

Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

Meeting Minutes

October 16th 2019

Opening

The meeting of the BHA was called to order at 7:45 PM on October 16, 2019 at the Hallenborg Rink by Tony Medeiros.

Present

Tony Medeiros President
Dan Matarazzo Vice President
Rachael Sheahan Treasurer
Edward Peterson Secretary
Tony Caterino Member
Gary DaSilva Member
Joe Normant Member/Registrar
Mike Cataldo Member
Paul Penti Member
Terry O'Leary Member/backup Secretary

Absent

Chris Sheridan Member

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting 8/14 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Business of the meeting

Financials

We currently have about \$165,000 and have paid TC's training Center for Skills in full as well as Stop It goaltending skills being paid in full. The parity season ice time is paid and up to date. There was a review of families who were remaining that owe for the season. A suspension will be handed out to families who haven't paid by 11/1/2019.

2019/2020 Season

Learn to Skate

Currently, we have 44 skaters in the LTS program. We also have good numbers for coaching as well. Lots of positive feedback so far.

Schedule Update

With parody season almost over, we are getting updates from the Merrimack Valley League site on games. We will be updating the BHA site with more practices going into November and adding the games as well. For now check the <http://valleyhockeyleague.com> site for the latest game updates.

Fundraising Updates and Parents Committee

BHA will have Parents night out on November 22nd. There will be a flyer made and posted both on BHA social media and physical flyers, with Tax ID, posted at the rink.

Team baskets will need to be put together for Parents Night Out for each team.

On 10/30 there will be a night at Newtowne Grille where 15% of the food proceeds go back to BHA, also Tito's will give \$500 to BHA.

BHA is also planning an awards night for the end of the season sometime in March or early April.

Mass Hockey / District 9 updates

Major penalties are up 50% as the league is enforcing rules for verbal abuse to the referees, high hits to the head, and boarding.

Finalizing Rosters

We are waiting on a few teams before finalizing the rosters for the season.

March Mite Tournament

The proposal is to have a mite's only tournament in March. Board members Chris Sheridan, Tony Caterino, and Terry O'Leary will work on organizing this tournament.

Midgets Incident

Some players and coaches got a game suspension from Mass hockey due to the incident. There was a meeting with the team and the board to discuss the issues.

TC's Skills Feedback

Off ice – Attendance has consistently declined from the start of skills and parents have said they think it is too dangerous having the kids doing the exercises in the stands.

On ice – Parents have liked the on ice and have gotten lots of positive feedback.

Stop It Goalie Skills Feedback

Lots of positive feedback from players who have attended.

General Meeting

The Bylaws state that we have the meeting on 10/31, but that causes low attendance. We will move the date to later date in November or December.

Agenda for next meeting

- Head coach interviews for 2020 –
 - A head coach should not be interviewing for a specific for a team (i.e. peewee 1, mite 2)
 - Head coach gets placed on the team his/her son/daughter gets placed on
 - There should be an independent evaluator for tryouts that picks the teams based on the previous head coaches' rankings of players who are registered for tryouts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:30 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held on TBA.