

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 2024, 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: JT Fortier, Josh Hersey, Shannon Kennedy, Zach Cobb, James Blouin, Ken Burlage, Steve Gahan (remote), Steeve Wintle (remote). Brett Ricci – Director of Hockey Ops, Mike Young – Former Director of Hockey Ops. Absent: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 9/23/24 minutes was put forth by Fortier and seconded by Hersey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

FIRST SHIFT: Equipment fitting scheduled for 10/9/24 at 5 pm. Request for help from Board members to assist with fitting. Total of approximately 20 players currently signed up.

PLAYER REFUNDS: Three players refund issues for consideration. First player suffered a significant injury, the second player had a player release signed for movement to another team, and the third player has not worked out on their team, and an agreement was reached between the coaches and the parents to part ways. Board discussion ensued assessing each scenario and approving some amount of refund for each player. A motion to approve refunds was put forth by Hersey and seconded by Burlage. The Board voted unanimously to approve refunds as proposed.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- a. Bingo - Results for September pending, will have for the next meeting.
- b. Bank balances - \$306k Operating; \$231k Savings.

NIGHT AT THE WHITT: Hersey is waiting to hear back from UNH about a web link for parents to purchase tickets. Hersey will follow up with another communication to his contact at UNH.

HOUSE LEAGUE ROSTER/ READINESS: Updates on registration numbers and coaching status for the House teams. House league schedules updated.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES:

Neck guards update - All players on the ice required to wear neck guards, coaches must police. Adherence to the policy has improved significantly.

USA Hockey numbers - Players and coach USA hockey numbers are nearly complete, with a few coaches having certain elements of the process outstanding.

Goalie skills - Discussion about the season's schedule for skills practices. Discussion about whether goalie skills will take place during regular practices, or if a dedicated sheet is required for the entire season.

Scorekeeping/ Ipads – Young raised the point about each team needing scorekeepers (Gamesheet). Young offered to train parents who were new to the process as needed.

Coaches meeting – Scheduled for November 5th.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Gahan – Heylinger tournament. Flyer sent out earlier this week to teams. There has been some initial interest from teams.
- b. Hersey – Stride envy coaches equipment discussion. Coaches store active and coaches have been using credit to purchase gear.
- c. Cobb – Parent request to post signs at the rink for the upcoming breast cancer event. Cobb to respond to the parent to reach out to the Dover Rink with a suggestion of what the signs would look like to gain approval. Discussion about apparel store updates.
- d. Ricci – None.
- e. Young – Discussion about board installation and setup.
- f. Fortier – None.
- g. Wintle – None.
- h. Blouin – None.
- i. Kennedy – Medical kits prepared. Kennedy to bring them to practices on Tuesday 10/8.
- j. Burlage – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:02 PM