



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Thursday February 20, 2025

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Warm Up Room, RBC Centre

Peter Dulhanty –President	Y
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	N
Lacey Cyr – Secretary	Y
Melissa Ruginski – Treasurer	Y
Rob Dunphy – Director of Competitive	Y
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	N
Chris Prentice – Director of U7/U9	N
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	7:05
1.	Agenda Mover/Second MR/LB	LC
2.	Approve Previous Minutes Mover/Second JM/RD	LC
3.	Financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emails were sent out to all families of players that have money owing, and payments are starting to come in ● No big drops in revenue, budget looks good and on track ● All teams have paid their mid-season bill ● Team budgets will all be collected and reviewed this year. We will start collecting them twice per year and review them. We also are expecting teams to use a Whalers budget template for next year ● We will draft a policy for payments for next season - unless a payment plan is approved, full payment will be due in a more timely manner 	MR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra ref fees when teams play fewer than 18 games - proposal <p>ACTION: MR to put motion forward to approve ref fees being covered up to 18 games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whalers guarantee 18 home games in a season, ref fees are budgeted based on this and included in registration costs. Some teams have not reached their 18 home games, therefore see following motion: <p>E-Vote carried out before minutes were reported:</p> <p>Motion to “approve teams to have ref fees covered by the Whalers, as per the payment schedule on the Whalers website for the 2024-2025 up to their 18 home games. Whalers will cover ref fees only if they have not received their 18 home games and will pay ref fees to cover the difference between games played and 18 home games.”</p> <p><i>Motion Carried</i></p> <p>ACTION: LC to review minutes and make a list of action items outstanding ACTION: MR to request end of year budgets from all teams after final bills are sent out</p>	
4.	<p>Game Changers Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC, MR and LB will look after organizing this for players and coaches this year <p>ACTION: LC to send out form to coordinators, managers and coaches to look for nominees</p>	LC
5.	<p>Exceptional Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process has changed from years past • There is a different measure and all requests go through Hockey NS • Guardians can submit requests, HNS will decide - it is not up to the Association/Organization 	PD
6.	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the development ice been allocated and used this season? Whalers have an hour of ice on Saturday for goalies, and an hour of ice on Sunday for teams • Question - which teams have accessed this development opportunity and how were teams made aware that it was available? This is parked and will be added to our agenda in March. 	SC
7.	<p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the end of season is upon us, we will send out a reminder about logo usage - teams are not permitted to use the Whalers logo without permission. Reminder also that Pro Hockey Life is a sponsor and we are to use them for apparel • outside party reviewing/updating documents - we will visit Policy more in depth when the season is over • US travel - this conversation is parked until the next board meeting in March. Concerns about financial strain on the community with fundraising targets 	MM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selling ice rules (HRM) - teams can only sell ice to other minor hockey associations as we have a reduced ice cost through HRM. We will send out a reminder to teams as this has been violated this year. <p>ACTION: LB to send out reminder about our Logo Usage policy</p> <p>ACTION: LB to send out a reminder of our ice selling policies</p>	
8.	<p>Whalers Spring Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning on carrying out a spring program similar to last spring Jonah Lerous will run it Waiting on ice allocation, communication will go out for registration when we confirm ice Checking Clinic - We do not have anyone internally qualified to hold a clinic <p>ACTION: PD to discuss options for checking clinic with SC and come up with a plan for our players</p>	
	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <p>Season structure - Central Minor structure was different this year which caused a big lull in the schedule between season end and SEDMHA</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday March 19, 2025, RBC Multi-Purpose Room (tentative - waiting on confirmation)</p>	
	<p>Meeting Adjourned Mover PD</p>	<p>8:06 PM</p>