

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2025 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 June 16, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci (Director of Hockey Ops)

- II. **FINANCE:** Wintle provided an update on the following items:
- a. Bingo review status update
 - b. Bingo results for April/ May
 - c. Bank signors – completing process with Gahan, Ricci and Gilpatrick
 - d. Poker documentation – to be filed in the coming weeks upon completion of the bank signatory process
 - e. Quickbooks – Follow up with Maryann Gavin on accounting processes
 - f. Budget vs. Actual reporting – hoping to begin providing in July
- III. **OPERATIONS:**
- a. Alternative player policy
 - i. Concerns about the existing policy and the organizations adherence to it. Discussion ensued about pricing questions about the prior year. Overview of costs for uniforms, etc. Agreement that director of hockey operations will finalize deal with coaches.
 - ii. Discussion about girls program and the team composition and how to handle alternate players. Gahan made a motion to accept the alternate option for the girls who have asked to participate. Burlage approved. The Board voted unanimously to approve the alternative player program for the girls program who have applied.
 - b. Player refund request. Family member requested a refund due to personal schedule conflicts. Gahan motioned to provide a refund to the family. Burlage seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the refund to the family for the player in question.

- c. Ricci provided the following updates:
 - i. Coaches meeting went well, covered a number of items, including SafeSport, etc.
 - ii. Practice schedules and parity scheduling underway
 - iii. Skills Training Discussions underway with Stride Envy. Feels like there is alignment and the proposal is expected to meeting the Board's expectations.
 - iv. Jersey fittings – Most players were fitted. Players who have not been fitted have been related to coaches. Remaining players can to go to Collins Sports in Rochester for fitting.
 - v. GSL meeting attendance.
 - 1. Notified Board that the President of the GSL is no longer in that role.
 - 2. Team declarations - Tier 2 by July 1st, all others by July 15th.
 - 3. 8u Kickoff in September.
 - 4. 10U update –Tier 5 may be split into two groups.
 - 5. Concussion reporting
 - 6. Student coaches – New rules requiring a 6U/8U course or a Level 1 certification to be on the ice with younger teams.
 - 7. Parity weekend planned for August 12-14.
 - 8. End of year tournaments 8U jamboree 2/28 – 3/1, 10U playoffs 3/6-3/8, 12U 2/27 – 3/1, 14U TBD. 16U tournament 3/14-3/16, 18U still to be determined.

IV. **ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS:** Gahan distributed initial thoughts on organizational goals. The Board agreed that it should review 3-5 year goals.

V. **UNIFORMS:** Quotes on jerseys received from existing supplier. Discussion ensued on uniform design. Cobb to take the lead on finalizing uniforms and submitting the order by early July.

VI. **COMMITTEES:** The Board reviewed the existing Board committees and who is likely to participate.

- a. **Apparel** – Cobb to chair, Kennedy to participate
- b. **Budget** – Wintle to chair, Burlage and Gahan to participate
- c. **Heyliger** – Ricci to chair, Gahan and Supple to participate
- d. **Tryout** – Ricci to participate, Blouin, Supple and Kennedy to participate
- e. **Discipline** – Burlage to chair, Gahan, Blouin to participate
- f. **Policy** – Gahan to chair, Burlage and Supple to participate
- g. **Fundraising** – Gahan to chair, Wintle and Ricci to participate
- h. **Program** – Cobb and Blouin to participate
- i. **Scholarship** – Wintle to chair, Cobb, Burlange and Gahan to participate

VII. **CLOSING REMARKS:** No topics for discussion.

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Wintle – Bank signature discussion.
- c. Cobb – None.
- d. Kennedy – Player issue – follow up from the previous Board meeting.

- e. Burlage – None.
- f. Ricci – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:21 PM