

Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

General Meeting Minutes

July 1st 2020

Opening

The general meeting of the BHA was called to order at 6:30 PM on July 1, 2020 at the Medeiros family home by Tony Medeiros.

Present

Tony Medeiros - President
Mike Cataldo - Vice President
Rachael Sheahan - Treasurer
Terry O'Leary - Secretary
Joe Normant – Member/Registrar
Tony Caterino - Member
Shawn Leonard - Member
Paul Penti - Member

Absent

Edward Peterson - Member
Gary DaSilva - Member
John Higgins - Member

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting 6/3 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Business of the general meeting

Moving forward, the monthly board meetings will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month.

Financial Update

There was an increase in financials from last meeting. In the bank as of now we have \$50,462.00.

Player Registration

We had a slight increase in registrations. As of 7/1/2020, we have the following number of players listed as registered for tryouts:

Mites 49 (same) = 4 teams and 1 in house

Squirts 30 (up 3) = 2 teams

Peewees 27 (up 4) = 2 teams

Bantams 16 (same) = 1 team

Midgets (estimated 25) = 2 teams (estimated)

Based on the number of players registered, there is no need to have alternates this season.

Tryouts

We will have pre tryout registration on July 23-24 5-7 PM each night at the Hallenborg Parking lot. Players will need to have to be registered with USA hockey before tryouts. Players will collect their pinnies and fill out Jersey information. We will have tryouts on the last week of July 27-31 during possible hours of 6, 7 and 8 PM. We are looking into booking ice time with a rink and figure out logistics of how to have a tryout. Tryouts will consist of 2 days, 1 day skills, and 1 day scrimmage. All head coaches must be present for try outs and we will need help on the ice for the different stations.

Try Out Procedures and Rules. 2020-2021 Season

1. **All Players Need To Come Dressed** – There are NO LOCKER ROOMS, You must get ready at home with the exception of skates, and you can put on in the lobby and be ready to skate.
2. **You Must Attend at least 1 day of tryouts to be considered for a team**, we would like all players to attend both, but if you have a conflict you must attend 1 day regardless to be considered for a team- if you do not attend tryouts you will automatically be on the lowest level in your players division.
3. **Rink Regulations- Only 1 Parent is allowed at the tryout to help child get ready. Once your child is dressed and try out begins you need to escort the building and wait in the parking lot or your car you cannot wait in the lobby. This is Mandatory- We will have coaching staff and the Board of Directors, if we need to contact you we will come outside. No Parents will be able to watch Try Outs this year. We would like one parent/ adult supervision to wait outside for the hour duration just in case of an emergency. See FMC rules on their website if you have any questions regarding this policy. www.Fmcicesports.com**
4. This Year due to numbers of participants we are **NOT using any Alternates**. All Players this year will be Full Time Players and will pay as a Full Time player- If you play for another team that is completely your choice, however you are a Full time player for BHA.
5. Coaches selecting their teams will be off ice the entire try out.
6. Other Coaches will be on the ice running the try out stations.
7. Try Outs will be Skills only- we have stations and format in place for all levels.
8. First the kids will have a warm up and then the Kids will be split into groups at the beginning of tryouts and will stay with that group the entire time of tryouts and move to different stations.
9. **At the end of each tryout we will have dedicated time for the goalies. We will use the last 10-15 mins for Goalie tryouts, they need to attend the entire try out and work stations with all players- at the end we will line up goalies and have them show their skills. If you player wants to be goalie please make sure they are completely dressed as a goalie the entire try out.**
10. The E-Board (Tony Medeiros (president), Mike Cataldo (VP), Rachael Sheahan (Treasurer), and Terry O’Leary (Secretary)) need to attend all try outs and will rank the players by ability. They will be in the stands the entire try out. They will create what they believe is the ideal roster for each division and will compare rosters with coaches picks.
11. Each Coach will select their own roster while observing tryouts. They can Select their ideal roster and 2 kids they believe are “on the Bubble” (open to discuss with E-Board)
12. The E-Board will meet with each coach individually after tryout day # 2 and go over the roster they selected. The E-Board will then discuss the roster selections and compare evaluations and the E-Board will approve the rosters.

13. The E-Board will release Final Rosters within 48 hours of the last day of tryouts to the Coaching Staff. The Coaching Staff will then invite their players with 24 hours of released rosters. All Coaching staff will be asked to call players on the same day.

Fundraising

No change in Tee Shirt sales through Gabby's design shop has gained 40 shirts in sales so far. We are looking into future online 50/50 raffles with some Billerica SWAG to go with it.

Jerseys

Currently, all Jersey manufacturers (Bauer, CCM, etc.) are still shut down. We are also looking into alternative options for jerseys next year. There is a jersey brand, AK, that we could buy for the entire league and it will include dark and white jerseys for everyone at no extra cost to the families. We will have Cooks do the logo, numbers and lettering.

Seconded by Tony Caterino. There was a unanimous vote of yes by all board members present.

Tuition Payments

With the year starting so late, we will need to adjust the payment schedules.

Mites-Bantam

After tryouts (ends July 31) and acceptance to a team (by August 2), the first payment of \$300 will be needed within the first week (August 8). Then the second payment will be by September 1st for \$500.

Midgets

Asking for \$400 at registration, and then \$400 by September 1st. And registration opens now.

Learn to Skate

Asking for \$200 at registration, and then \$200 by October 1st. And registration opens now.

Seconded by Tony Caterino. There was a unanimous vote of yes by all board members present.

Open for discussion

Bruins Academy

Possibly host the Bruins academy this season. Will need to provide coaches and ice time.

Goalie skills extended

We would like to possibly extend the goalie skills from December into February which would be an estimated cost of \$1500 additional.

Coach information

All game sheets will need to have printed labels with Head Coach CEP# and Expiration dates on them. No more writing them out.

Official abuse is zero tolerance. After a discipline hearing, the penalty is confirmed by a preponderance of evidence, the offending party will be suspended for no less than one calendar year with probation for an additional year.

All coaches and board members need to have safe sport, and Coaching certifications, age specific modules done by September 1, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held June 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Medeiros Family residence to prepare for the tryouts.