

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Vacant – President

Ken Burlage – Vice-President

Steeve Wintle – Treasurer

Stephanie Supple – Secretary

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The March 16, 2026, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at **6:05** PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci.

- II. BOARD MINUTES:

- III. FINANCE: Wintle provided an update on the following items:

1. Bingo Results – February YTD profits are \$43.4k. Anticipating March to be positive due to St Patrick's Day promotion and 5-weeks in the month. Expectation is to be at or near \$50k for the fiscal year ending March 2026.
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of 3/16/26: Savings – Savings - \$148k; Checking \$243k
3. Casino – no updates.
4. Scholarships – updates and Scholarship Applications will need to be sent out
 - i. Ken Burlage, Steeve Wintle, and Brett Ricci will head-up the Committee.
5. NHAHA Grant – Steeve will review the Grant to determine if further details are needed for Reporting.
6. Donation from Bruins – Steeve and Brett to follow up with their contact on status and next steps.

- IV. BOARD POSITIONS: Brief discussion among Board Members about planning for the upcoming year.

- V. ORGANIZATION UPDATES:

1. Goalie Skills –
 - i. Scheduling and Skills Program needs to be worked out first, then Goalie Skills will be reworked with Hannu and Fred Q.
2. Skills program – no responses to RFP as of 3/16/26.
 - i. Burlage will reach out to another local contact to gauge interest.
 - ii. RFP may need to be reworked and reduced in scope to attract potential Skills Providers.

- iii. Ricci will reach out to the 2 Skills Providers recommended by Fred Strum and Hannu.
- 3. Fundraising – preliminary discussions to begin about potential GSW Fundraiser(s). Fundraising Policy will be reviewed at first May meeting.
- 4. Apparel Committee –
 - i. Spring Store planned for early April
 - ii. Uniforms – no update as of 3/16/26.
- 5. Board of Directors Confidentiality Agreement – no update as of 3/16/26.
- 6. Off-Ice Practice Area – no update as of 3/16/26.
- 7. Stop the Bleed Kits – no update as of 3/16/26.

VI. OPERATIONAL UPDATES: Ricci provided updates on the following items:

- 1. Tryouts and Registrations –
 - i. Brett recapped teams formed as a result of Tryouts, including positions and summary of registrations.
 - ii. Discussion on the plan for two Select teams:
 - 1. House-Hybrid option offered based on status and skill of one team, but not enough of the families were supportive. Team may not be able to move forward if we cannot fill the Roster. Brett is actively working with other local Orgs to work on Select options, as other Orgs are also working through Tryouts and Rosters. The goal is to find options, either within GSW or locally, for these Select players.
 - iii. Girls team interest – 13 total skaters, 2 goalies showing interest; Girls team will move forward.
 - iv. Tuition Rates for special cases
 - 1. A question was submitted from a family regarding potential discounts for Split-Season players offered spots on a full-season team. Board members in attendance agreed that the year a discount was offered for the qualifying split-season players was significantly different. The team in the prior year had intentionally upped their Roster count to off-set the impact of the Split-Season. The Board voted unanimously to decline offering a discount for this current year as the Team was not Rostered with intent to cover Split-Season losses.
 - v. Alternate Policy – Policy and tracking of ice-time for Alternates has not been successful in previous years. The Board and Brett discussed reworking the Alternate policy. A proposal will be drafted and voted upon prior to the start of next season.
- 2. Returning Player Discussion – Board members agreed to schedule a meeting prior to Tryouts, to discuss a probationary return, should the player be offered a slot on the roster.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Burlage – None.

- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Cobb – None.
- d. Supple – None.
- e. Ricci – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50pm.