

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6:00 PM – DOVER ICE ARENA CONFERENCE ROOM

JT Fortier – President

Steve Gahan – Vice President

Josh Hersey – Treasurer

Steeve Wintle - Secretary

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The February 19, 2024, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

The following board members were present: JT Fortier, Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, Steve Gahan, Ken Burlage, Shannon Kennedy, Steeve Wintle (remotely), Mike Young – Director of Hockey Ops. Absent: James Blouin.

II. **HEAD COACH SELECTION PROCESS:**

- a. Mite coaching discussion. Several people interested in the coaching position attended the first portion of the Board meeting. The Board spoke with each of the candidates to assess the level of interest and willingness to serve in another capacity if not selected as the head coach. The Board discussed the merits of each candidate subsequent to the individual discussions with the candidates.
- b. Gahan published the following email immediately after the Board meeting notifying all parties of the selection of the Board. *“The board has selected Shannon Kennedy as the Mite Major coach for the 24/25 season. The board would like to thank all of you for your interest and willingness to support the organization and the Mite Major team. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.”*

III. **FINANCE UPDATE:**

- a. Bingo update – January numbers netted approximately \$500. One week cancelled due to weather in Jan.
- b. Bank balances as of 2/19: Ops Checking \$57k; Ops Savings \$167k.
- c. Fundraising update – Approved for poker dates in Dover this year. Application received and submitted. Dates not confirmed yet.
- d. Iron Mountain boxes have been shredded and invoice paid. (\$549)
- e. Heyliger t-shirt vendor rebate check rec'd (\$655)
- f. Surplus balance forecasted at about \$70k.

IV. **OPS DIRECTOR ROLE:**

- a. Discussion about pending departure of current Director of Operations. Job description review and potential posting to job websites.

V. 10U HOUSE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

- a. Discussion about 10U house tournament being organized. Potential for 4 team end of season tournament.

VI. SECOND SHIFT:

- a. Season complete, overall a successful season with no items of note for the Board.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. Committee Formation:
 - i. Program Committee update: Program for 2024-2025 season uploaded to the website.
 - ii. Tryout Committee: Discussion about Bantam split season players and proposed budget for the team.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Young – Discussion around midget team and potential player from outside the organization interested in trying out.
- b. Kennedy – None
- c. Gahan – None
- d. Cobb – Identified a potential need for new equipment for DYHA, including equipment related to mini-mites/ intermediate.
- e. Wintle – None
- f. Hersey – Requested whether Board meeting on March 4th is required given playoff and tryout schedules. Board agreed to cancel the March 4th Board meeting.
- g. Burlage – Seeking coaching support for Girls U12 team.
- h. Fortier - None

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:51 PM