



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday December 11, 2024
 Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Location: RBC Centre Multipurpose Room

Peter Dulhanty –President	Y
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	Y
Lacey Cyr – Secretary	Y
Melissa Ruginski – Treasurer	N
Rob Dunphy – Director of Competitive	Y
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	Y
Chris Prentice – Director of U7/U9	Y
Steve Coleman – Director of Development	Y
Lisa Bonin – Director of Communications	Y
Jeff Merrick – Risk Management & Discipline	Y
Director of Operations	VACANT
Non-Voting Member	
Invited Guests:	

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time	7:09
1.	Agenda Mover/Second LB/RD	PD
2.	Approve Previous Minutes Mover/Second JM/SC	PD
3.	Financial Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of where we are with financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revenue is down (policy change and registration is down) ○ Checking clinic and conditioning fees are up ○ Ice rental fees down/availability down ○ Review engagement is complete and ready for board review. Will be voted on next week. ● MBC - Families are applying and receiving funds for their kids to play 	MR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing well will collecting funds for registration/conditioning/tryouts - emails will be going out soon to remind of payment or to create payment plan <p>ACTION - questions about the financials to be sent to MR ASAP, vote to happen next week on the statements</p> <p>ACTION - MR to send out emails to those with money owing to collect payment or set up payment plan</p>	
4.	<p>Tryouts - Lessons Learned and Debrief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player groupings will change for next year - previous placement will not dictate who a player is grouped with moving forward • Ranking system - newer one to be brought in and evaluators will be trained on it before starting the tryout process • condensed schedule worked well, will stick with this for next year • more intersquads next year, less skills sessions • Tryout Coordinator - look at creating this position next year • The process will be released ahead of tryouts so people know what to expect in regards to timeline and what to expect on ice. <p>ACTION: RD to create a communication to be posted that will outline the tryout process ahead of the next season.</p>	RD
5.	<p>Policy Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have some contradictory policy info online - needs to be cleaned up • Code of Conduct - needs to be revamped with more specifics on what happens if players/coaches/parents breach this policy • Clear policy on Manager/Coach Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will revamp the current policy to be more specific • Clear Policy on Per Diem (fundraising policy) and how it applies to Non-Parent coaches only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will revamp the current policy to be more specific <p>ACTION: LC to reach out to Policy Coordinator to meet and go through the policy. We will have the document condensed by April 2025</p> <p>ACTION: PD, MM, JM will discuss Code of Conduct to make it more clear</p>	JM
6.	<p>Safety Concerns at RBC Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any safety concerns can be brought to Jeff and he will alert RBC Centre 	JM
7.	<p>Community Event - Clothing Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happening this weekend (Dec 14-15). Managers were sent a communication to encourage people to bring in items for Margaret House. Hoping to have a good turn out! 	LC
8.	<p>Unapproved use of logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams are not permitted to use the Whalers logo without previous written approval from the President and the Communications Director as per policy <i>#18 Logo and Color Usage Policy</i>. If teams breach this 	LC

	<p>policy, they could be fined \$500. All apparel is to be purchased through PHL as per our sponsorship agreement.</p> <p>ACTION: JM to investigate and provide findings to the President, Vice and Communications for decision/action.</p>	
9.	<p>Development Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus is U7-U9-U11 ● Goalies sessions every Saturday, Power skating every Sunday ● Goalie sessions are well attended ● 235 hours of development ice has been distributed since September. (Including conditioning) ● Looking for more ice to have a consistent schedule ● Financials are on track ● Coaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ implementing more development to players by training the coaches ○ RG and JL will work with coaches on ice and in classroom ○ Looking at a coaching subscription next year that many coaches are using anyway. Have teams build this into their budget <p>ACTION: SC to sit down with RG to make a schedule moving forward for the Sunday ice and follow up with teams.</p>	
10.	<p>Christmas Items from last year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● water bottles, ornaments, blankets and stanley mugs ● setup table to sell items from last year at RBC on Saturday December 14. Another night to sell items would be Tuesday December 17 from 5-6:30PM <p>ACTION - LB to send communication</p>	MR
11.	<p>Room 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● send out a brief communication to define what the room is currently used for - important to note it is a public space and cannot be monitored for lost or stolen items. Use for storage at your own discretion, we do not own the room. ● When the Whalers cages come in, a more clear communication can be sent out. 	LC
12.	<p>OTHER ITEMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● send message out about inclement weather <p>ACTION - LB to send communication about this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director of Operations position vacant. This position may be discussed and changed to better suit the needs of the association. Decision will be made ahead of the 2025/2026 season. ● Would like to start focusing on bringing people together. Whaler of the Week and Whalers nights. More on this in the new year. 	
	<p>Evotes this month:</p>	

	MOTION: “to approve the requested budget for U13AAA for a team budget of \$49,503.”	
	Next Meeting: Wednesdays in the new year. Wednesday January 15, 2025 RBC Multi-Purpose Room.	
	Meeting Adjourned Mover MM	8:49 pm