

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – President

Ken Burlage – Vice-President

Steeve Wintle – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle – Secretary

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The October 20, 2025, 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: Stephanie Supple, Seamus Kidney, Shannon Kennedy, Ken Burlage, Steeve Wintle (remote), Zach Cobb (arrived late). Absent: Steve Gahan, James Blouin.

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci, Fred Strum.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: A vote on the prior Board meeting's minutes was deferred to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

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

1. Bingo Results – September \$2,639; YTD \$30,391
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of October 19<sup>th</sup> - Checking - \$247k; Savings 293k
3. Financial Results YTD September – Distributed prior to the meeting via email. No major changes from the prior month. Current forecast is for a slight net deficit for the year (\$15k), which is within a reasonable range of the budget.

- IV. TOURNAMENT ISSUE: Kennedy highlighted a negative experience at a recent tournament seeking guidance on how DYHA should handle the experience. The Board discussed and suggested that an email communication from the President of the Board was appropriate. Kennedy to provide a summary of the issues that were confronted.

- V. HEYLIGER TOURNAMENT:

1. Heyliger committee determined.
  - i. Dates set for February 14-15, 2026.
  - ii. Team participants to be: 8 Mite teams, and 8 Mini-Mite teams, including DYHA teams.

- VI. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES:

1. Bantam game – Discussion about recent Bantam game which resulted in several ejections, including a number of dangerous plays, a result of animosity between the teams. An issue

- arose with a parent after the game. The Board discussed the parent behavior and considered the options for how to proceed with any disciplinary action.
2. 16U Midget tournament – To be hosted in Dover, November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Midget alternate player – A player is interested in joining the 18U team as an alternate, and the team has had issues recently with player availability. The Board agreed to offer a pro-rated cost for the player to join the team for the balance of the season.
  4. Puck bags – Ricci informed the Board that he intends to purchase puck bags for coaches.
  5. Power skating – The first power skating session was very well attended, and went extremely well overall.
  6. UNH Night at the Whitt – Ricci provided an updated on the status of the plan for the UNH game.
  7. Scoreboards – The new Scoreboards are being installed this week. Discussion about logo to include something Granite State Wild related.
  8. Coaches meeting – Scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Revo Casino. Discussion about bringing in a referee to present to the coaches.
  9. Learn to Play – Estimated at about 22 players. First session will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  10. Mite Development program starts this week. Discussion about coaching, as many of the prospective coaches want to coach the 6U team, with only one coach interested in the 8U team. The Board discussed how to potentially blend teams to accommodate the lack of coaches for the 8U team.
    - i. Jersey's behind schedule for this program. On order but won't be in for this weekend.
  11. Tia Pass – Discussion about potential solutions to replace Tia in the coming year as she intends to step back from her responsibilities with DYHA.
  12. Goalie skills - Continued discussion about the recent goalie skills training sessions and potential ways to improve.
  13. Skills training – Strum and the Board continued discussions on the training program, including the merits of different skills/training programs and how to best accommodate the needs of the various teams in the organization.

**VII. CLOSING REMARKS:**

- a. Cobb – None.
- b. Supple – None.
- c. Kidney – None.
- d. Wintle – None.
- e. Burlage – None.
- f. Kennedy – None.
- g. Ricci – None.
- h. Strum – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45 PM