



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday June 11, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: SPCA Auditorium, 7 Scarfe Court

***For a list of attendees please refer to the attendees report listed at the end of the minutes.**

1.	Call to Order - 6:05 PM	PD
2.	Approve Agenda Motion: To approve the agenda <i>Lacey Cyr/Jeff Merrick carried</i>	PD
3.	Approve AGM minutes 2024 Motion: To approve the agenda <i>Lacey Cyr/Jeff Merrick carried</i>	PD
4.	President's Address delivered by President, Peter Dulhanty <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you's• Transition year - learning/trying new things• Association is built on our hard working coaches and volunteers• The future is bright - lots of positive to pull forward to next season	PD
5.	Mission Statement, delivered by Director of Risk Management and Discipline, Jeff Merrick <p style="text-align: center;">Mission</p> <p>To foster a lifelong love of hockey by providing a fun, safe, and inclusive environment where youth can develop their skills, confidence, and character—on and off the ice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vision</p> <p>To be a leading minor hockey organization known for developing great players, even better people, and championing a positive, inclusive hockey culture that strengthens our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are looking to promote Whalers at RBC Centre	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build a safe and inclusive environment, sense of community 	
6.	<p>Financial Summary, delivered by Treasurer, Melissa Ruginski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hired MNP Accounting to complete our annual financial statements ● Revenue is about the same as last year (statements will be posted to the website) ● Expenses were 377K up from 327K last year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paid evaluators for the first time ○ Covered coaches/volunteer training ● Registration costs will increase next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insurance is increasing ○ Ref fees increased last year and we did not increase registration ● Mary Beth Chalk Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Received \$7000 in donations from teams - the most ever! ○ Supported 16 players for a total of \$8600 in 2024-2025 ● Player Projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrollment is down - steadily decreasing over the past couple of years (affects price) ● Moving from Team Genius to GrayJay for registration for the 2025-2026 season 	
7.	<p>Development Update delivered by Director of Development, Steve Coleman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highlighted Successes and Areas for Improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Practice Plans created by John Greenwood, when used, worked great. They were not used consistently ○ Conditioning - positive feedback, well staffed - however we need more ice and human resources for this season ○ U7 - Consistent coaching from Mitch King - paramount to success ○ U9 - Consistent coaching from Rene George - provided document of successes and ways to improve the development model ○ Goalie Sessions - standing sessions every week, consistent coaching. Ice times will need to change for next year, Saturday mornings were a big conflict for many ○ Standing development sessions on Sunday - great that we had the consistent time, but will look at picking a different ice time for next year ○ Looking at doing "Friday Night Lights" next season - fun and engaging for all levels. 	SC

8.	Acclamation of Directors: As nominations closed for 21 days prior to the AGM, and there being only single candidates being presented for all roles, the candidates being presented are declared elected and no vote is required. The following candidates will now assume their respective Board roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President - Peter Dulhanty ● Vice President - Matt Mahoney ● Director of Recreational Hockey - Brian Bruce ● Director of Development - Steve Coleman 	PD
9.	Roles Needed to Fill for 2025-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technical Director (Paid) ● Registrar (Paid) ● Referee-In-Chief (Paid) ● Equipment Manager ● Coordinator of Sponsorships and Initiatives ● Divisional Coordinators Applications due to Matt Mahoney, vicepresident@whalers.org by June 19, 2025	
10.	Bylaw Amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All motions were approved by the membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Details of the changes are attached to the end of the minutes. 	
11.	Adjournment: With no further business, the President asked for a motion for adjournment at 6:39 PM. MOTION: To adjourn the AGM. <i>Melissa Ruginski/Lacey Cyr</i>(Carried)	
	Next Meeting Date: Wednesday July 16, 2025, 6-7:30PM	

IN-PERSON BOARD ATTENDANCE			
Peter Dulhanty	Matt Mahoney	Lacey Cyr	Melissa Ruginski
Brian Bruce	Lisa Bonin	Jeff Merrick	Steve Coleman

Chris Prentice	Jamie Teale	Jerome MacEachern	Justin LeBlanc
Claude LaBlanc	Hollie Fraleigh	Woody Menear	Roy Livingston
Kevin Arsenault	Sarah Chiasson	Matthew Taylor	Kelly Taylor
Jason Carmichael	Keith Beazley	Jen Adams	Neil Fisher
Darlene Murphy	Dawn Delaney	Tina McPhee	D McPhee
Adam Gordon	Shawn Wadden	Thomas Storing	Noah Mombourquette
Mitchell King	Erica King	Jason Murphy	Lia MacDonald
Dana Simonsen	Jen Simonsen	Sherri Galley	Medford Young
Dave MacKenzie			

2025 AGM - Proposed Bylaw Amendments		
Section 12 - Existing	Proposed	Rationale
<p>12 The Board shall consist of the of the following Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) President (2) Vice President (3) Secretary (4) Treasurer (5) Director of Registration (6) Director of Competitive Hockey (7) Director of Recreational Hockey (8) Director of Operations (9) Director of Risk Management and Discipline (10) Director of Development (11) Director of Communications (12) Director of U7 / U9 Divisions 	<p>The Board shall consist of the of the following Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) President (2) Vice President (3) Secretary (4) Treasurer (5) Director of Competitive Hockey (6) Director of Recreational Hockey (7) Director of Risk Management and Discipline (8) Director of Development (9) Director of Communications 	<p>It was determined that the workload could be spread amongst the remaining Directors, and our registrar is now paid so was removed.</p>

	(10) Director of U7 / U9 Divisions	
Motion to approve the amendment to Section 12 as noted above.		
Section 13 - Existing	Proposed	Rationale
<p>Elections of Directors and Officers</p> <p>13 The election of the Board will be held at the annual general meeting in accordance with the following order:</p> <p>a. In odd numbered years commencing in 2021, the following Directors shall be elected and will hold their respective elected position for a period of two years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. President ii. Secretary iii. Director of Registration iv. Director of Recreational Hockey v. Director of Risk Management and Discipline vi. Director of Development <p>b. In even numbered years commencing in 2022, the following Directors shall be elected and will hold their respective elected position for a period of two years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vice-President ii. Treasurer iii. Director of Competitive Hockey iv. Director of Operations v. Director of Communications vi. Director of U7 / U9 Divisions 	<p>13 The election of the Board will be held at the annual general meeting in accordance with the following order:</p> <p>(a) In even numbered years commencing in 2026, the following Directors shall be elected for two year terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i)Vice President (ii)Secretary (iii)Director of Communications (iv)Director of Competitive Hockey (v)Director of Risk Management and Discipline <p>(b) In odd numbered years commencing in 2027, the following Directors shall be elected for two year terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i)President (ii)Treasurer 	<p>Succession plan was misaligned due to prior departures from the Board before the two year term. This change gets the succession plan back on track.</p>

	(iii) Director of Recreational Hockey (iv) Director of U7/U9 Divisions (v) Director of Development	
Motion to approve the amendment to Section 13 as noted above.		
Section 99 through 104 - Existing	Proposed	Rationale
<p>99 Annually, at the annual general meeting, the Board shall establish an Audit Committee to serve as a standing committee of the Board and to assist the Board in fulfilling its audit and oversight responsibilities.</p> <p>100 The Audit Committee shall make a written report to the members as to the financial position of the Whalers and the report shall contain a balance sheet and operating account.</p> <p>101 The Audit Committee shall consist of three persons, one of which will be from the members at large, appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The President and Vice President may not be members of the Audit Committee. Those appointed to the Audit Committee are eligible for re-appointment.</p> <p>102 Quorum of the Audit Committee shall consist of two (2) members of the Audit Committee.</p> <p>Audit Reporting</p> <p>103 The Audit Committee shall make a written report to the Board upon the balance sheet and operating account, and in every such report, they shall state whether, in their opinion, the balance sheet is a full and fair balance sheet containing the particulars required by the Whalers and properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Whaler's affairs, and such report shall be read at the annual meeting.</p> <p>104 A copy of the balance sheet, showing the general particulars of its liabilities and assets and a statement of its income and expenditure in the preceding year, audited by the Audit Committee, shall be filed with the Registrar within fourteen (14) days after the annual meeting in each year as required by law.</p>	Remove sections 99 - 104	<p>A volunteer audit committee contradicts section 47 as shown below:</p> <p>"47 The Board, at the annual general meeting, shall appoint auditors to audit financial records and annual statements."</p> <p>The Board will continue to retain a third party accounting firm to conduct financial review on an annual basis.</p>

Motion to approve the amendment to Sections 99 - 104.