



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association Board Minutes

Date: November 20, 2025
 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Location: RBC Centre Multipurpose Room

Peter Dulhanty –President	Present
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	Present
Lisa Bonin – Secretary	Present
Vacant – Treasurer	X
Rob Dunphy – Director of Competitive	Regrets
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	Regrets
Chris Prentice – Director of U7/U9	Present
Steve Coleman – Director of Development	Regrets
Sarah Chiasson – Director of Communications	Present
Jeff Merrick – Risk Management & Discipline	Present
Non-Voting Member	
Phil Power - Past President	X

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time: 6:33 pm	PD
1.	Approval of Agenda Mover: MM Second: CP *Unable to conduct votes in person due to quorum not being met	PD
2.	Approval of Minutes from previous meeting Mover: LB Seconder: MM	PD
3.	Welcome our New Members to their Roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Chiasson will be taking on the role of Director of Communications - Lisa Bonin will be taking on the role of Secretary 	PD
4.	Financials The Treasurer resigned from their role, effective November 17, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See Item 9 Ice costs vs registration - can we cover our costs?	PD/MM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In progress. To proceed with calculation, an average ice cost has to be determined as there is variation in cost based on location. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: MM to obtain costs and proceed with calculations. <p>Non-parent coach track suit purchase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding Board position on purchase of track suits for non-parent coaches who are new to the Whalers. Consideration that providing track suits is a kind gesture to new coaches and may be viewed as the Association valuing their volunteerism. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: Board to e-vote on approval of track suit purchases for non-parent coaches. <i>Approved by e-vote, December 4, 2025</i> - Action Item: Review and revise policy prior to 2026-2027 season. <p>U13 AAA budget for approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget exceeds capped amount for U13 division; Board approval required. - Board has suggested edits for incorporation by team staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: Board to e-vote on approval of U13 AAA budget. <i>Approved by e-vote, December 3, 2025</i> 	
5.	<p>Third Jersey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred due to RD absence. 	N/A
6.	<p>SEDMHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Hagan (PH), SEDMHA Board member, wants to meet with the Board to discuss potential for collaboration on 2027 event, which will be the 50th anniversary of SEDHMA. - Board agreed to extend an invitation to PH for the January 2026 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: MM to liaise with PH in advance of January 2026 meeting. 	MM
7.	<p>Tryouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debrief by Director of Competitive Hockey and Director of Development deferred due to absence of RD and SC. 	MM
8.	<p>Risk</p> <p>Certifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outstanding certification requirements need to be communicated to teams as December 1 deadline is approaching. - Process for Certifications to be reviewed following December deadline to determine how Certifications Coordinator can be supported in their new role. Discussion of value of inviting Registrar and Certifications Coordinator to a future meeting to discuss potential revisions to Certifications process. 	JM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: LB to Invite Registrar and Certifications Coordinator to January 2026 meeting. <p>Parents in Dressing Rooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved from Item 10; associated with Risk, therefore discussed within Item 8. - Concern that parents in dressing rooms (when assisting young players with tying of skates and putting on gear) elevates risk for the Association. - Ongoing discussion regarding what the age limit (if at all) is for parents being present in dressing rooms. Concern for burden on coaches, compromising social experience for athletes, moral support needed by younger players. - Two-Deep role to be clarified and emphasized with our volunteers. If a designated Two-Deep representative is to be added to teams, it must be done by December 1. 	
9.	<p>Board - Treasurer Selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are four applicants for the Treasurer position. To provide a better understanding of candidates, MM will summarize expressions of interest and qualifications and share with Board via email. - Action Item: MM to summarize candidate attributes and share with Board ASAP. 	MM
10.	See Item 8	
11.	<p>Other business</p> <p>Team Rep Fees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board previously voted to approve that Rep Fees are collected at the team level, rather than being billed to individual player accounts. There are significant costs associated with processing individual payments and increased risk of fees not being paid. - A decision made by the Board cannot be overrode unless there is another vote; Rep Fees are to be collected by teams for the 2026-2027 season. <p>Whalers Mission and Vision Posters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JM had several posters printed, which will be displayed throughout the RBC in areas of high visibility. 	
	Next Meeting Date: December 18 (tentative, virtual)	
	<p>Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 pm</p> <p>Mover: PD</p> <p>Second: LB</p>	