

# Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

## General Meeting Minutes

October 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Opening

The general meeting of the BHA was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 7, 2020 at the Hallenborg rink by Tony Medeiros.

### Present

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

### Absent

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

### Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting 8/5 were unanimously approved as distributed.

### Business of the general meeting

#### Financial Update

Updated financials from last meeting. In the bank as of 10/6/2020 we have \$168,637.00. We paid the Valley League \$47,000 and paid the Hallenborg rink \$23,000 so far.

#### Coaches and registrations

Most of the coaches are all set with their Safe sport, background checks and accreditations needed for the season.

#### Fundraising

The online raffles have accumulated the following below to date.

**Total Collected** = \$37,430

**Total Paid Out** = \$20,075.74

**Total Profit** = \$17,354.26

**Profit Percentage** 46.36%

### Monday Player Night Skills

Do we want to start up player skills night or just continue with team practice? It would be two times a month for 2 age groups. Concerns would be we have a large number of players for **mites (50+)** and **squirts (38)** and would need to put some kids on the bench and switch after some time to comply with the **limited number (25)** of players on the ice. That would take away ice time from players that would get normal ice time if regular practices are continued. **This issue was undecided and will be readdressed at the next meeting in November.**

### Saturday Ice time

It appears on the Hallenborg schedule that we have 1 hour (2:20 PM to 3:20 PM) of ice time that is not used. The cost is \$250 per week. If we cancel this we will save \$5,000 to \$6,000 per year or we could offer this up for some type of skills session or another practice. There was concern that this may be an error from the Hallenborg rink on the schedule and that we really don't have this time. Typically the Bulldogs have this ice time. **Tony Medeiros will follow up with the rink to validate we do or do not have this time and whether we are being charged for it.**

### Storage Unit

BHA has a storage unit that cost \$1,000 a year. It contains very old adult goalie equipment and jerseys. We propose to empty out the storage unit and cancel the account for the storage unit. **Joe Normant motioned and Terry O'Leary 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous decision to cancel the storage unit.**

### Scheduling Practices and Valley games

The next round of practices for November and December should be coming out in the next few weeks. The Valley League parity rounds will be ending soon and regular season should be coming out soon.

### Learn to Skate

We have 36 players registered for the Learn to Skate program, of which 95% are paid in full. We are lacking in coaches who are volunteering to help out on either days. Suggestions were to get some of the older kids to volunteer when they are available and also put it out to the high school kids who may need to complete some volunteer hours. **This issue will be reassessed at a later time.**

### Mass Hockey and District 9 updates

We currently have 4 (peewee 1, and all 3 squirt) teams who applied for the play downs for the mass hockey state tournaments. Mass Hockey also sent out an email reinforcing the COVID 19 restrictions and precautions that are in place across all the rink in Massachusetts.

### Snack Shack

BHA was given the OK to open the snack shack, but limit it only to candy and bottled drinks. If we do open it, would it be worth it, who would volunteer for times? There is also a concern that opening the snack shack would cause issues with the flow of players and parents as they exit the rink making it very difficult for social distancing. **This issue was undecided and will be readdressed in the November meeting.**

### Open for discussion

#### 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. This time we would make sure all full time goalies get their own spots and any part time goalies would have to share any remaining spots if any. **This issue was undecided and will be readdressed in the November meeting.**

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 7:45 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held November 3rd at 7 PM at the Hallenborg rink.