

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – Vice President

Josh Hersey – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle - Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The March 17, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

The following board members were present: Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, Steve Gahan, James Blouin, Ken Burlage, Steeve Wintle. Also attending: Brett Ricci, Mike Young. Absent: Shannon Kennedy.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Jeffrey Lapak attended public forum to discuss Granite State Wild program offerings for the upcoming year, including House and girls programs for the 10U age group. Discussion ensued about the current program offerings, the methodology used to arrive at the decisions, with a focus on the challenges to fielding full girls teams in that age range.
- In addition to Mr. Lapak, Stephanie Supple, Seamus Kidney, and Nate Zamarripa attended the public forum expressing potential interest in Board positions. Each shared their backgrounds and reasons for having interest in joining the Board.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 2/3/25 and 2/17/25 minutes was put forth by Gahan and seconded by Hersey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

FINANCE UPDATE:

- Bingo results – February net profit \$2,303; YTD \$73K.
- Bank balances – Operations - \$179k; Savings - \$185k.
- A/R total in good shape, the outstanding balance is almost 100% related to recent registrations.
- Scholarships – Hersey recommended the Board open the scholarship application process on March 24th, with it closing on April 14th. The Scholarship committee will review and bring a recommendation to the full Board at the April 21st Board meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

- Budget committee to finalize the FY25-26 budget based on final team composition and present to the Board at the April 21st Board meeting.

OPERATIONS:

- Midget tryouts – 16U tryouts to take place on March 18th, with 18U tryouts scheduled for March 20th.

- Girls tryouts – 14U tryouts to take place on March 18th, with 19U tryouts scheduled for March 20th.
- Player signups for 2025/2026 season are nearly complete for all younger age groups. One team is waiting on responses from several players, but the majority of teams are nearly set.
- Skills training - Survey feedback discussed, agreement that Board members will review in detail and bring comments Board meeting on April 7th.

UNIFORMS: Sample jerseys have been provided by a potential new supplier. The Board discussed the potential formation of a committee to compare pricing, assess options and review seasonal store options.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Hersey – Hersey awarded the volunteer Heyliger winner as the Granite State Wild volunteer of the year.
- d. Cobb – Tryout feedback. Discussion about the tryout process and the challenges involved. Discussion about having a coach’s meeting prior to next year’s tryouts to better plan how tryout process will be conducted.
- e. Burlage – None.
- f. Blouin – None.
- g. Young – None.
- h. Ricci – Discussion about the upcoming departure of Tia Pass from her current position. The Board reviewed the various job responsibilities (Sports Engine registration; Facebook posts, email, website).

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 PM