

Billerica Hockey Association (BHA)

General Meeting Minutes

December 16TH 2019

Opening

The general meeting of the BHA was called to order at 6:00 PM on December 16, 2019 at 8 Good St. (Fire house meeting room) by Tony Medeiros.

Present

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

Absent

NONE

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting 12/02 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Business of the general meeting

Coaches selection for next season

There was much discussion on this issue, but nothing came to resolution. This conversation will continue in the next meeting.

Tryouts and team selection process

There was much discussion on this issue as well, but came to no conclusion. This conversation will continue next meeting.

Alternates

The alternate process has gotten out of control. The summary below show the changes to how an alternate is defined in the BHA program.

Summary of an alternate:

- Alternates are only allowed if a team needs to fill out a roster. Meaning if a team only has 9 or 10 skaters, then a coach can roster a few alternates to make a total of 12 skaters.
- A coach cannot select an alternate over a full time player.
- Alternates are also “game only” which means the alternate player may attend as many practices as he or she can, but will only be called to a game if the team is short on players.
- The alternate is not expected to attend every game.
- Alternates only go to the lowest level team that needs to fill out a roster, the highest level team will always have a full roster.
- Alternates will have a separate tryout day after full time tryouts are complete. Alternates can tryout, but are not guaranteed a spot.

There was a vote of yes by 10 board members, and a vote of no by 1 board member

TC's skills program

Based on feedback from parents, the off-ice part of skills was not acceptable. The on ice was good, but since most of the staff was BHA coaches, the price seems very high for something that could be coordinated in-house with some effort for less or nothing. In previous years, when BHA coaches did run the skills program, it was difficult to run the skills program based on the lack of coaches to show up and help out. The BHA will not pay volunteer coaches for skills night as this is a non-profit association. New solutions are open for discussion for next year like maybe a renegotiation for TC's or someone else to help manage the on ice only skills.

Discounted coaching tuition

One of the questions from the general meeting was if the coaches can get some type of discount for donating all their time on the ice for practices and games. The only way to discount a coach's tuition fairly would be one child per family and it would only apply to the head coach. There would be way too many people signing up to be coaches just to get the discount. Then BHA would have to increase the tuition to make up for those discounts handed out.

Fundraising profits

What should we do with the profits of the fundraising from this year? Do we all agree to have a survey out the parent to vote on the following options:

1. White away jersey
2. BHA Jacket with Billerica logo
3. Shell for hockey pants with Billerica logo

There was a vote of yes by 10 board members, and no by 1 board member

High School Games

All BHA board members need to volunteer for at least 2 high school game nights. Game nights are typically Wednesdays and Thursdays starting at 7 PM

Mite Tournament

There is a proposal to have the end of season mite tournament. Details below:

- 18 teams (including 3 Billerica mite valley teams) in 3 divisions

- \$800 per visiting team
- \$500 per home team
- Half-ice tournament (USA Hockey ADM and host rules govern tournament)
- Multiple divisions (host will divide teams into divisions)
- Teams will play a minimum of 4 games (2 - 24 minute halves per game)
- Trophies provided to winning teams and finalists
- Medals provided for everyone
- Sunday-only development jamboree for registered Mite (2 house teams) house teams
- \$250 per jamboree team

Estimates for cost and income of the tournament:

Registration: $\$800 \times 15 = \12000 , $\$500 \times 3 = \1500 and jamboree based on 8 teams $\$250 \times 8 = \2000

Raffles and snack shack would roughly bring in \$2000 - \$3000

Total income = about \$18000 (if raffles and snack shack makes \$2500)

Total cost of tournament with registration to mass hockey, referees, ice and awards = \$10500

More information go to the website:

<https://www.leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=170416&org=billericahockey.org>

The tournament committee will consist of Tony Medeiros, Tony Caterino, Chris Sheridan, Terry O'Leary, and Gary DaSilva

There was a unanimous vote of yes by all board members

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 PM by Tony Medeiros. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1/15/2020 TBD location.