

Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

Meeting Minutes

July 10th 2019

Opening

The meeting of the BHA was called to order at 6 PM on July 10, 2019 at the Medeiros family home by Tony Medeiros.

Present

Tony Medeiros President
Dan Matarazzo Vice President
Rachael Sheahan Treasurer
Edward Peterson Secretary
Terry O'Leary Member
Tony Caterino Member
Gary DaSilva Member
Joe Normant Member

Absent

Chris Sheridan Member
Mike Cataldo Member/Registrar

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

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

Business of the previous meeting

Board Members

Board member Brian O'Rourke has resigned from the BHA. Tony Medeiros made a motion to fill the open spot based on the last voting results in 2019 for board members. The next person in voting was Paul Pentti. The motion to accept was by Terry O'Leary and seconded by Gary DaSilva. It was a unanimous vote of approval with the rest of the board members.

2019/2020 Season

Financial update

BHA currently has \$122,000 in the account ready to pay for the upcoming season's ice time and etc.

There is still a list of outstanding payments to be made for the upcoming 2019/2020 season as well as players that still owe from the previous seasons.

BHA Player registration

The deadline for registration of the 2019/2020 season is 8/15/2019 with the exception of Midget's who will register at tryouts.

Midgets

Cost for Midgets is \$750 for the short season starting in August 2019 and ending in November 2019. Joe Normant accepted the motion and Gary DaSilva seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote of approval with the rest of the board members.

Midgets tryouts will be 8/19/2019 and players need to pay \$500 at tryouts and will need to be paid in full by 9/31/2019. Tony Caterino accepted the motion and Dan Matarazzo seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote of approval with the rest of the board members.

Coaches Meeting

The date will be 8/16/2019 at 6:30 PM at the Billerica Central Firehouse meeting room. Tina Carrabba from TC's training center will be present to discuss the skills program throughout the 2019/2020 season.

CORI Checks

CORI checks will now be done through USA Hockey. Any coach that will be on the ice from learn to skate through Midget will need to register and submit their CORI form with USA Hockey. This gives the CORI check a nationwide check as opposed to just Massachusetts.

TC's Training Center survey results

Based on the survey results from the players from the 2018/2019 season, of which we got 18 completed surveys out of 180+ players.

- All skills sessions will be at the Hallenborg rink with 1 hour off ice core fitness and 1 hour on ice skills development
- The skills sessions will begin in September 2019 through February 2020 on Mondays starting at 5 PM for mites, 6 PM for squirts, 7 PM for peewees, 8 PM for Bantams
- The total cost is \$17,000 for the 2019/2020 season

The motion was accepted by Tony Caterino and seconded by Dan Matarazzo. It was a unanimous vote of approval with the rest of the board members.

Board Member responsibilities

- District 9 Representative – Joe Normant
- Merrimack Valley Representative – Joe Normant
- Registrar – Joe Normant
- Disciplinary Director – Gary DaSilva
- Coaching Coordinator – Ed Peterson
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Ed Peterson
- Cori Coordinator – Ed Peterson and USA Hockey
- Webmaster – Terry O'Leary
- Skills and Development – Tony Caterino
- Goalie Director and Skills – Tony Medeiros
- Learn to Skate – Tony Caterino and secondary is Paul Penti

- Mite development – Tony Caterino
- Mom's Committee – Rachael Sheahan with Diane Dimambro
- Secretary – Ed Peterson and secondary is Terry O'Leary
- Pictures – Rachael Sheahan (September 2019)
- Fundraising Committee – Mom's committee
- Parents night out – Mom's committee 11/22/2019 with Jim Plunkett
- Snack Shack – Tony Medeiros
- Equipment – Tony Medeiros
- Game and Practice scheduling – Tony Medeiros, Dan Matarazzo, and Joe Normant
- End of Year Party / Awards night – Chris Sheridan and Mike Cataldo

These responsibilities were unanimously approved by the attended board members.

Social media

We need to have more social media (Facebook, etc.) between teams. Example is the 2009-2012 Facebook group and other groups that are team specific. Get the coaches and families to like the BHA Facebooks pages and post any positive messages of the weekend games results. Have the weekend games posts submitted on the BHA Facebook page by the end of day following Monday.

Coaches handbook update

- Coaches need to sign the handbook and turn it back in.
- Bantams are not required to wear a neck guard
- Any players 17+ are required to complete the safe sport training
- Is the new proposed Merrimack Valley league rule of banging on the boards approved?

State Tournament

Any teams need to apply for the state tournament by October 2019. BHA will pay for the "play in" game. Then the team will have to pay for the actual tournament.

New business to the meeting

- The Bantam 2's need a new goalie. Coaches will ask current players if someone wants to take the open position.
- Terry O'Leary will need admin access to the BHA website

Agenda for next meeting

- Not enough snack shack spots available to fulfill the 4 spots per player for the season for each player?
- Indian tournament should be Mite and Squirt
- Learn to skate – with the new rule of parents unable to get on the ice without a USA Hockey / CORI check, could we use BHS hockey (boys and girls) players as volunteers? That would help them with required yearly volunteer hours and the cost is free.
- 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 coaches' rankings of players who are registered for tryouts.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held on 8/14/2019.