

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 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 September 15, 2025, Dover Youth Hockey Association-Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM at the Revo Casino in Dover, NH.

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

Other Attendees: Brett Ricci (Director of Hockey Ops).

- II. **BOARD MINUTES:** Gahan made a motion, seconded by Blouin, to adopt the Board meeting minutes from the August 18th 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. Bank Balances – Operations Balance – \$211,146, Savings Balance – \$276,355.
2. Monthly Budget vs. Actual reporting included in the Board meeting agenda. Wintle provided brief overview with commentary on uniform costs and the overall performance vs. budget. No significant issues of note.
3. Bingo updates:
 - a. Results for August & YTD:
 - i. August - \$7.7k profit
 - ii. YTD - \$27.6k profit

- IV. **ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS:**

- a. Gahan reviewed the current status of the Strategic Plan document.
 - i. The Board discussed some potential points of clarification to the Strategic Plan which Gahan will update in the coming days.
- b. Gahan noted that he would like to establish a monthly newsletter to league members providing various updates on DYHA.

- V. **GAMING UPDATES:**

- a. Casino requested a roster of board of directors members. Wintle will finalize the list of board members and provide to the casino this week.

- b. Casino check receipt event scheduled for October 7th. Gahan selected a time slot and offered to all Board members to attend the event.

VI. UNIFORMS/APPAREL:

- a. Special Jersey – The Board reviewed the recent request for use of the previously approved special jersey for a game scheduled in October. The Board agreed that since it was previously approved, no further action was needed at this time.
- b. Uniforms update – Ricci noted that player uniforms for the current season are nearly complete, with only a few open items remaining.
- c. Apparel Committee to meet this week to prepare the fall apparel store.

VII. OPERATIONS:

- a. Skills Night discussion – The Board discussed options around potentially replacing or augmenting the current skills offerings with a power skating program, which has been identified as an area of improvement for Dover hockey overall. No decision has been made, but the Board will continue to assess it in the coming months.
 - i. Gahan, Burlage, Kennedy, Blouin and Ricci to spearhead effort to bring a recommendation to the Board for consideration ahead of next season.
- b. Player related:
 - i. The Board discussed the status of a player who is seeking to play on two teams. Agreement that Gahan would address the tuition costs with the family.
 - ii. Ricci highlighted a potential player discipline issue that may need to be addressed in the coming weeks. No action required currently.
- c. GSL Parity and Schedules – Parity weekend for the GSL completed with most outstanding issues having been addressed and resolved. Full schedules should be updated later this week.
- d. Picture Night – Proposed for November 20th and 21st.

VIII. FIRST SHIFT: Blouin provided an update on the options for uniforms resulting from the current suppliers supply chain issues. Blouin reviewed opportunity with an alternative supplier which would replace the current supplier. The Board discussed the options, and authorized Blouin to move forward in discussions with the alternative supplier.

IX. CLOSING REMARKS:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Blouin – None.
- c. Wintle – None.
- d. Burlage – Discussion about pins for the team going to the Lake Placid tournament. Gahan to provide Burlage with the graphics for Burlage to move forward.
- e. Ricci – Confirming with the Board that the Heyliger tournament will take place and will be focused on Mite Minor and Mite Dev teams.
- f. Kennedy – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:20 PM