

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – President

Ken Burlage – Vice-President

Steeve Wintle – Treasurer

Stephanie Supple – Secretary

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The February 16, 2026, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

The following board members were present: Steve Gahan, Ken Burlage, James Blouin, Steeve Wintle, Seamus Kidney, Stephanie Supple, Zach Cobb (exited 6:30p), Shannon Kennedy.

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci, Fred Strum.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: The Board approved the Meeting Minutes for January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

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

1. Bingo Results – YTD profits approximately \$36k. Trending lower than average profitability.
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Checking - \$236k; Savings \$98k.
3. Casino update – Discussion on seeking an additional 5 days with another Casino.
4. Budget discussion - Wintle provided updated on status of budget preparation, with no major changes identified. Considerations discussed regarding Contract renewals due for staffed positions: Brett Ricci, Tia Pass, and Fred Strum.

- IV. BOARD POSITIONS:

1. Planning discussions began regarding upcoming vacancies/renewals for Executive Board and Members at Large. No formal declarations were made.

- V. Proposal of CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

1. Gahan submitted a proposed Confidentiality Agreement for the DYHA Board of Directors. The BOD agreed to review and schedule a vote.

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

1. Practice area – no update.
2. Stop the Bleed Kits – no update.

3. Goalie Skills – no update.
4. Skills program – RFP distributed. No formal submissions received. One group expressed interest, but shared concerns about being able to meet full request.

**VII. OPERATIONAL UPDATES:** Ricci provided updates on the following items:

1. Heyliger schedule – Sixteen teams participated, including 5 GSW Teams. Overall, positive feedback received. Players and families enjoyed the Skills Competition. Heyliger 2027 will need a dedicated sub-Committee, with planning to begin no later than October.
2. Tryouts – 173 participants registered to date. Board worked on scheduling for Coaches and identifying on-ice Assistants to lead drills. The Board agreed unanimously that the Tryout acceptance deadline should be extended from 72-hours to the *Sunday following the Offer Letter* (ie, the Sunday after the week's Tryout session).

**VIII. CLOSING REMARKS:**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 PM