

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 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 November 3, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: Gahan made a motion, seconded by Blouin, to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the October 6th and October 20th Board meetings. 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. Bingo Results – October results to be reported at the 11/17 Board meeting
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of November 2, 2025 - Checking - \$167,190; Savings \$295,775.
3. NHAHA grant commitment received - \$1,325.

- IV. SKILLS TRAINING: The Board continued an ongoing discussion from prior meetings about goalie skills training. Numerous options were discussed, including the potential to find dedicated ice time in the coming weeks for additional goalie practices. Discussion shifted to power skating and overall skater skills training and ways to refine and improve how the training is delivered.

- V. COACHES MEETING: The agenda for the upcoming coaches meeting at the Revo Casino on 11/5/25 was discussed.

- VI. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

1. Player tuition – Discussion about a player’s tuition status, and the potential for bingo volunteering to offset tuition costs. Wintle to follow up on bingo opportunity.
2. 16U Midget tournament – To be hosted in Dover, November 14th-16th. Ricci to circulate tournament details to the Board with a list of areas where assistance is needed.
3. Heyliger update – Information on the tournament specifics has been circulated to area programs, with several showing interest in participating, but no commitments as of yet.

4. Power skating – Power skating sessions have been very well attended and overall have been a success.
5. Administrative role – Discussion about potential solutions to replace existing personnel at the step back from their responsibilities with DYHA. Gahan suggested circulating an email to the DYHA mailing list to assess if any families in the organization would have an interest in the role.
6. Player refund request – Player opted to leave DYHA and is seeking a refund for the tuition paid to date. Gahan put forth a motion to provide a refund of all amounts paid to date minus the initial deposit. Blouin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the refund (Burlage abstained).

VII. APPAREL STORE: Apparel store closed, with sales exceeding \$14,000. Cobb highlighted the top selling items from the store.

VIII. NIGHT AT THE WHITT RECAP: Ricci highlighted the outcome of the night, overall a strong turnout from DYHA players and families.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Cobb – None.
- c. Kidney – None.
- d. Wintle – None.
- e. Burlage – None.
- f. Kennedy – Discussion about an issue which came up during a game on Saturday.
- g. Ricci – Potential new coach candidate, who is interested in assisting DYHA. Options discussed as to which teams might have a need for an additional coaching resource.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:56 PM