

# Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

## General Board Meeting Minutes

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### Opening

The general meeting of the BHA was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 31, 2024, at the Billerica Firehouse meeting room called by Tony Caterino.

### Present

Tony Caterino - Vice President  
Terry O'Leary - Secretary  
Christopher Fitzgerald – Member  
David Marone – Member  
Jeff Paquette – Member  
Jared Provost – Member  
Russell Phippen – Member  
Danielle Johnston- Member  
Bill Murphy - Treasurer/Registrar  
Gary DaSilva - Member

### Absent

Tony Medeiros - President

### Business of the general meeting

#### Financial Update

The board provided the updated financials verbally.

### General meeting questions

#### Evaluations

*What is the plan for tryouts?*

The board reviewed the new process and estimated dates which is end of March, early April with an estimated number of players per team: 11-15 players for squirt through Bantam and 10-12 for mites.

*Can a parent see the evaluations?*

Upon request, a parent can see their own players evaluation. The board continued to give an overview of the evaluation process.

*Do the player agents have enough information on the players to give an accurate assessment of the evaluations done by coaches?*

The player agents do their best to observe some practices and review all evaluations and provide feedback as best they can.

*Can tryouts be done later or closer to the start of the season? The reason for the question is in case some players who have been practicing extra during the offseason may have improved and might belong at a different level.*

We typically do not have tryouts at the start of a season due to the ice not being ready and usually the majority of kids are playing different sports all spring and summer, so we want to evaluation the players when they are most acclimated to the ice which is at the end of the season.

*Is there a way to have 2 skilled coaches per team?*

It all depends on the number of coaches available from the list of applicants when registration starts. The board may investigate a coaches clinic to help give basic ideas on how to run efficient practices. Also, if a coach is missing assistant coaches, they can always reach out to the other team to see if they want to do combined practice or borrow a coach from the other team. The coach can also ask for assistance from the board.

*Can the BHA provide discounts to coaches as an incentive?*

Currently the board provides a refund for USA hockey registration an any additional CEP classes that need to be taken. The board will discuss any additional options as well.

### Golf Tournament

Will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> which is on a Friday.

### Parents night

Proposed to be held March 29 7-11 pending further board discussion.

### Awards night

Does not have a date yet, maybe sometime in April.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 PM by Tony Caterino. The next meeting will be held February 7, 2024.