

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 06, 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Vacant – President

Ken Burlage – Vice-President

Steeve Wintle – Treasurer

Stephanie Supple – Secretary

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The April 06, 2026, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at **6:05** PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: Board voted unanimously to approve Minutes from March 16, 2026.

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

1. Bingo Results – March results pending, but expectation is they will meet or exceed February's performance. Full year results should be between \$50-55k (slightly over budget).
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of 4/06/26: Savings - \$148k; Checking \$295k
3. Casino – no updates.
4. Budget 2026-2027 – Budget edits will be finalized once additional inputs are finalized after the April 6th Board meeting, including: Team Composition and tentative Practice Schedules (ie, Ice Time).
5. Scholarships – Scholarship Applications need to be sent out to players registered for 2026-2027. Steeve Wintle will provide the Application to be emailed to GSW Registered families. The 2026-2027 Scholarship Selection Committee will be: Ken Burlage, Steeve Wintle, and Brett Ricci.
6. NHAHA Grant – no update as of 4/06.
7. Donation from Bruins – no update as of 4/06. Brett Ricci will follow up with the contact on an update on the Check and scheduling the clinic for Fall 2026.

- IV. ANNUAL MEETING and BOARD POSITIONS: There was a brief discussion among current Board Members about upcoming transitions and openings on the Board for the 2026-2027 year.

1. Ken Burlage would submit the request for an Email and Facebook posting to be published that we are looking for fill openings on the DHYA Board of Directors. Anyone expressing interest will be invited to the Annual Meeting (5/18/26, 6pm).
2. An additional newspaper ad will be published with the Annual Meeting date and location, for members of the general public to attend the Public Forum session of the meeting.

V. ORGANIZATION UPDATES:

1. Skills program –
 - i. Kennedy School of Hockey has responded to the RFP. The Board agreed unanimously to invite them to provide a presentation at the next meeting, Monday, April 20th. Shannon Kennedy will communicate to the contact.
 - ii. Burlage reached out to another local skills provider and is awaiting responses.
2. Fundraising – the group brainstormed possible fundraising ideas including:
 - i. 2027 Event: End-of-Season Coaches Game followed up with a “GSW Night Out” for families.
 - ii. Lilac City Casino – Steeve Wintle to submit a request for dates.
 - iii. Additional Casinos in the area – Steeve Wintle to request Applications to other regional Casinos.
 - iv. Online Auction – Brett Ricci to start brainstorming.
3. Apparel Committee – Store Closed on 4/05. No update as of 4/06.
4. Board of Directors Confidentiality Agreement – no update as of 4/06. Current BOD agreed to revisit at the first May meeting, ahead of the Annual Meeting.
5. Off-Ice Practice Area – no update as of 4/06.
6. Stop the Bleed Kits – no update as of 4/06.
7. Goalie Skills – no update as of 4/06.

VI. OPERATIONAL UPDATES: Brett Ricci provided updates on the following items:

1. Coaches Game – 22-24 coaches played. Participation and attendance were great. He received positive feedback.
2. The 2026-2027 Coaches Spring Meeting will be held on June 2nd at Rogers Pizza in Dover, NH.
3. Tryouts and Program Update:
 - i. Midget Tryouts in progress – Brett Ricci and the Coaches are actively working through talent assessments and age-group eligibility. Offers and Team composition is expected to be wrapped up by the next meeting.
 - ii. Registered players needed; the following will need to continue to be advertised until filled:
 1. 16U Tier II Goalie
 2. 8U Mite Major Goalie (2018 birth year)
 3. Squirts Selects II – there are enough players for the team, but the roster is light.
 - iii. Program Guide and Tuition Rates – Upcoming season details to be published on the DYHA site.
 - iv. Midget Tuition – Board voted unanimously for Midget tuition rate at \$1500
 - v. Girls Team – we received full commitment from the players, and can proceed with the team. Brett is planning for the Girls’ Tournament to be jamboree-style during the same weekend as the Adult Womens’ tournament.
 - vi. Alternate Policy – Policy and tracking of ice-time for Alternates has not been successful in previous years. The Board and Brett discussed reworking the Alternate policy. A proposal will be drafted and voted upon prior to the start of next season.

4. Returning Player Discussion – Board members agreed to schedule a meeting prior to Tryouts, to discuss a probationary return, should the player be offered a slot on the roster.

VII. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Burlage – None.
- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Cobb –
 - a. Reminder to post the Invitation for the Annual Meeting on Social Media, Email, and in the newspaper.
 - b. Minutes for 2026 should be emailed to Tia to publish on DYHA Site.
 - c. Uniforms – Jersey Fitting dates for June?
 - d. Suggestion for Tech Support ‘office hours’ session in early September for Coaches and new Families (Slack, Email, and Sports Engine) to support improved communication during the upcoming season.
- d. Supple – None.
- e. Ricci – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:06pm.