

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 02, 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 2, 2026, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

The following board members were present: Ken Burlage, James Blouin, Steeve Wintle, Seamus Kidney, Stephanie Supple, Zach Cob (left at 6:40p). Absent: Shannon Kennedy.

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci, Fred Strum.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: No prior minutes presented for vote.

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

1. Bingo Results – Anticipated positive results. February Actuals to be presented at 3/16 Meeting
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of 3/2/16: Savings - \$133k; Checking \$139k
3. Casino update – Emails have been sent out to Lilac Casino to seek 5-day window. NH Lottery License for Charitable Gaming received for Revo Casino in Dover, NH dates 5/31-6/4/2026.

- IV. BOARD POSITIONS:

1. Steve Gahan resigned from the Board of Directors on February 20th 2026. Board voted unanimously for duties to be back-filled by VP Ken Burlage until the Annual Meeting (5/18), with support offered from all other Board members as necessary. Annual Meeting on May 18th, 2026 will focus on determining Board of Directors Executive Board and Members at Large. Board Members agreed that at least two new Members should be recruited and elected at the Annual Meeting.

- V. ORGANIZATION UPDATES:

1. Off-Ice Practice Area – no update.
2. Stop the Bleed Kits – no update.
3. Goalie Skills – no update.
4. Board of Directors Confidentiality Agreement – discussion deferred.
5. Skills program –

- i. No formal submissions received. Burlage and Strum offered to network with local Skills providers to gauge interest.
 - ii. Strum suggested looking into summer and fall time slots for Power Skating and/or Goalie Skills nights.
6. Alternate Policy queued for April meetings.

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

1. Tryouts – Ricci proposed the plan for Tryout sessions, including warm-ups and scrimmage times. Board members signed up for Tryout Operations (timeslots for on-ice and off-ice needs).
2. Players with Outstanding Balances – Board discussed how to address Tryout Registration for Players with large outstanding balances for current season. Ricci and Wintle planned to actively pursue families to obtain payments. Board agreed to allow participation but withhold offering Roster slots if the Players are not in good financial standing by end of Tryout(s).
3. Game Forfeiture – A GSW team had a game added late in the schedule. The team forfeited the game, and the GSW was fined (\$600). Ricci reiterated the importance of reminding Coaches that GSW Teams should make all reasonable efforts to attend all games as scheduled.
4. Birth Year 2012 Discussion – Board agreed to allow 2012 Players to play on 16U, if the player is in High School to support Split-Season; other 2012 Players will follow standard program.
5. Returning Player Discussion – a player previously suspended from the organization expressed interest in returning. The Board discussed requesting a letter and in-person meeting with the player and the player's parents.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 PM