

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 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 August 4, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci (Director of Hockey Ops).

- II. **BOARD MINUTES:** Gahan made a motion, seconded by Cobb to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the July 7th 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 - \$262,591, Savings Balance - \$214,819.
2. Monthly Budget vs. Actual reporting to be distributed after the Board meeting. No issues of note.
3. Bingo updates:
 - a. Results for July pending, will be updated at the next Board meeting.
 - b. State communication update
4. Poker fundraising dates set
 - a. Wintle and Cobb visited the casino to meet with their representative to tour the site, discuss fundraising, and explore ways that DYHA can help promote the casino. The Board agreed to coordinate the upcoming Board meeting on September 15th at the casino.
5. Maine Mariners fundraising opportunity.

- IV. **ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS:**

- a. Girls Program – Ricci commented on some of the challenges in game scheduling. Discussion ensued about the longer-term strategic planning for the Girls program.
- b. Strategic Plan – Agreement to push the strategic plan discussion to the next board meeting schedule for August 18th.

V. **OPERATIONS:**

- a. Discussion about U14 girls program – Opportunity for local college players to attend a girls program practice. A motion was made by Gahan to waive the USA Hockey requirements around SafeSport training for college players who will attend an on-ice clinic which will include current coaches. Burlage seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the waiver for college female athletes to participate with adequate adult oversight.
- b. Mite player refund – A player suffered a significant injury and will not be able to play this season. Burlage made a motion to approve a full refund to the family, which was seconded by Gahan. The Board voted unanimously to approve the full refund.
- c. Squirt team player issue. Burlage made a motion to offer an alternate player position with the Squirt Selects team, contingent on the Squirt Selects coaches approval, which was seconded by Kennedy. The Board voted unanimously to approve the offer to the family of an alternate position with the Squirt Selects team.
- d. Discussion about a player who would like to play on two teams, and how to handle scholarship and payments.
- e. Collins Sports credit balance – The Board agreed to apply the current credit balance with Collins Sports to the upcoming uniform purchases.
- f. Otto Fundraising opportunity – Discussion about the process required and the potential need for a Co-Venture agreement. Wintle to review non-profit statutory requirements.
- g. Stride Envy – Ricci updated the Board that he will follow up with Stride Envy to advance skills training discussions with a goal to conclude before the end of August.
- h. UNH Night at the Whitt – Ricci in discussions with UNH, tentatively planning for the Night at the Whitt to be on October 25th. A DYHA team will participate in on-ice activities at the game.
- i. Pictures – Waiting to hear back from photographer to schedule multiple nights to schedule pictures.
- j. Schedule – Ricci updated that schedules, including the parity schedule for the PHL has been updated. The parity schedule for the GSL is still pending.

VI. **UNIFORMS:** Cobb updated that uniform orders have been placed with Collins Sports.

VII. **CLOSING REMARKS:**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:08 PM