

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 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

CALL TO ORDER: The June 17, 2024, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM in the Conference Room of the Dover Ice Arena.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: No public forum attendees.

MEETING MINUTES: Gahan put forth a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the board meeting minutes held on June 3rd. Fortier seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- a. NHAHA grant – Check received for \$2,800.
- b. Poker nights – Preliminary results for first 5 nights of fundraising estimated at \$21k. Confirming the balance.
- c. Bingo results for May - \$8,400 net profit.
 - a. Continue working on 2024-2025 bingo chairperson and volunteer agreements.

PLAYER REFUND: Discussion about a proposed player refund resulting from a parent relocation. Based on family circumstances, Hersey motioned to approve the refund of payments made to date to the player’s family. The Board voted unanimously to approve the refund.

OPERATIONS UPDATE: Ricci provided updated on the first of two PHL meetings held last week. Discussion ensued about proposed new rule changes being implemented for the upcoming year. Ricci to provide additional update after meeting this week.

APPAREL COMMITTEE:

- a. Uniform fittings scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday (6/18 & 6/20). A potential follow up session may be scheduled for those who miss the fittings this week.

COMMITTEES & SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- a. Committee assignment discussion held for next year.
 - a. Heylinger tournament – Gahan/ Burlage
 - b. Apparel – Kennedy/ Cobb
 - c. Tryout – Fortier/ Blouin – Discussion about a potential player demo to be evaluated in coming weeks.
 - d. Budget – Hersey/ Wintle/ Burlage
 - e. Program – Cobb/ Kennedy/ Hersey/ Ricci
 - f. First Shift – Blouin/ Kennedy/ Wintle
 - g. Survey – Wintle/ Fortier

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Gahan – Proposal to defer Board meeting scheduled for 7/1/24 due to the holiday week.
- b. Young – Statewide meeting on Saturday 6/21/24 to include discussions about hosting tournaments. A question was raised about the Board’s interest in hosting a statewide tournament. Discussion ensued about staffing requirements and the consensus was that the Board would likely pass on the opportunity to host a tournament.
- c. Hersey – Discussion about the open item from the prior board meeting pertaining to the additional jersey’s for the Board to consider. The Board discussed and decided that going beyond a third jersey would not be supported, and this was communicated to the inquiring party. Suggestion that future third team jersey inquiries need to be approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Ricci – None
- e. Burlage – None
- f. Kennedy – None
- g. Wintle – None
- h. Fortier – None
- i. Blouin – None

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:52 PM