

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

Steve Gahan – Vice President

Josh Hersey – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle - Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The April 7, 2025, 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: Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, Shannon Kennedy, James Blouin, Ken Burlage (remote), Steeve Wintle (remote). Also attending: Brett Ricci, Mike Young. Absent: Steve Gahan.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Carolyn Bandouveres (sp?) joined the public forum.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 3/17/25 minutes was put forth by Hersey and seconded by Cobb. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

FINANCE UPDATE:

- Bingo results – March results not yet available, will have for the next board meeting.
- Bank balances – Operations - \$229k; Savings - \$194k.
- Scholarships – The scholarship application process is currently open, with the application window closing on April 13th. The Scholarship committee will review and provide a recommendation to the full Board at the April 21st Board meeting.

OPERATIONS:

- Player registrations for the 2025/2026 season are nearly complete, with only a couple of open issues remaining to be addressed.
- Midgets – Upon completion of the tryouts it was determined there would be 3 Midget split-season teams, one 16U and two 18U teams.
- Skills training – Discussion about plan for skills training for next year and the plan for scheduling a meeting with Stride Envy to review.
- Scoreboards – The Board considered a request to help support the acquisition and installation of two new scoreboards for the Dover Arena.
- Player refunds – Discussion about a request for a refund of deposits recently made for the 2025/2026 season. A motion was put forth by Hersey and seconded by Kennedy to approve a partial refund. The Board voted unanimously (Burlage abstained) to approve the partial refund.

- Alternate agreement – Discussion about approval of the agreement that Hersey had circulated previously. Hersey put forth a motion to approve the 2025-2026 alternate agreement, seconded by Blouin. The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2025-2026 alternate agreement with one modification to the document required to change the deadline date in the agreement to December 31st to match when final rosters are locked by the leagues.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

- Budget committee to finalize the FY25-26 budget and present a final budget proposal to the Board at the April 21st Board meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Kennedy – None.
- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Hersey – None.
- d. Cobb – Highlighted the requirement of a 30-day notice period prior to DYHA’s annual meeting date. Discussed the assessment of uniform options, which will be actioned prior to the next board meeting.
- e. Burlage – New coach taking over the girls team. Discussion about strategies for attracting players to the program. General discussion about the girls program, potential ideas on how best to structure and keep costs manageable for families.
- f. Blouin – None.
- g. Young – None.
- h. Ricci – Discussion about Midgets uniforms.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:23 PM