

**Twin Centre Minor Hockey Association
Executive Meeting Minutes**

January 27, 2021 – 7:30pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: David Dienesch, Laura Albrecht, Troy Cluthe, Brett Bartlett, Greg Gedcke, Tammy Egli, Krista Edwards, Andrew Martin, Mike Ellison White, Luke Piasecki, Kyle Mavin, Tonya Monro

Absent: Bob Crawford, Stefan Mitani, Linda Chamberlain, Dan Schaus

Guest: Ben Cook

Ben Cooked joined the meeting to share an idea. Loss of Jack Lichty, U15 player, wants to do something to recognize him and keep him alive in our community. Would like to present an award annually, award based on a kid who is a great kid and a great teammate, like Jack. Suggested Bright Star or Shining Star Award. Ben suggested each team selects one player, winner would have their name engraved on a plaque and displayed in the trophy case. Ben also questioned if it should be just the U15 age group. The cost of the plaque is \$250, includes 24 plates, \$5 per year for engraving. He raised \$1000.00 with his light show this year, this will be donated to TCMHA whether we decide to go with this idea or not. If Ben continues to fund the award he would also suggest the winner gets a coat with a bright star award on it.

David asked if any questions. Troy likes the idea, not sure on the yearly jacket. David and Ben went back and forth determining how to bring the family into discussion. Ben has not spoken to Dale or Sarah as he was waiting until he knew the executives thoughts.

Tammy asked if there is a plaque that is available that could include Jack's photo? Ben knows there is a catalogue with options. David mentioned that we use a company out of Waterloo, Ben did some research and believes that all come from the same place. The one in Waterloo can do custom work. Brett likes the idea, questioned if this is something the association had in mind. Brett thought of having a tournament in memory, David said we can look at other options with cooperation of the family. Greg likes the idea and feels it represents Jack well. Ben is open to help in any way we would like. Krista likes the stars jacket idea, wondered if we could get the winner a smaller plaque rather than a coat, because so many players have the jacket already. A personal plaque would be nice, the cost range from \$45 - \$105. Ben is planning to continue to collect donations and give to TCMHA for the award going forward. Ben is willing to approach Dale and Sarah.

David thanked Ben for bringing this forward and for his time.

1. Call to Order – 7:46 pm

2. Minutes from December 22, 2020

Motion: To accept
Moved by: Tammy Egli
Seconded by: Troy Cluthe
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Passed

3. Association Reports

Treasurer Report: Tammy Egli

Tammy sent out the financials on January 16th. No questions.

Registrar: Tammy Egli

Nothing to report.

Banquet Chair Report: Krista Edwards

Assuming there will be no banquet again this year, maybe in the near future we will discuss a virtual banquet.

Photo Coordinator Report: Luke Piasecki

Luke would like the executive's view, do we cancel or do we do individual shots and make a collage? Assuming we get going for March would we want to go ahead with photos? David is not confident that we will resume quickly out of this. David feels it is safe to wait until we know what the season is going to look like.

Fundraising Chair Report: Open

Nothing to report.

Compliance Report: Linda Chamberlain

Nothing to report.

Community Development Chair Report – Luke Piasecki

A thank you was posted on the website. David thanked Luke for all his work on the food drive and felt it came together very well. Very happy with the support from all communities and the Hericanes.

4. Hockey Operations Report

U11-U21 Convenor Report: Greg Gedcke

Greg has to respond if we are going to continue programming if the lockdown ends.

U7-U9 Convenor Report: Stefan Mitani

Nothing to report.

Equipment Chair Report: Andrew Martin

OMHA goalie gear will be shipped once the lockdown is lifted. Tim Hortons sent an email that instead of medals they are sending mini hockey sticks in cases, which they had been selling earlier in the season.

Coaching Committee Chair Report: Troy Cluthe

Mid-season survey was completed, 28 received, no concerns. Skills were received well.

Game Coordinator Report: Mike Ellison White

Nothing to report.

Ice Scheduler Report: Tonya Munro

Nothing to report.

Hockey Development Report: Brett Bartlett

Refunds went out. Brett asked if Dean has been paid, David confirmed he had been paid.

Tournament Chair Report: Kyle Mavin

Nothing to report.

5. New business

No change to the ice removal, nothing was brought up. David has not had a discussion with Danny this week. David had sent a note to Danny advising that we would consider continuing programming if the lockdown ends. David suggested waiting until February 1st to see if the lockdown gets extended.

They are proceeding with the next step on the process of a new facility. All information was forwarded to the executive in an email from Chris Martin.

David mentioned the Toyota sponsorship will be coming, \$500-\$750. This will go to the association, not team specific.

A survey went out from OHF, regarding the calendar, for us it doesn't look much different than how we have run things in the past as we don't have spring try-outs. All tryouts will start after Labour Day. It looks like we will have a two week delayed start, expects a mid-October season start. David responded and has not received a response yet. The survey was due at the end of last week.

During the last meeting a refund to Jack Lichty's family was discussed. David feels that based on where we are going we will likely be refunding anyway, so suggested waiting until we do other refunds if things aren't going to open up. We should have a discussion at that time. David would like to make sure the refund is segregated, the amount will have to be discussed as well whether it is a full or partial refund. Andrew questioned why we don't go ahead and do this now so that it is separate and feels the full amount should be refunded. David is open to this. Tammy is wondering if we are concerned about asking, Krista feels we should give the refund without asking. Tammy feels we should refund and if they want to give it back to the association allow them to do so. Andrew thought we should send a letter.

Troy feels it should be personally delivered and is willing to do so. Tammy suggested making a note to go along with it from the executive. Krista feels we should make it a simple note including the executives' condolences.

Motion to give a full refund of the 2020/2021 season registration for Jack Lichty, provide a condolence letter from the executive and personally deliver it.

Moved by: Andrew Martin
Seconded by: Troy Cluthe
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Passed

Lichty Trophy/ Award- Ben had contacted David and brought forth his idea. David feels that it is a great idea as long as the family is ok with it. Ben made it clear that it is about the player as a person rather than season statistics. Tammy would like to see a picture with the award. Krista feels we can approach Sarah and Dale about this, after their approval we could further discuss the logistics. Greg likes the idea of have one player per team nominated, nominees get a small recognition, and the winner would have their name on the plaque and receive a personal plaque. All nominees could be recognized at the banquet. Krista mentioned we have lots of hats left from the banquet, but have the old logo. Mike likes the idea of the trophy and suggested that if we are receiving funds each year if we could have two awards, one for the younger half and one for the older half. Krista feels that we could definitely have two names on the plaque. Greg likes that each banquet would be able to present a winner of the award. Troy feels that we are taking the focus away by making multiple plaques. David feels it might be more special if there is only one award. Laura suggested overlapping the banquet, Krista said this isn't possible. Krista mentioned there may not be a need for two banquets going forward. Luke feels that two awards dilutes the award, we have one Jack, one shining star, one award. Luke likes Greg's thought of recognizing each nominee. Troy feels that the nominees and winner (not specific if in following banquet) are announced at both banquets. Greg doesn't feel two awards dilutes it, it more reflects who Jack was. Troy also questioned if we do player awards, David confirmed that we do not. Hericanes do player and coach awards, which are voted on by players themselves. Troy suggested we could have players provide feedback rather than the coaches. Greg feels we should talk the basics and get the approval from the Lichty family. David likes the idea of a committee that could include the executive, other members of the association and coaches. David asked if we are all in agreement with the award, pending acceptance by the family. Final details will be discussed with the committee.

We proceed with the idea that Ben Cook presented, a plaque or trophy in memory of Jack Lichty, with the approval from the Lichty family.

Moved by: David Dienesch
Seconded by: Troy Cluthe
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Passed

Mike asked if we are going to discuss any other ideas, which we had discussed before Christmas, prior to the plaque discussion. Mike would suggest renaming the one tournament, Kyle thought of having the

initiation jamboree in memory of Jack. David said we also have the classic, which we could use. Mike likes all the ideas but wonders what ideas we want to propose to the family. Tammy doesn't feel we should rename a tournament, as this could happen to another player and we can't name another tournament after another player. Brett feels it's a big deal to name a tournament after a player. Krista suggested a sub-committee to determine ideas. Greg feels that we should pick a couple special things, rather than having it diluted with too many ideas. Greg feels the suggestion Ben Cook put forward is from the heart as Parker and Jack were close, he doesn't agree with the tournament renaming. Greg suggested a player award at the tournament as strongest defence, also in memory of Jack. Troy would like to see a window box in the arena with Jack, which would hold the award as well. David feels we need input from the family. Krista asked about the stickers, David confirmed some teams did receive the helmet stickers prior to the lockdown. David is open to more input from others and supports the idea from Krista of creating a subcommittee to discuss further. David asked if anyone has issues and asked for interested members to put their name forward in an email to David.

Motion that we create a subcommittee from our executive to work through the proposed ideas to honour Jack Lichty.

Moved by: Krista Edwards
Seconded by: Troy Cluthe
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Passed

Lockdown- as of today it is supposed to end February 11th. Last meeting we put a motion forward pausing our season during lockdown and revisit. David doesn't feel we can decide anything different today, except that the lockdown has been extended. Greg wondered if we just want to practice if we aren't going to get back to games. Krista questioned the ice, David confirmed that Danny would consider extending the ice until April 14th, an extra 2 weeks. If we come out of lockdown February 11th we could still have 1.5 to 2 months of ice but it wouldn't go any farther than mid-April. David agrees that if we just go back to red and have only practices, is it really worth providing programming. Without knowing when and if things will be lifted, we can only make decisions based on what ifs. We can also make a decision when the lockdown is lifted. Troy feels we should reconvene once the OHF makes an announcement. Troy suggested we put a message out in coordination with the Hericanes to ensure we are on the same page. David said Andy didn't feel they would have programming if we go back into red after lockdown. David will reach out for thoughts. Mike suggested an emergency meeting once we know what zone we will be in after lockdown.

Motion that we will continue our pause to programming during this lockdown until a decision is made by the Province, OHF or OMHA, at which time we will discuss the future of programming.

Moved by: David Dienesch
Seconded by: Greg Gedcke
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Passed

A posting to the website will be put up that we are still on pause until we receive further direction from the province. David questioned asking membership if we go back into red if it's worth restarting programming. Troy felt that if they want to have input they can join the executive. Greg suggested we be in a position to make a decision when we receive information from the province.

6. General Discussion

7. Next meeting: February 24th, 2021, 7:30pm

8. Adjournment	8:54 pm
Motion to:	Adjourn
Moved by:	Troy Cluthe
Seconded by:	Tammy Egli
Vote:	All in favour
Motion:	Passed