

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

JT Fortier – President

Steve Gahan – Vice President

Josh Hersey – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle - Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The September 23, 2024, 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: JT Fortier, Steve Gahan, Josh Hersey, James Blouin (remote), Ken Burlage (remote), Steeve Wintle (remote). Brett Ricci – Director of Hockey Ops, Mike Young – Former Director of Hockey Ops. Absent: Shannon Kennedy, Zach Cobb.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 8/19/24 and 9/9/24 minutes was put forth by Fortier and seconded by Gahan. The Board voted to approve the minutes. Burlage abstained from voting on the 9/9/24 board minutes as he was not in attendance.

FIRST SHIFT: Equipment fitting scheduled for 10/9/24 at 5 pm. Equipment has been received and to be inventoried.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Dover will be hosting Tier 2 and Tier 3 Midgets games between October 8th-10th.

UNH Event - Approval for UNH night at the Whitt game scheduled in November. Link for parents/players to sign up to be ready soon.

Injured player - Player suffered a broken arm. Discussion about a potential refund and how the Board has treated injured players in the past.

Sports Engine player information – Concern raised about individual player information being shown on Sports Engine, for player safety reasons.

Player who struggled in travel hockey being proposed to move to House League. Discussion about player and if the House League is appropriate. Board voted unanimously to approve a refund to the player's family if needed.

USA Hockey numbers. All players, coaches and Board members are registered.

Purchase of two intermediate nets for Mites to augment the four currently on hand to accommodate multiple practices at the same time. Approximate price of \$2,000. Agreement to purchase nets (no vote required as these were budgeted).

HOUSE LEAGUE ROSTER/ READINESS: Registration numbers for House League are currently at 50 players. A total of 14 potential coaches, follow up needed to select coaches for each age group and complete the background checks, Safesport processes. Discussion about adequate team sizes for Mites and Squirts. Equipment fitting scheduled for Wednesday 9/25/24.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- a. Bingo - Results for August - \$9.3k. YTD \$44k.
- b. Annual tax return filed.
- c. Woodward team. Tuition rate was reduced based on dropping out of PHL. Refunds have been issued and/or adjusted for those paying monthly.
- d. Stripto team. 6 players moved to Squirt Minor, 4 players moved to PW Select and 1 player moved to PW Minor.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Gahan – Heylinger tournament preparation. Logistics discussion, including how to register teams, receive payments, etc.
- b. Hersey –Discussion about how to respond to parent who had concerns about the team his child was playing on
- c. Ricci – Game scheduling underway.
- d. Young – None
- e. Fortier – None
- f. Wintle – None
- g. Blouin – None
- h. Burlage – None

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