

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:30 PM-DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

John O'Brien-President
J.T. Fortier-Vice President
Josh Hersey-Treasurer
Steven Riker-Secretary

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The February 7th, 2022 Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:33 in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena. Some members joined the meeting remotely.

The following board members were present: JT Fortier, Josh Hersey, Ben Grigas, Steven Riker, Jen Surina, Zach Cobb, Mike Young-Director of Hockey Operations & Scheduler, Tia Pass.

- II. **FINANCE UPDATE:** Josh Hersey-stated that a Budget Committee meeting has ben scheduled for this Wednesday (Feb. 9th). Josh stated that details were sent out to Board members and there is 278K in the operating accounts. AR has been reduced to approximately 24k and payment plans are in place for most and some of those are Bingo participants. Josh stated that emails were sent to those who are outstanding at the end of January. Josh projects that there will be a budget surplus and the budget committee and the board can decide what that surplus will be used for. Skills have been paid and Josh is still waiting to receive the January ice bill.

Josh also personally paid for the shooter tutors as he was able to acquire them without paying for shipping and has asked the board to reimburse him for them.

John O'Brien made a motion to reimburse Josh Hersey \$650.00, no discission, approved unanimously.

Bingo-Josh Hersey received preliminary figures from January and the organization netted approximately 13k. The Poker paperwork has been submitted and Josh has been fingerprinted, just waiting on solidification of dates but April appears to be the start of Poker.

Josh stated that the board needs to set tuition rates for 22-23 season by the next board meeting (February 21, 2022) and based on the current numbers and projections that tuition should remain the same as 21-22 season but will wait for Program Committee recommendations.

III. OPERATIONS UPDATE:

John O'Brien stated that tryout dates are in progress and that Tia Pass has polled the coaches for preferred dates. Most coaches responded with March 8th and March 10th and some others that liked March 1st and March 8th and some that had no preference. Tia Pass has recommended that we proceed with March 8th and March 10th. Mike Young added that there should be ice available and that he will confirm with Pat McNulty.

Discussion continued amongst the board regarding split season teams for the 22-23 season. Mike Young laid out how he envisioned what rosters and numbers would look like for next season. Prospective Coaches for these teams were also discussed by the board.

Discussion also continued regarding the possible National Bound team coached by Perry Plummer for the 22-23 season.

Steve Riker discussed the Program Committee's first meeting. Steve stated that the Committee does not anticipate any substantial changes to the program, certainly not any that would largely effect the 22-23 budget. Skills, goalie skills, same number of practices and games would be recommended for the 22-23 season. The Committee will meet again tonight to discuss more after the Board Meeting. Zach Cobb added that we will look at the surveys to see if there is anything the Program Committee should consider. Steve discussed the survey results and how the Program Committee might consider those.

John O'Brien discussed the survey results and Jen Surina commented that she will review them in detail later but overall they look positive so far and that she did not see anything that the Program and or Budget Committees would need to consider right now. Jen commented that it appears that the survey did not reveal any great concerns about tuition cost.

Ben Grigas commented that the coaches like the fact that Fred is attending the skills sessions to work with the goalies.

The board discussed goalie skills and how goalie skills might be improved for next season.

The board discussed the survey results and also providing survey takers with a response by the board explaining how and what the board will handle those survey results. Jen Surina will craft a response to survey takers.

Tryouts-John O'Brien asked about jersey sizing at tryouts. Tia Pass commented that it is typically completed at the team skate night.

Store Opening-Jen Surina commented that she needs to collaborate with Collins Sports regarding the store opening before a larger effort in the Fall of 2022.

Heyliger-John O'Brien stated that Biddeford Youth Hockey has pulled out of the Heyliger Tournament entries. John has reached out to other programs to fill the spots. John does not think there will be a tournament for U10 and U12 teams.

IV. **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Ben Grigas- none.

Mike Young-none.

Steve Riker-none.

John O'Brien-touched base with Mike Young regarding Warren Brown awards and obtaining the trophies.

Jen Surina-checking in with Mike Young regarding game scheduling issues in the PHL.

JT Fortier-none.

Zach Cobb-asked the board regarding clarification of the Heyliger Tourney, specifically what age groups are playing.

Tia Pass-asked the board regarding what will happen with the 08 group for next season. John O'Brien stated it appears that there will be a full and split season teams and may a Bantam Minor team.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.