

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2026 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 January 5, 2026, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

The following board members were present: Steve Gahan, Ken Burlage, James Blouin (remote), Steeve Wintle, Stephanie Supple, Zach Cobb, Shannon Kennedy (remote). Absent: Seamus Kidney.

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: Gahan made a motion, seconded by Cobb, to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the November 17th and December 15th Board meetings. There was no additional discussion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented (Burlage abstained from the November 17th vote, and Cobb abstained from both votes).

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

1. Bingo Results – Dec Results \$517, YTD \$36,293.
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of December 12th - Checking - \$150k; Savings \$227k.
3. Budget discussion - Wintle agreed to coordinate a meeting with the Program Committee to review the likely team composition for next season.

- IV. ORGANIZATION UPDATES: Gahan provided updates on the following items:

1. Coaches game – Discussion around the scheduling of the game, based on ice availability.
2. Girls program.
 - i. Discussion about a potential U10 tournament team.
 - ii. GSL participation – GSL confirmed there is no distance limitation for Girls teams within the league. Currently there are 3 teams in the GSL U10 league.
3. Administrative role – Discussion about the status of the planning for the administrative role going forward.
4. Policy manual:
 - i. Discussion about small grammatical edits.
 - ii. Discussion about “playing up” language which will result in Gahan making additional edits to the policy manual prior to finalizing.

5. Player safety – Gahan reported that a player was recently injured, sustaining a significant skate cut. The Board discussed the idea of having coaches be certified for CPR and Stop the Bleed training.

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

1. Tryout dates – The Board agreed to establish three tryout dates during the last week of February and the first week of March.
2. Coach selection – The Board discussed the coach selection process, and the need for coaches to submit notice of their intent to return. The goal is to have all coaches identified prior to tryouts in late February.
3. Heyliger tournament update – Six outside teams are currently signed up.
4. Coaching certifications – Ricci brought to the Board’s attention that several coaches have not completed the necessary documentation with USA Hockey despite repeated requests.
5. Player discipline issue – The Board discussed a recent incident between players and the discipline process.
6. Referee incident – Ricci updated the Board on a recent complaint received with respect to a referee.

VI. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Burlage – None.
- d. Blouin – None.
- e. Supple – None.
- f. Ricci – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45 PM