

Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

Meeting Minutes
November 27th 2019

Opening

The meeting of the BHA was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 27, 2019 at the Hallenborg Rink by Tony Medeiros.

Present

Tony Medeiros President
Rachael Sheahan Treasurer
Edward Peterson Secretary
Tony Caterino Member
Gary DaSilva Member
Joe Normant Member/Registrar
Chris Sheridan Member
Terry O'Leary Member/backup Secretary

Absent

Dan Matarazzo Vice President
Mike Cataldo Member
Paul Penti Member

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting 10/16 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Business of the meeting

Financials

We currently have about \$135,000 and all bills have been paid up to date. All families are paid in full.

2019/2020 Season

Schedule Update and Ice Time

With high school teams (Billerica, Shawsheen Tech, and Girls teams) starting up, the ice time will be going down starting in December through the end of February 2020. We need to express to teams to attend any practices they get as they are few and far between.

Fundraising Updates and Parents Committee

BHA had a few events accumulate some great income for the program, below is a summary.

Snack Shack: \$2300

Parent's night out: \$6372

Night out at Newtowne Grille: \$250

Total: \$6852

BHA is also planning the mite tournament, maybe more "night out" at other restaurants, and an awards night for the end of the season sometime in March or early April.

General Meeting

We have set the date to December 2 at 7:30 PM for the General meeting.

March Mite Tournament

The proposal to have a mite's only tournament in March as been approved. Board members Chris Sheridan, Tony Caterino, and Terry O'Leary will work on organizing this tournament. BHA needs to apply to Mass Hockey to have the tournament. We are working on figuring out costs per team to enter as well as other events to have during the tournament like raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and snack shack availability.

Agenda for next meeting

- Fundraising earnings - should we put a survey out to the BHA parents on what to do with the money? Such as a white hockey jersey, sweatshirts, hockey pants shell, jump suites? All needs to be priced out beforehand.
- Awards night – How should this be pursued and how do we let all BHA know about it, emails, social media, coach notifications, etc. Part of the fundraising will need to go to this as well.
- Alternates – This current process needs to be corrected. All alternate players play as much as the full time players and needs to be changed to make it fair.
- Head coach interviews for 2020 –
 - Should parents be able to vote for head coaches?
 - Teams should be picked before the head coaches are picked?
 - Make a tryout for head coaches?
 - A head coach should not be interviewing for a specific for a team (i.e. peewee 1, mite 2)
- Tryouts for 2020 –
 - Should there be an independent evaluator from outside of the BHA for tryouts that picks the teams based on the previous head coaches' rankings of players who are registered for tryouts?
 - Should the current coaching staff pick teams for different divisions? For example, the bantam 1 coach picks the peewee 1 team, then the squirt 1 coach picks the bantam 1 team, then the peewee 1 coach picks the mite 1 team and the mite 1 coach picks the squirt 1 team.
 - Cost for tryouts?
 - Update contracts for all members
 - Try to make the tryouts as early as possible to the end of the season

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held on TBA.