

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – President

Ken Burlage – Vice-President

Steeve Wintle – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle – Secretary

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The October 6, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

The following board members were present: Steve Gahan (remote), Stephanie Supple, Seamus Kidney, Zach Cobb, James Blouin, Ken Burlage (remote), Steeve Wintle (remote). Absent: Shannon Kennedy.

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci, Fred Strum.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: Gahan made a motion, seconded by Blouin, to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the September 15th Board meeting. There was no additional discussion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

- III. FINANCE: Wintle provided an update on the following items:

1. Bank Balances – Operations Balance – \$216,224, Savings Balance – \$292,588.
2. Bingo updates:
 - a. Results for September pending. September results will be provided at the next Board meeting.

- IV. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

1. Gaming update – Discussions on which Board members are available to attend Revo Casino's check presentation ceremony on 10/7/25 from 5-6 pm. Gahan, Burlage, Wintle and Ricci plan to attend.
2. Player Refund requests
 - i. Player will be out for the majority of the season, if not the entire season. Player participated in a minimal number of practices and games. Motion was made by Gahan to issue a prorated refund, if player returns prior to the end of the season, a prorated payment plan for reinstatement can be discussed at that time. Burlage seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
 - ii. Player no longer able to participate due to physical relocation. Gahan motioned to return the deposit and terminate the remaining payment plan. Burlage seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Goalie skills inquiries from families
 - i. Board members discussed the concern/inquiries submitted by three separate families about this seasons format for goalie training. The group acknowledged that more information should have been communicated to families highlighting the changes, and the reasons for them. Discussion ensued about the optimal way to train goalies. Gahan and Burlage to draft communication to parents with a goal to distribute within a week.
4. Skills training
 - i. The Board and Strum discussed the training program provided by Stride Envy. The overall assessment has been that some of the drills were far too complex for the lower age groups. Points were also raised about the quality of the drills/stations per night posing a challenge with time management on the ice.
 - ii. Board agreed that the expectation of Stride Envy is to provide age appropriate plans to support incremental growth for all players at each age group, without significant modifications required by the coaches.
 - iii. Ricci discussed the possibility of using some available ice time slots for additional training opportunities. Discussion included options such as additional goalie clinics, power skating hours and drop-in skating. Ricci and Strum will discuss further and will follow-up at the next Board meeting.

V. HEYLIGER TOURNAMENT:

1. Heyliger committee determined.
 - i. Ricci to chair the committee, members will be Gahan, Cobb & Supple.
 - ii. Tentative dates for the tournament are February 14-15, 2026.
 - iii. Team participants to be: Mite cross-ice, Mini Dev, potential for First Shift participation if interest and ice time can accommodate.
 - iv. Vendors – no updates as of yet. Dates and costs must be confirmed before any next steps with vendors.

VI. OPERATIONS:

1. UNH Night at the Whitt: Brett requested extra tickets to be added to the group. Additional details still to be determined.
2. Replacement jerseys are in, Ricci working on distribution to coaches.
3. Scheduling/team updates:
 - i. Mite Major NEAHL parity weekend completed. Proposed divisions received. Coaches to confirm Tiers with Ricci by EOD 10/8/25.
 - ii. Bantam Minor team seeking alternate player due to player injury.
 - iii. Pee Wee Select II – discussion of feedback received about skills complexity.
4. Mite Development update – Jersey sizing and potential coach group identified. Dates have been uploaded into Sports Engine. 39 total skaters signed up.

VII. APPAREL STORE:

1. Assortment for Fall Store has been completed and submitted to Collins Sports for confirmation and date selection. Targeting a mid-October date range.

VIII. LEARN TO PLAY WITH PURE HOCKEY (Previously called FIRST SHIFT):

1. Pure Hockey store – Two in-store dates set for 10/14/25 and 10/15/25 from 4-7pm. Families are encouraged to bring skaters to the in-store fitting for best fit if possible. Deadline of around 10/19/25 to guarantee equipment availability prior to first skate.
2. If a skater already has gear, the recommendation is for them to still order gear through the program, possibly in the next size up.
3. Total count – 14 skaters plus one potential late addition.
4. Dates – First skate scheduled for 11/2/25.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Blouin – None.
- c. Cobb – None.
- d. Supple – None.
- e. Kidney – None.
- f. Wintle – None.
- g. Burlage – None.
- h. Ricci – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:56 PM