

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 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 September 18, 2023, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

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

- III. **OLD BUSINESS:** Approval of the Board meeting minutes from 7/17/23. Fortier motioned for the Board minutes to be approved; Gahan seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. **FINANCE UPDATE:**

- a. Bingo update: Rochester bingo is up and running; 148 patrons in the first week, 101 the following Sunday.
- b. Scholarships for travel teams have been completed and communicated to families. House league scholarships to be opened up in the next week, and will be open through about through October 18th. Scholarship committee to review and recommend scholarships for House league at that time.
- c. Accounts Receivable is currently pretty clean, no major issues or concerns.
- d. GL detail and Balance Sheet uploaded to OneNote.
- e. Job descriptions for team members discussed.

V. **FIRST SHIFT:**

- a. Registration levels currently around 10. Enrollment filling up along same lines as in previous seasons.
- b. Discussion on equipment received to date.
- c. First Shift equipment fittings scheduled for October 4 and October 8.
- d. Leadership & coaching – Fred Strum to assist. Goal is to have 4-6 adults and high school students to assist. Mike Young to reach out to Fred to discuss.

VI. **APPAREL STORE:**

- a. Upcoming store to be opened for October. Apparel committee to meet to determine timing and plan with Collins Sports. Goal is to have offerings more robust than previous store and to have the site opened on time.

VII. OPERATIONS:

- a. Rosters/ schedules being uploaded in Sports Engine.
- b. Second sheet of ice going in soon at the rink.
- c. USA hockey registrations for board members.
- d. Night at the Whitt - 55 tix sold to date. Historical comparisons have been around 300 tickets.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Hersey – Motion made to approve the previous board meeting minutes. Motion made by Hersey, seconded by Burlage. No discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Kennedy – Question around Mite goalie equipment; discussion ensued.
- c. Burlage – Girls program jersey question. Seeking contacts with other programs coaches to try and schedule away games. Options could include the Wildcats, Spartans, Bay State.
- d. Young – Full ice mites, raised concern about parents registration (\$40) requirement, and that it was not advertised as part of the program cost.
- e. Cobb – Jersey sizing on 9/19/23; requesting potential for additional support.
- f. Blouin - None
- g. Wintle - None
- h. Gahan – Suggestion to reach out to the House program waiting list to boost mite minor program numbers. Discussion about communications with parents, and the potential to provide scholarships to participants. Concerns raised about potential skill disparity of new players. Possibility of having House league players nominated by House coach to practice with travel team and see if there may be a fit.
- i. Tia Pass – None
- j. JT Fortier - None

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:09