

**DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2023 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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The June 19, 2023, 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: Zach Cobb, Josh Hersey, Steeve Wintle, Shannon Kennedy, Ken Burlage, JT Fortier, James Blouin (Board member candidate), Mike Young – Director of Hockey Ops. Steve Gahan was absent.

- II. **PUBLIC FORUM:** No one from the public was present to speak.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

- IV. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- a. Team-specific fundraising. Discussion about team-related fundraising events and whether they should be allowed. Discussion ensued about past practices (Cobb referenced the 2018 policy) and different options for possibly allowing team fundraising. Young to discuss with people interested in fundraising and report back status to the Board.
- b. Change in By-Laws. Discussion to amend the by-laws to change the number of board members as presented during the June 5, 2023 board meeting.

**Motion raised by JT Fortier to amend the by-laws based on the wording provided by Wintle during the 6/5/23 meeting.**

**Vote: 6 votes in the affirmative.**

**Motion raised by JT Fortier to add James Blouin to the Board.**

**Vote: 6 votes in the affirmative.**

- V. **FINANCE UPDATE:**

- a. Bank balances updated on OneNote.
- b. Bingo update – \$6.9k for May, \$13k YTD. Bingo in Dover ending on 6/25/23. Discussion about the move to Rochester. Tentative date for bingo startup in Rochester is 7/16/23.
- c. Scholarship application posted on website. Will remain open until late July. Scholarship committee will meet and discuss in advance of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- VI. **OPERATIONS:**

- a. Family medical issue – Agreement by Board to refund money due to family medical issue (no vote required).
- b. First Shift
  - i. Cobb and Jeremy Heyman to work together. Cobb to begin discussion with Bauer in the near term and will hand off parts of First Shift responsibility as appropriate.
  - ii. Discussion about age ranges for kids in First Shift. Last year's age range was 4-10, discussion about possibly limiting the age range (up to 8 years old).
  - iii. Agreement that approximately 40 is the correct number of players in First Shift.
  - iv. Suggestion that August 1<sup>st</sup> is the time to begin action items.
- c. House postings and sign-ups
  - i. Discussion about email coming in from parent about there being no House league for 12U's.
  - ii. Tia ready to update the House League site when the Board is ready.
  - iii. Agreement to cap 10U headcount at 30 and re-assess.
  - iv. Mite and mini-mite team sizes to be approximately 18-20 heads per team.
  - v. House goalies for 10U – free tuition, but no goalie skills services.
  - vi. No specific goalies for mites and mini-mites (players will rotate in goal).
- d. Apparel committee
  - i. Store to be opened in July; sticking to core products with only minor changes. Products to be discussed more in early July when the store has been prepared, with a goal to go live in mid-July. Store will be open for two weeks.
  - ii. Discussion about adding toddlers sizes to offerings to attract younger siblings of players.
  - iii. Jersey logo discussion to consider alternative ideas on logo placement on jersey's etc.
- e. Inventory clean out – Planned for mid-July or early August.

**VII. OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- Hersey
  - o Inquired about securing licensed software as a coaching aid. Hersey to bring more detail to the next Board meeting.
  - o Paid positions - Discussion about roles and if we need to examine each and better define them (review job descriptions).
- Young - None
- Wintle - None
- Burlage – None
- Cobb – No meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>; Next meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Kennedy – None
- Fortier – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM