

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM at the Dover Arena in Dover, NH.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci.

- II. BOARD MINUTES: Gahan made a motion, seconded by Burlage, to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the November 3rd Board meeting. There was no additional discussion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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

1. Bingo Results - Week month of October, profit of \$543, YTD \$30,935. Concerns about weakening of bingo demand in new location (all days of the week are experiencing similar impact). November MTD has been more promising, so the hope is we will settle into improved results going forward.
2. DYHA Cash Balances as of November 16th - Checking - \$175k; Savings \$310k.
3. October & YTD operating results – Updated results through October and the forecast for the remainder of the year posted in Board agenda file. No major items of note, the forecast for DYHA projected to be close to the overall budget for the year.

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

1. Skills Training: Follow up discussion about both goalie and skater skills practice sessions.
2. Girls Tournament: Gahan exploring options for organizing a tournament for the girls program to be held during the summer.
3. Coaching Policies: Gahan to lead the review of the current coach policies, including the coach selection process. Gahan, Burlage and Supple hope to draft revisions to the policy manual by the December 1st Board Meeting for the Board to review.
4. Tryouts, Program and Budget Committees: Discussion about the timing of the Program and Budget Committees commencing their work on next season.
5. Newsletter: Feedback on the newsletters have been generally positive

6. U16 Tournament hosting: Tournament seemed to go relatively well, no major issues.
 7. U18 Tournament: Discussion about the recent experience of the U18 Tier 2 Midget team at their tournament. There were a variety of issues that resulted in a less than ideal experience for the team.
- V. LEARN TO PLAY UPDATES: The program is running well, with around 28-30 participants. The Board discussed the merits of a second session, with the Board agreeing that there is enough interest that a second session is warranted. Blouin to lead the effort in preparing the second session program. The Board discussed proposed pricing.
- VI. HEYLIGER UPDATE: Three teams have committed to the tournament, with several others expressing interest. Ricci is reaching out to teams to fill up the schedule. Vendor and hotel options for the tournament were discussed.
- VII. OPERATIONAL UPDATES:
1. Uniform policy – Discussion about jersey sizing and approaches to help minimize the need for re-ordering jerseys in future years.
 2. Coaches meeting – Meeting went well, with a lot of discussion around skills and goalie training. Overall, it was a productive meeting.
 3. Midgets program – Discussion about team planning for next year. Potential to convert one split season team into some kind of in-house program with Sunday games, which could reduce the program cost.
 4. Tier movement – Discussion about certain Tier movements within the GSL and PHL. One team has requested to move up a level, decisions still pending.
 5. Administrative role – Discussion about potential solutions to replace existing personnel at the step back from their responsibilities with DYHA.
 6. Coaching issue – Discussion about all on-ice coaches needing to be USA Hockey certified.
 7. Player refund – Discussion about a player refund for an injured player. Board agreed that if the player is returning during the season no refund will be approved, however if the player is unable to return during this season, the Board will consider a prorated refund.
- VIII. CLOSING REMARKS:
- a. Gahan – None.
 - b. Cobb – None.
 - c. Kidney – None.
 - d. Wintle – Wintle to circulate committee assignments which were agreed to during the June 6th BoD meeting.
 - e. Burlage – Raised the idea of potentially purchasing synthetic ice to utilize in the training area at the rink for goalie training.
 - f. Blouin – None.
 - g. Supple – None.
 - h. Ricci – Discussion about the coaching director participating in on-ice coaching.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:09 PM