

Billerica Hockey Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 4, 2024



1. Roll Call

- 7:30pm roll call
- All Board Members were present.

2. Basic Robert Rules: No Business/Decisions via Group Text

a. Motion, Second, Discussion, Vote

- We discussed the use of Robert's Rules when conducting Board Business as stated in the Bylaws.

3. Budget

- Currently, the budget stands at \$182,178.56.
- The names of the previous Executive Board members will need to be changed to the current members on the bank account.
- Tony Medeiros (President Emeritus) has some existing paperwork he will pass along to new Executive Board.

4. Registration:

a. Remaining Registrations

b. Development Teams (How many Teams? Coaches? Jerseys?)

- Current Registrations: 33 VHL Mites; 27 In-House Mites; 28 Squirts; 36 Peewees; Bantams: 16. Total Registrations: 140.
- Currently, three development teams are possible. We can make the final decision on how many teams late summer, early fall.
- If we use three development teams, we can rotate one team to play outside towns while the other two play each other in-house.
- If we add a 4th VHL Team, we need to decide during the July 2024 meeting. That decision is final because we lose the money if we register a team and fail to roster it. The VHL will not reimburse the Board.
- We are going with jerseys, and we will start coordinating that next week.

5. Donations

- The proposal for a \$5,000.00 donation to The Taylor Family Memorial Fund from the Board:

Motion: Danielle Johnston

Second: Jared Provost

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

6. Calendar Events and Dates (Parent's Night Out, Golf Tournament, etc.)

- The July 2 Board Meeting was moved to July 9, 2024.
- Player Evaluation Dates: Phase 1: Within the first two weeks of the season; Phase 2: Mid-November; Phase 3: February Vacation.
- Golf Tournament: Moved from September 9 to September 23, 2024.
- Cancer Night/Coach's Game: Moved from October 4 to October 18, 2024.
- Parent's Night Out: Moved from November 8 to November 15, 2024.
- Awards Night: Moved from March 20 to March 28, 2024. The two Awards Nights are Friday, March 21, 2024 and Friday, March 28, 2024.

7. Snack Shack/Skate Sharpening

- Snack Shack: After a volunteer completes 4 shifts, a check or reimbursement is issued for \$200 per family. This is excluded for a coach's family.
- Skate Sharpening: Review scheduled ice time then designate times for skate sharpening.

8. Coaching Certifications

- Review and remind coaches throughout the summer about coaching certifications, including safe sport, CORI check, etc. Coaches without certification are not allowed on the bench during games.
- A checklist educating the coaching staff may be useful in completing the certification on the *USA Hockey* website.

9. Coaches' Discounted Tuition Reimbursement

- A maximum of 4 coaches per VHL team. Each coach gets a \$200 reimbursement of tuition, if certified.
- A maximum of 2 coaches per Development Team. Each coach gets a \$100 reimbursement of tuition, if certified.
- Uncertified helpers (i.e., during practice) get their \$60 *USA Hockey* CEP reimbursed.

Proposal to certify this policy:

Motion: Dave Marone

Second: Russ Phippen

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

10. Full Ice Mites (Separate from the BHA)

- Full Ice Mites are AA.
- Add a tryout and open it to *all* Billerica residents.
- Review numbers to determine how many teams.

Proposal to approve this setup:

Motion: Danielle Johnston

Second: Dave Marone

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

11. Post-Meeting Player Agent to Coach Communication

- As a new practice, player agents will relay information from the board meeting to their respective coaches in an effort to improve communication in the organization.

12. Future Agenda Items

- Cash Cards for the BHA? We will investigate the details associated with this fundraiser.
- Player Evaluation: Beginning of Season, Mid-Season, and End of Season; Discuss the meaning of the criteria in player evaluation.
- In it to win it fundraiser: Discuss details.
- Tournament Money for each team: discuss details.

13. Recap

- The Secretary recapped and discussed the information above with the board and made some minor revisions.

14. Adjourn

Motion: Dave Marone

Second: Jared Provost

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04am.