

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

**February 16, 2021 – 8:00pm**  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Present:** Mike Ellison White, Krista Edwards, Troy Cluthe, David Dienesch, Stefan Mitani, Dan Schaus, Linda Chamberland, Kyle Mavin, Brett Bartlett, Tonya Munro

**Absent:** Laura Albrecht, Tammy Egli, Greg Gedcke, Luke Piasecki, Andrew Martin, Bob Crawford

**1. Call to Order – 8:04pm**

**2. Minutes from January 27, 2021**

Motion: To accept  
Moved by: Krista Edwards  
Seconded by: Mike Ellison-White  
Vote: All in favour  
Motion: Passed

**3. Association Reports – no reports for this meeting**

**4. Hockey Operations Report – no reports for this meeting**

**5. New Business**

Our region is now moving to the red zone as of today. This meeting will only be about the decision of willing to go back to play hockey, it will not be a full meeting.

We were presented with 4 options to return to play by David in a past email, we reviewed each option.

Option 1- Cancel the hockey season altogether and issues refunds. Rough estimate would be around \$279.00 per player (given in December meeting), different age groups will be received different amounts as the registration amount is different for each age group.

Option 2- Pause the hockey season until our region is in the orange level, where we can play games.

Option 3 – Resume playing in red zone, 10 players, no dressing room usage, 1 ice time per week. Continue this skill set play until region is deemed orange and then play games.

Option 4 – Resume programming as in option 3 but give players an option to opt out.

**Discussion**

Mike agrees with Option 4. He feels this is a different year and we should let parents opt out if they choose. Troy supports option 4 too. Dan questioned whether enough players opted out if there would be an increase cost for those that chose to stay on. David believes we can make this work without asking for more money. We do need to calculate this exactly. We also may need to consolidate some teams. Krista asked what other centres are doing?

New Hamburg, Tavi, Simcoe, Waterford, Hespeler, Stratford are all getting back to hockey. Mitchell, Milverton, Tillsonburg, Centre Perth, Arthur, Mount Forest and Brussels, their arena ice is out so their seasons are over.

Brett was set for option 3, but okay with option 4. Wondering instead of refund if we could use as credits for next year.

Stefan asked because ice is half price, would we all not be getting a refund? David verified that yes everyone will likely get some sort of refund.

David informed group that public health is now going to reevaluate our region every 2 weeks instead of 4 weeks.

Mike wondered about polling teams, as did Brett.

David feels option 4 is a good option as he feels most will want to play but not sure the older kids will want to do skills all the time.

Kyle expressed that he wanted option 3 but now not sure after discussion.

He agreed that older kids may opt out, asked whether we should consider the option to opt out after 4 more weeks?

David said there is a \$50 refund administration fee.

In their absence, Greg, Luke, Tammy and Laura sent the following of what they would prefer....

Tammy: not option 4 but will go with the majority

Laura: not option 4, will go with the majority. She feels refunds should only be given if the season is cancelled

Greg: prefers option 3, is concerned about the older age groups, proposed a 2 week playoff schedule of we get to orange level

Luke: prefers option 3

David wondered if we wanted to have a 2 week and 4 week window to reevaluate the refunds.

**Motion to resume programming in red zone, following public health guidelines and after 2 weeks reevaluate (This will be done via email to the group). In 4 weeks, March 16 we will review where our region is and decide for opt out option at that time. The refunds will be based on pro-rated ice times.**

Moved by: Mike Ellison-White

Seconded by: Troy Cluthe

Vote: All in favour

Motion: Passed

David informed us that the township has asked that all our ice times be moved from 50 minutes down to 40 minutes. This would provide us with one extra ice slot per day. Apparently, this would line up better for the staffing of the arena. This change cost would be prorated for 40 minutes. The Hurricanes have agreed to this time change too. There was concern that 40 minutes would not work for when we go back to playing games. The time would have to be increased at that time.

Mike voiced concern about the ice slots going to 40 minutes. He is concerned the kids were not allowed on the ice at their start time previously because the Zamboni was still on the ice. Mike was concerned this shorter time would not be enough time for the practices. Kyle agrees with Mike and doesn't think this would benefit the younger kids. Too little time. There was talk that the township decreased their staff down to one person, so players were not always allowed in the building at the correct time. This resulted in players being late on the ice. David said he will talk to the township about this concern and about the attendant being on time. Brett thinks the older kids would like the 50 minute time slot. Troy thought we could double up the older kids time slots. David also liked this idea from Troy. David said he

will talk to township that teams have to be in the arena 15 minutes ahead of time. Younger group coaches are having a hard time getting all the skates tied in less time than given. Stefan stated that his team was only let into the arena 5 minutes before his allotted ice time. Brett questioned what would happen if we move to the orange zone, 40 minutes will not be enough. We agreed that at that time we would have to have at least 50 minutes per game. Tonya talked to Pat at the township office and was told that as long as we have 30 minutes we can have whatever length of ice slots we wanted.

Our schedule ice slots we previously had before lockdown was: (proposed change in red)

Sunday – 4 ice slots	5 ice slots (8:30-1:50pm)
Monday – 2 ice slots	3 ice slots(7-10pm)
Tuesday – 4 ice slots	5 ice slots(4:40-10pm)
Wednesday- 2 ice slots	3 ice slots(7-10pm)
Thursday – 4 ice slots	3 ice slots(7-10pm) *no early slots anymore
Saturday – 5 ice slots	5 ice slots(8:30-1:50pm)
Friday – 0 ice slots	2 ice slots(8:20-10pm)
Total of 21 slots	Total of 26 proposed ice slots

The township informed us that the ice could stay in until the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Motion to accept the 40 minute ice time that the township has requested. To trust Tonya to get older kids more time and flexibility to schedule 40-80 minutes for them.**

Moved by: Troy Cluthe  
Seconded by: Kyle Mavin  
Vote: All in favour  
Motion: Passed

Tonya asked how soon we can start up? David said Friday or Saturday. Tonya will have schedule up by Thursday night, start up Saturday morning. Tonya will schedule for a month.  
David- email blast to let parents know what is happening and what executive has decided.  
Stefan and Greg to reach out to coaches.

**6. General Discussion** – next meeting was scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> but is cancelled. In two weeks, we will chat via email regarding any changes from the health unit.

**7. Next Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm**

**8. Adjournment 9:35pm**  
Motion to: Adjourn  
Moved by: Troy Cluthe  
Seconded by: Kyle Mavin  
Vote: All in favour  
Motion: Passed