

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2024, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: None

OPERATIONS:

FIRST SHIFT: First weekend of First Shift was successful, with a good amount of coaches, kids and parent seemed to enjoy the first day.

HOUSE LEAGUE: House league had a successful first weekend, with an adequate number of coaches for each team. Discussion by the Board about the coaching and what, if any, support they need.

COACHING CREDENTIALS: A number of coaches have credentials that will be expiring in the near-term. Ricci to follow up with coaches to make sure all renewals are completed.

MIDGET TOURNAMENT: Dover to host a Midget tournament in November. The Board discussed the various elements needed for hosting the tournament.

HEYLINGER TOURNAMENT: Tournament brochure has been sent out to potential participating teams with some initial positive responses from coaches.

PICTURE NIGHTS: Picture nights scheduled for November 7th and November 22nd. Pass requested assistance, in particular for the night of November 22nd.

NIGHT AT THE WHITT: UNH website link for ticket purchasing is up and running, and ticket sales to families have commenced.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- a. Bingo – Results for September \$7,900, \$52,000 YTD.
- b. Bank balances - \$234k Operating; \$231k Savings.
- c. House scholarship applications – To be distributed in the coming week, and application window to be open for 2-3 weeks. Scholarship committee to review applications when the window closes and make recommendation to the Board.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 10/7/24 minutes was put forth by Fortier and seconded by Hersey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Hersey – Discussion about the next Board meeting scheduled for 11/4. Young confirmed the rink will be open despite preparation for Election day on 11/5.
- b. Cobb – Discussion about challenges with opening the apparel store, anticipated to open around 10/25.
- c. Young – Discussion around hosting Tier 2 Midget tournament.
- d. Fortier – None.
- e. Wintle – None.
- f. Blouin – None.
- g. Burlage – Discussed recent incident within the girls program.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43 PM