

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – Vice President (Acting President)

Josh Hersey – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle - Secretary

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The May 19, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Annual 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, Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, James Blouin, Steeve Wintle, Ken Burlage, Shannon Kennedy.

Other Attendees: Stephanie Supple (prospective Board member), Seamus Kidney (prospective Board member), Brett Ricci (Director of Hockey Ops), Mike Young (Previous Director of Hockey Ops), Fred Strum (Coaching Director), PJ Bandouveres (Referee Coordinator).

- II. **WELCOME:** Gahan provides an introductory statement highlighting that Dover Youth Hockey had a successful season, highlighting the increase in the overall number of athletes participating in the league.
- III. **OPERATIONS OVERVIEW:** Ricci provided overview of the years activity, including 17 teams, approximately 340 players, and 60 coaches. Fourteen teams competed in the Granite State League, with five of them competing in the Premier Hockey League. We continued the skills training with Stride Envy and Hannu Toivonen. Dover hosted 18U midget tournaments. The Heyliger tournament was held successfully in January, despite significant weather challenges.
- IV. **DISCIPLINARY:** Gahan provided an overview of disciplinary issues from the past season. One significant investigation was conducted during the year, which resulted in several players being released from the teams.
- V. **FINANCE:** Hersey provided a detailed review of the current status of Dover Youth Hockey's finances (see Appendix).
- VI. **REFEREE COORDINATOR:** Bandouveres provided an overview of referee scheduling, referee availability and the training of new referees over the past year.
- VII. **COACHING REVIEW:** Strum provided commentary on the overall coaching in the league during the prior year. Overall the commentary was positive, with one goal for next year to commence the skills training programs earlier.

VIII. BOARD POSITIONS: Two Board positions are open, with Stephanie Supple and Seamus Kidney expressing interest (both in attendance). Gahan nominated Seamus Kidney (Blouin seconded the motion) and Stephanie Supple (Burlage seconded the motion). The Board voted unanimously to approve the additions of Supple and Kidney to the Board.

- a. **President** – Burlage nominated Steven Gahan for President, and seconded by Blouin. The Board voted unanimously (Gahan abstained) to approve the nomination.
- b. **Vice President** – Cobb nominated Ken Burlage for Vice-President, and seconded by Gahan. The Board voted unanimously (Burlage abstained) to approve the nomination.
- c. **Treasurer** – Gahan nominated Steeve Wintle for Treasurer, and seconded by Cobb. The Board voted unanimously (Wintle abstained) to approve the nomination.
- d. **Secretary** – Gahan nominated Steeve Wintle for Secretary, on a temporary basis until a replacement is named, and seconded by Burlage. The Board voted unanimously (Wintle abstained) to approve the nomination.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS: No topics for discussion.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:22 PM

Appendix to Board Meeting

Below is a summary of the proposed DYHA budget for the 2025-2026 season. In addition, a comprehensive review of last year's 2024-2025 DYHA Budget was completed, in comparison to the annual financial statements.

At the end of this current fiscal year, DYHA has a cash surplus of approximately \$90K. The Board has approved to apply \$20K to the scholarship account, \$20K to the operating reserve and \$13,500 as a credit to next year's tuition rates. In addition, we have set aside \$10K to donate to a new scoreboard at the arena. The balance sheet as of March 31, 2025, has scholarship funds of ~\$20K, an operating reserve of \$100K, and cash on hand of ~\$30K.

Looking ahead to next year's budget, our fundraising efforts will continue to include sponsorship of ten poker nights, in addition to our long running operation of Sunday Bingo. For our skills offerings, we will again provide goalie and player skills, with some changes made to both based on feedback from the Program Committee, which should also reduce the overall expense. Once again, we have included positions for Coaching and Operations coordinators. Next season we project to field the following travel teams: 2 Mite Minor and 2 Mite Major, 3 Squirt (Major/Minor/Select), 4 Peewee (Major/Minor/ 2 Select), 1 Bantam Minor, 1 Girls 14U, and 3 Split-Season teams. Non-travel team offerings will include Mite Development 6U and 8U, and First and Second Shift. We have discontinued our 10U House Program.

Lastly, I want to call out the efforts of a few individuals who work very hard to ensure the org remains in good standing. Kathy Gilpatrick, our Bingo Chairperson, and her team of volunteers and contractors for managing the weekly game and producing outstanding results. Without our weekly Bingo game, tuition rates would be much higher across the board and program offerings limited. I'd also like to thank our Ops Coordinator, Tia Pass, for all her assistance throughout the season – especially assisting me with SportsEngine registrations and recurring payment schedules. Last but not least, I want to congratulate Brett Ricci on a successful rookie season.

Please note: We would be happy to review additional details of our DYHA Annual Budget individually, for any and all of our programs upon member request.

2025-2026 Budget Summary

Non-Programs		2025-2026 Budget	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Actual	B(W) to Budget	
Non-Program Income	Donations/Grants	\$ 2,370	\$ 2,500	\$ 11,746	\$ 9,246	
	Fundraising	\$ 43,000	\$ 18,500	\$ 42,956	\$ 24,456	
Total Non-Program Income		\$ 45,370	\$ 21,000	\$ 54,702	\$ 33,702	
Non-Program Expenses		DYHA Overhead				
	Finance	\$ (16,550)	\$ (15,161)	\$ (16,566)	\$ (1,405)	
	DYHA Organization	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,200)	\$ (1,410)	\$ (210)	
	Office	\$ (2,372)	\$ (3,072)	\$ (1,959)	\$ 1,113	
	Employees	\$ (62,500)	\$ (65,175)	\$ (58,854)	\$ 6,321	
	Misc Expenses	\$ (12,500)	\$ (8,000)	\$ (16,236)	\$ (8,236)	Driven by Bad Debt Exp.
		Granite State Wild Overhead				
	Tuition Discounts	\$ (33,000)	\$ 1,000	\$ (38,414)	\$ (39,414)	Scholarships came from surplus
	Leagues	\$ (32,100)	\$ (22,600)	\$ (28,878)	\$ (6,278)	
	Skills Provider	\$ (42,500)	\$ (55,500)	\$ (52,500)	\$ 3,000	Stride Envy & Hannu Toivonan
	Coaching	\$ (11,500)	\$ (10,500)	\$ (12,066)	\$ (1,566)	
Total Non-Program Expenses		\$ (214,522)	\$ (180,207)	\$ (226,884)	\$ (46,676)	

Programs		2025-2026 Budget	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Actual	B(W) to Budget	
Program Income	Tuition Income	\$ 539,900	\$ 596,475	\$ 533,176	\$ (63,299)	Surplus applied\$38K
	Other program income (Heytiger, Tryouts)	\$ 30,100	\$ 43,300	\$ 43,342	\$ 42	
Total Program Income		\$ 570,000	\$ 639,775	\$ 576,518	\$ (63,257)	
Program Expenses		Ice Rental				
	Ice Rental	\$ (304,994)	\$ (346,080)	\$ (324,800)	\$ 21,280	Working to refine budgeting process
	Referees	\$ (27,091)	\$ (28,762)	\$ (31,060)	\$ (2,298)	
	Uniforms	\$ (39,962)	\$ (47,265)	\$ (42,802)	\$ 4,462	Working to refine budgeting process
	Tournaments	\$ (28,800)	\$ (42,500)	\$ (31,339)	\$ 11,161	
Total Program Expenses		\$ (400,847)	\$ (464,607)	\$ (430,001)	\$ 34,605	

DYHA Budget Totals		2025-2026 Budget	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Actual	B(W) to Budget	
Non-Program Totals		\$ (169,152)	\$ (159,207)	\$ (172,182)	\$ (12,974)	
Program Totals		\$ 169,153	\$ 175,168	\$ 146,517	\$ (28,652)	
DYHA Budget Totals w/out Bingo		\$ 1	\$ 15,961	\$ (25,665)	\$ (41,626)	

Bingo		2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Actual	B(W) to Budget	
Income	Bingo (conservative)	\$ 467,000	\$ 467,000	\$ 496,538	\$ 29,538	
Expenses	Volunteer Credit	\$ (9,000)	\$ (9,000)	\$ (6,361)	\$ 2,639	Offsets player tuition (\$22/hour)
	Bingo Expenses	\$ (292,525)	\$ (292,525)	\$ (258,161)	\$ 34,364	
	Bingo Taxes and Licenses	\$ (26,022)	\$ (26,022)	\$ (16,364)	\$ 9,658	
	Bingo Rent	\$ (29,383)	\$ (29,383)	\$ (46,982)	\$ (17,600)	
	Bingo Payroll	\$ (55,000)	\$ (55,000)	\$ (54,226)	\$ 774	Chairperson & Consultants
Total Bingo Fundraising Revenue		\$ 55,070	\$ 55,070	\$ 114,444	\$ 59,373	

DYHA Budget Total w/ Bingo		\$ 55,071	\$ 71,031	\$ 88,778	\$ 17,747	
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