

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The March 18 2024, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

The following board members were present: JT Fortier (remotely), Steve Gahan, Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, Ken Burlage, Shannon Kennedy (remotely), Steeve Wintle (remotely), Tia Pass (remotely). Mike Young – Director of Hockey Ops. Absent: James Blouin.

- II. **PUBLIC FORUM:** No feedback from the public.

III. **OPEN ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of the 2/26 board meeting minutes. Gahan motion to accept board minutes from 2/26. Hersey seconded the motion. Vote passed unanimously.

IV. **FINANCE UPDATE:**

- a. Bingo update – February numbers netted approximately \$9,000.
b. Bank balances as of 3/18: Ops Checking \$203k; Ops Savings \$142k.
c. Fundraising update – Approved for poker dates in Dover this year. Application received and submitted. Dates not confirmed yet.

V. **OPERATIONS:**

a. **DISCIPLINE:**

- i. 12U parent was recently ejected from a game in Massachusetts. Discussion ensued about parent issue and determination was made that player would not be a part of DYHA next year, so Board would stand down on addressing issue further.

b. **OPS DIRECTOR ROLE:**

- i. Discussion about status of role and options for addressing the open position. Job description to be drafted and posted to job sites in the next 1-2 weeks.

c. **COACHING DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS:**

- i. Discussion about head coach selection process and timing of seeking candidates. Potential to table discussion until later during the summer.

d. COMMITTEES:

- i. TRYOUTS: General feedback was positive about all levels of tryouts. Stride Envy did a good job executing plan for tryouts. Discussion about tryout planning going forward to confirm internally the drills as satisfactory prior to next year's tryout.
 1. Scheduling around high school schedules, including drawing on support from high school teams.
 2. Team specific discussions
 - a. Discussion around Squirt team levels. Major & Select team likely to be full, however second Major team has the possibility of a player shortage.
 - b. Midgets tryout – Discussion about tryouts for midget teams and need to delay tryout to April due to Tier 1 national team scheduling. Decisions around Tier 2 team composition impacted by Tier 1 team tryouts which are delayed.
- ii. BUDGET:
 1. Budget to be updated in the next 2-3 weeks to reflect the updated team/player numbers.

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Young – Article with Brett Ricci about Granite State Wild kids in local High School tournaments.
- b. Kennedy – None
- c. Gahan – None
- d. Cobb – Raised the idea of a coaches meeting in, possibly during the Summer in advance of next season. Agreement to discuss during next board meeting.
- e. Wintle – Discussion around budget updates based on latest changes to teams.
- f. Hersey – Goaltending proposal received, in line with last years cost structure.
- g. Burlage – None
- h. Fortier - None

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:15 PM