



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday September 12, 2023

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location: RBC Centre Boardroom

Peter Dulhanty –President	Y
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	Y
Lacey Cyr – Secretary	Y
Melissa Ruginski – Treasurer	Y
Andrew MacVicar – Director of Competitive	Y
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	Y
David MacKenzie – Director of U7/U9	Y
Steve Coleman – Director of Development	Y
Lisa Bonin – Director of Communications	Y
Ron Watkins – Risk Management & Discipline	N
Michelle James– Director of Operations	Y
Non-Voting Member	
Phil Power - Past President	N
Invited Guests:	
Beth MacMullin – Registrar	Y
Bill Short – Technical Director	Y

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time: 7:02pm	
1.	Agenda Mover/Second MM/DM	Pete
2.	Previous Minutes Mover/Second MJ/PD	Pete
3.	Tryouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● overall goal is to get the correct players on the ice on the correct teams ● DWMHA had a lot of success last year, our process works 	PD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board members in conflict with a tryout group will not be permitted upstairs before, during or after their child is on the ice for evaluations ● Neutral evaluators - outside eyes take away bias ● Evaluators evaluate everyone on the ice ● Jersey numbers are used to talk about players, never names ● Team Genius is being used again as it is proven to be a consistent platform that can generate a report card and can score on the 4 attributes (skating, skills, compete, hockey sense) ● Scores are not accumulated because the groups are not static, cannot be cumulative ● We are good for ice ● Players trying out for U15AAA must go the AA Whalers tryouts if they do not have major bantam ice time to be considered for AA. If there is a conflict, player can report to U15AAA tryout. ● Two board members (out of conflict) will be present in the evaluation room as an observer of the process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U11: MM/MJ ○ U13: BB/MR ○ U15: DM/SC <p>ACTION: Beth will make a schedule with the tryout times for board members that will include the conflicts</p> <p>Hurricane Lee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plan A - tryouts stay as originally scheduled. We will monitor the weather system and make a call as of 5pm Friday to communicate to membership ● Plan B - If we lose Saturday or Sunday, Skills will be cancelled and we will start with Intersquad games. Bill has a schedule tentatively ready to go. 	
4.	Coach Selection - Nothing to report	MM
5.	U13AAA - Non-parent volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-parent volunteers have been confirmed for dressing room, bench and jersey distribution ACTION: LC will fill in volunteer schedule created by BM	PD
6.	Coach/Volunteer Certifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CRC's have to be approved by Beth, she sends code, volunteers fills out documents for CRC, then the Controller gets billed. It's working well. ● Communication has been sent out to inform coaches that they will be reimbursed for coaching courses as soon as they are rostered on a team ● Volunteers do not get reimbursed for Respect in Sport, only coaching courses 	BM

	ACTION: DM and BM will choose a date to facilitate a session with U7/U9 volunteer to help them get set up with their certs	
7.	<p>Manager Meeting - Choose Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday October 15, 2023, 6PM, RBC Multi-Purpose Room. <p>LC/BM and MR to facilitate</p> <p>ACTION: LC will book room at RBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New this year: at least one member from the team must show up for the meeting. Your team will not receive their skate sharpening cards unless there is a representative from the team there. We will take attendance. 	
8.	<p>Proposal for Youth Goalie Development Program - U9/U11 Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTION: SC will respond to email 	SC
9.	<p>Out of area player request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In camera: Motion regarding out of area player, carried 	MR
10.	<p>Vote Nadine Lockhart in as Co-Coordinator for U9</p> <p>MOTION to appoint Nadine Lockhart as Co-Coordinator for U9 for the 2023-2024 season.</p> <p>Mover/Seconder LC/MM All in favor - 10/10 Any opposed or abstained?0</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	LC
11.	<p>Equipment Expense Budget - Jeff Pottie is requesting a \$3000 equipment expense budget for the 2023-2024 season. (Coaching tools, goalie equipment, jersey storage, etc)</p> <p>MOTION: To add \$3000 to the budget and approve the Equipment Manager to access those funds to purchase equipment , as deemed necessary.</p> <p>Mover/Seconder LC/PD All in favor - 10/10 Any opposed or abstained? 0</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	LC
12.	<p>Policy for Player requests to move up from U7/U9 to U11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per HNS, 5.14 U7 players are not permitted to be assessed for or participate in on ice activities at the U9 age levels except with the approval. Of both the Regional Director and the Conference Coordinator. 	DM
13.	MyBackCheck - see #6 above regrading CRC's	
	Other business:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACTION: DM will write an email to be sent to U7/U9 parents to inform them of what to expect in the coming weeks. LB will share the info to the website. ● Mary Beth Chaulk - Phil Power, Lisa Bonin and Dave MacKenzie will oversee Mary Beth Chaulk Fund. They will ignite the conversation ASAP. ● Danny Kalfus - Whalers Contact for PHL Whalers Apparel - ACTION:MJ will be in touch to get the apparel program rolling this year ● Weather Policy - Does not exist. Carry forward to next meeting to discuss ● Meeting with a new sponsor being set up next week 	
	<p>Meeting Adjourned: 9:05pm Mover/Seconder MM/PD Next Meeting: Tuesday October 17, 2023, 7:00pm, RBC Multi-Purpose Room</p>	