

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2024 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

CALL TO ORDER: The August 19, 2024, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

COACHING DIRECTOR UPDATE: Fred Strum joined the meeting to discuss the role of coaching coordinator. Fred presented his thoughts on the position and his views on coaching. An open discussion ensued with Board members asking follow-up questions on Fred's thoughts and approach.

MEETING MINUTES: Fortier put forth a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the board meeting minutes held on August 5th. Gahan seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- a. Poker nights – Still awaiting the results from the fundraising.
- b. Bingo - Results for July \$7,800.
- c. Sponsorship updates.

JERSEY UPDATES: Discussion about teams request for a third jersey to be approved by the Board. The Board considered the request and discussed limiting the usage to certain agreed upon time ranges. The Board voted to approve the 12U alternate jersey request limited to the month of November (extending to December 1st for tournament purposes). The Board approved the motion unanimously.

OPERATIONS:

Ricci provided a number of updates:

- 1) Discussed the parity schedule in the process of being released.
- 2) Neck guards requirement.

- 3) September 8th hockey day in Exeter for younger ages.
- 4) Practice schedules for the upcoming season are being updated in Sports Engine.
- 5) PHL – Need to send a disciplinary representative – Gahan agreed to be the DYHA representative.

Young's Open items list:

- 1) Boards and advertising. Discussion about advertising options and how to obtain advertising. Agreement that board advertising priced at \$500.
- 2) Banners and Trophy Cases. Discussion about how to handle banners and trophy's earned by teams and how and wear they could be hung at the rink.
- 3) Medical bags. Discussion about medical bag options and overall cost of solutions. Discussed if bags should be provided to each team, or if the rink should retain.
- 4) Goalie sticks and equipment. Board to inventory existing equipment and determine what is needed by type and size.

APPAREL: Two stores up and live as of today (coaches store and team store). Discussion about leaving the store open for a week, likely ending next Monday evening 8/26 to allow families to purchase prior to, and after parity weekend.

COACHING DIRECTOR: Discussion around Fred Strum candidacy. The Board voted to approve providing an offer to Fred Strum for the position of coaching director. The position is included in the budget for the current year.

UNH: Date finalized for Night at the Whitt, November 15th vs. Northeastern. Discussion about logistics and coordination. Kennedy's team will be skating on the ice between periods.

PICTURE NIGHT: Discussion about picture night scheduling, potentially on November 8th. Coordination with Tia Pass to confirm date.

HEYLINGER TOURNAMENT: Dates for tournament confirmed. Discussion about cost per team and how to reach out to teams.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Hersey – Finance update.
- b. Ricci – Discussion about second uniform order, goalies in particular.
- c. Young – None.
- d. Gahan – None.
- e. Kennedy – Discussion about medical kits. Parents meeting to be schedule on September 7th.
- f. Burlage – Discussion about scheduling of girls games and practices.
- g. Fortier – None.
- h. Blouin – Update on First Shift equipment with Bauer.
- i. Wintle – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:30 PM