive
- Tracking and tracing- in conversation with the Township, they currently have a web based form, a few issues to be resolved (you can enter a date in the future, phone number is not included, if you answer yes to COVID it doesn't clarify that they cannot attend)

- Originally the Township was going to take on the tracing but because of privacy concerns we have to maintain the information
- Procedure completed for 'What to do if a participant is sick'
- Protocol-What to do when you get to the arena, we are using the Township's information to put along with our video

### Return to Play Structure Group

Group Lead: Mike

Members: Stefan, Greg, Troy, Tonya, Brett

- Out of all centres, initially everyone is doing their own thing, they have lots of numbers and can juggle their teams, they are all tiering, AE, LL and Rep
- They are having one practice and one game per week for all groups, some are only able to give 1.5 times per week because of ice shortages
- They are interested in looking at league options, Linda confirmed that we can re-roster, OMHA understands that things will be changing
- We are going to see how things go between now and Christmas to see how things are going, follow-ups will be set up and we may begin playing games outside our current bubble
- Teams are a minimum of 6 players, games sheets can be paper or electronic, suspensions
- U21, if we have a team, Hespeler and New Hamburg are interested in forming a bubble immediately, currently we have 2 registered, Linda confirmed that if we do not have a team they can go to the next closest center
- U7 & U9 do not require referee's if you stay internal
- If you have scrimmages you can run it yourself as long as it is within our center
- If we shuffle bubbles, you need a 14 day break, 2 week break at Christmas would allow for shuffle
- How are teams going to be structured? Equal splitting, coach committee would rate the players and split the kids, first step is confirming the number of teams, most divisions have 4 teams, with the exception of a couple, the teams would be mixed, if after a few games shuffles are required to even out the teams they will do so, prior year's team provided by Tammy to break down the teams evenly, 180 registered, 206 were pre-registered, based on registration numbers teams may need to be shuffled
- Goalies, if they are in the same center and bubble they can play for the other teams, players cannot move
- 3- U7 teams
- 4- U8 & U9 Combined teams
- 4- U11 teams
- 3- U13 teams
- 3- U15 teams
- 4- U18 teams
- U21, not all players that pre-registered completed registration, all have been contacted, a few U21 players are not happy about the cost this year because it's only 3 on 3, the 2 who have registered likely intend to try out for the Jack's if they play this season

- Economically it does not make sense to have a U21 team

Motion: To cancel U21 based on lack of registration, refund 2 registered players

Moved by: Tammy

Seconded by: Troy

Vote: All in favour

Motion: Passed

- Registration has to remain open, it will not be open online, you will have to email Tammy to register
- Return to play plan has to be sent to OMHA before September 26<sup>th</sup>, keep everything internal for the first 3 months, continue discussions for expansion with other centers in January
- Mike will complete plan with final registration numbers and a couple other edits including the December date and center benches, 3 team groups need to be detailed, one team will have to play 2 games per week, ice times need to be balanced out
- Greg is hoping the schedule will be consistent with few changes until the end of December
- The first step is that coaches and assistants need to be determined, coach committee will work on forming teams and they will be presented to the executive
- If coaches are needed, emails will go out from the return to play group, currently you need a coach and trainer for games, if they are not rostered, they are considered volunteers and only require online course
- Scorekeepers- do we want to leave it to coaches to have a parent from the team?
- U15 & U18, clock runs, all other teams, keep score and hit buzzer every 1.5 minutes
- Game sheets must be done correctly, it is difficult to correct errors afterwards
- Tammy suggests hiring a timekeeper a figures the budget could handle it
- Tammy thinks the referee and travel amount is low, OMHA may recommend that there be 2 referee's per game for anything over novice, Mike will provide a rough cost for referee's based on last year's costs
- Mike feels that safety is compromised with using parent volunteers
- 7 games per week, rough cost for timekeepers \$1200
- Half ice- consider buying boards for dividing the ice, split with the hericanes, approximate costs 11-15 thousand, Township had some concerns with storage, ice damage, who puts them on and off, Brett will look into them, Riley Manufacturing in Woodstock did the small nets
- Bumpers need to be moved from St. Clements to Wellesley, net moving needs to be discussed with the Township as well
- Are we doing skills? Brett has heard input that parents would like to see their kids challenged, he suggested 3 ice times every other week, Tammy suggests a pre-registration and pay up front, based on ice cost, we can't hold onto the ice until October, we need to release the ice and may not get it back, currently there are 7 available ice times, 5 are on Sunday back to back

- The skills instructor has to be HC certified, new this past spring, 3 weeks' notice has to be provided to make ice changes, send a group email for interest, if they are willing pay for an instructor, each bubble would have to remain together for this training, Township currently has a maximum of 22-25 skaters, the portal cannot be open for additional registration, someone has to take responsibility for this to determine the interest, organize the ice time & trainer, Brett plans to keep 3 hours on Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks in a row Nov 8- Dec 15
- Best to keep game times together to keep the cost down for mileage
- Games Tuesdays and Thursdays, one game Wednesday and Saturday, every team will share ice
- Teams may like one full ice practice every 3-4 weeks, Greg suggests allowing the coaches to use full ice and cooperate with each other
- Practices and scrimmages must follow distancing rules
- Teams will be named LL1, LL2, LL3.....
- Tammy needs team lists as soon as possible
- Return to play group plans to meet this week

### Registration and Compliance Group

Group Lead: Tammy

Members: Kyle, Linda, Andrew

- No changes

### 6. General Discussion

- Mouth guards- parent questioned if they are required, mandatory by OMHA
- Dan questioned the feasibility if we have to move 3A, maximum of the 25 on the ice, can we afford to continue?
- David spoke with Danny this morning, if HC shuts us down, we will not be on the hook for the ice, they would make a quick decision to remove the ice, 3 weeks' notice is if things are continuing, many Townships are giving their associations contracts for specific dates and are responsible to pay for all the ice times they have booked, Wellesley is being very understanding

Next steps-

- Return to play plan, should we include the plan of what will happen if we go back to a prior stage? Offer skills based on age groups? There would be no game play, same kids would be together, all ice times would be skills based
- Add additional note that if play scales back there will be no refunds
- Are we using new jerseys? New logo has been revealed, multiple past year jerseys, Andrew is working on player apparel catalogue (Stitch, as well as 2 other companies)
- Each player would have to be responsible for their own shirts
- There should be enough new shirts for each team to have a set of home and away

- Once the return to play is together David will send out and schedule another meeting in 1.5 weeks

7. Next meeting: TBD

8. Adjournment            8:57 pm

Motion to adjourn

Moved by:                Troy

Seconded by:            Krista

Vote:                        All in favour

Motion:                    Passed