



**Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes**

Date: February 19, 2026
 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Location: Virtual; Google Meet

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

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time: 6:35 pm	PD
1.	Approval of Agenda Mover: JM Second: SC	PD
2.	Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Mover: SC Seconder: JM	PD
3.	Previous Action Items for Follow Up: Policy Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The policy review committee provided their updated draft of the policy manual. The Board will review the document, with the goal of having edits finalized in time for the AGM. Communication to be created to thank the policy review committee. - Action Item: SC to create communication to publicly thank policy review committee 	LB

	<p>Checking Clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ice Scheduler has inquired about spring ice times at the RBC. The response will dictate how we proceed with scheduling checking clinics and development sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: SC to create communication to update membership on pending sessions. 	
4.	<p>Financials</p> <p>Treasurer recruitment/selection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to our new Treasurer, Cayla Stryncl. The Interim Treasurer and Controller will meet with Cayla for onboarding. <p>Ice Bills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final ice and team bills have yet to be prepared and distributed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Team bills to be prepared and distributed, ideally by the end of February. 	MM/CS
5.	<p>Risk</p> <p>Formation of a Complaints, Discipline & Appeals committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six applicants provided expressions of interest for the CDA committee. JM shared their documentation with the Board in advance of the meeting. The Board agreed that the committee would be composed of five people. Although having three people on the committee would suffice, engaging these volunteers may lead to having them take on other volunteer opportunities within the Whalers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: JM to follow up with all applicants. 	JM
6.	<p>Sponsorship and Community Initiatives Update</p> <p>GrayJay 50/50 Fundraising Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC met with another hockey association that currently uses the GrayJay 50/50 platform and they shared their experience. The product is relatively new and the cost is higher than our current agreement with Rafflebox. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: SC to continue discussion and negotiation with GrayJay. Also discussed was that when Whaler's players' Rafflebox accounts are less than \$25, the credits are not applied to their accounts. This is to be clarified, and if credits are not applied, where does the money end up? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: SC - Fundraising Coordinator and policy/documentation to guide the credit application process will be consulted. <p>Apparel</p>	SC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SC is awaiting follow-up, samples to be provided by potential partner. 	
7.	<p>Tryouts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deferred. In progress. Director of Competitive Hockey and Director of Development have yet to share recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: PD to reach out to Directors for updates to be shared in advance of next Board meeting. 	RD
8.	<p>AGM</p> <p>Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The date has to be set; must occur before July 30. Suggestion to schedule for late May and consider a different location than what has been used in the past. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: LB to proceed with AGM planning and securing a suitable location. 	LB
9.	<p>Diversity and Inclusion Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WJ is compiling the results of the recent EDI survey that was sent to Whalers membership and will provide a report next meeting. ● An association scan was performed and initiatives are being developed. A formal presentation of recommendations will be planned for the next Board meeting. 	LB for WJ
10.	<p>Other business</p> <p>Ice Allotment Meeting with HRM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HRM personnel recommended that we revise our approach to ice allotment requests in order to accurately meet the needs for the number of players/teams. For example, rather than stating that there are three U7 teams, a more accurate number would be six or seven teams. ● HRM has not updated their ice allocation process for 13 years, so there is an update anticipated within the next year or two. <p>Performance Reviews for Paid Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion to establish a reporting and measuring process for paid positions, for implementation for the 2026-2027 season. Personnel in those positions will be informed in advance of implementation so they are aware of the process and expectations. Other local associations will be consulted regarding their processes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action Item: PD to consult local hockey associations. Board to draft process prior to next season. <p>Resignment of Vice President</p>	PD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM will be resigning from his position of Vice President, effective February 28, 2026. He will remain available for consulting and support until a new VP has been appointed at the AGM. 	
11.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 pm</p> <p>Mover: PD</p> <p>Secunder: MM</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting Date: March 10, 2026, 6:30-8:00 pm, RBC Multipurpose Room</p>	