

DOVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2025 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 January 6, 2025, 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: Josh Hersey, Zach Cobb, James Blouin, Ken Burlage, Shannon Kennedy, Steeve Wintle, Fred Strum, Steve Gahan (remote), Brett Ricci – Director of Hockey Ops. Absent: JT Fortier, Mike Young – Former Director of Hockey Ops.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the 12/2/24 minutes was put forth by Hersey and seconded by Burlage. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

FINANCE UPDATE: Hersey provided the following updates:

- Bingo results – November net profit of \$6,888; YTD \$63K. December results will be available at the next Board meeting.
 - o New casino will not be opening until March 2025. Bingo move in date now scheduled for September 2025.
 - o IRS Form 945 for all W-2G withholding taxes is due 1/31/25
- All Accounts Receivable balances have been communicated to families and payment plans are in place.
- NHAHA grant approved for \$1,500.
- Night at the Whitt fundraising check received - \$1,566.

OPERATIONS UPDATE:

- Next Year's Tryouts – Discussion about planning for tryouts, potential dates and calendar conflicts (school vacations) reviewed.
- Heylinger tournament update – Discussion about tournament planning, including apparel vendor and a review about the current composition of teams and plan for filling out tournament participants.
- House league – Games have been scheduled for Squirts. League going well overall with no major issues flagged.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

- Discussion about the deadline for the Program Committee to have the proposed program for 2025 established.
- Survey – Delay in sending out the survey, to be solved asap, with a goal of having results by around the 13th-14th of January to provide feedback for the Program Committee.
- Tryout schedule - Discussion about potential tryout dates, including how we have historically held the sessions (number of sessions and days of the week). Ricci to discuss and organize dates based on factors including: ice availability, school vacation weeks, and other local team tryout schedules.

BOARD OPENINGS:

- Discussion about board members terms and potential openings in May 2025. A list to be prepared and reviewed in coming weeks to assess potential upcoming Board openings.

HEAD COACH OPENINGS:

- Reviewed potential coaching openings for next season and
 - o Mite Major head coach
 - o Squirt Select
 - o Peewee Select
 - o Bantams
 - o Girls program

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:

- Hersey to send out conflict of interest policy for Board members to review and execute.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. Gahan – None.
- b. Wintle – None.
- c. Hersey – None.
- d. Cobb – None.
- e. Kennedy – None.
- f. Burlage – None.
- g. Ricci – None.
- h. Blouin – None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:40 PM