

## DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 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 November 4, 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, Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, Steve Gahan, Ken Burlage, Shannon Kennedy, James Blouin, Steeve Wintle (remote). Brett Ricci – Director of Hockey Ops, Absent: Mike Young – Former Director of Hockey Ops.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Jeff Morganella in attendance. Discussion about girls programs and how best to move forward with team composition. Burlage commented about parent communications and concerns about the ability to schedule games. Discussion about how the program should move forward.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Hersey provided the following updates:

- Bingo results – October results to be provided at the next board meeting.
- Bank balances as of 11/3/24 – Checking - \$226k; Savings \$231k.
- House Scholarships – Application period closed. Scholarship committee to review and provide recommendations to the full Board.

**MEETING MINUTES:** A motion to approve the 10/21/24 minutes was put forth by Fortier and seconded by Hersey. The Board voted to approve the minutes (Gahan abstained).

**DISCIPLINE:** Gahan provided update from an issue related to bullying on a travel team. Discussion ensued around the nature of the bullying issues and how to address. Gahan to address with the team in question at practice and update the Board on next steps accordingly.

**MIDGET TOURNAMENT:** Discussion around midget tournament and how the Board will support the tournament. Identification of the open requirements and how best to fill the open spots.

**ALTERNATE JERSEY:** Discussion about jersey request from one of the teams for an alternate jersey. Board approved the use of the alternate jersey to be used at a March related tournament.

**NIGHT AT THE WHITT:** Brief update on the November 15<sup>th</sup> UNH game and the ticket sales to date. Discussion on the coordination of the on-ice program during the intermission.

**FIRST SHIFT:** Program progressing well. Discussion about how the program will progress into the second session.

**HOUSE LEAGUE:** House league is operating effectively, minimal discussion about operational matters.

**OPERATIONS:** Discussion about the practice area at the rink and issues around not taking proper care of the shooting area.

**APPAREL:** Strong sales in the store opened for the holiday season. Request for analysis of the products sold to assess if new products sold generated sales growth. Discussions about alternative vendor options and what the priorities of the organization are.

**PICTURE NIGHTS:** Picture nights moved from November 7<sup>th</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup>, and the previously scheduled November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- a. Ricci – None.
- b. Blouin – None.
- c. Cobb – Discussion about the coaches meeting schedule for Tuesday 11/5.
- d. Burlage – None.
- e. Kennedy – None.
- f. Hersey – Survey question. Wintle to find prior survey and distribute prior to next board meeting.
- g. Gahan – Discussion about facilitating a UNH relationship for the girls program.
- h. Young – None.
- i. Fortier – None.
- j. Wintle – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45 PM