



**Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association  
Board Minutes**

Date: June 18, 2026  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Location: Google Meet

| <b>Board Members</b>                        |         |
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| Peter Dulhanty –President                   | Present |
| Chris Prentice - Vice President             | Present |
| Lisa Bonin – Secretary                      | Present |
| Cayla Stryncl – Treasurer                   | Present |
| Barrett MacDonald – Director of Competitive | Present |
| Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation        | Regrets |
| Vacant – Director of U7/U9                  |         |
| Steve Coleman – Director of Development     | Regrets |
| Sarah Chiasson – Director of Communications | Present |
| Jeff Merrick – Risk Management & Discipline | Regrets |
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| <b>Invited Guest</b>                        |         |
| Jack Flaman                                 |         |

|    | Topic                                                                                                                            | By |
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|    | Meeting Start Time: 6:36 pm                                                                                                      | PD |
| 1. | Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mover: CS</li> <li>● Second: SCh</li> </ul>                          | PD |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mover: SCh</li> <li>● Seconder: CP</li> </ul> | PD |
| 3. | Diversity and Inclusion<br><br>No report provided.                                                                               | WJ |
| 4. | Registrar<br><br>Nothing to report.                                                                                              | EM |
| 5. | Financials                                                                                                                       | CS |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Treasurer has spent a lot of time reviewing financials since taking on the role and is getting used to how line items are represented and organized.</li> <li>● Proposed that a dedicated 'Finance' meeting be scheduled.</li> <li>● Ongoing role clarification of Controller, Registrar and Treasurer with new personnel in two roles this season.</li> <li>● With signing of new sponsorship contract, an invoice will be created to ensure financial conditions of contract are met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Action Item:</b> CS to create and send an invoice to SCh to forward to the sponsor.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |
| 6. | <p>Risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In anticipation of absence, JM submitted a report, which was shared with the Board in the meeting package. There were no questions regarding the report.</li> <li>● JM proposed using a template for future Director's Reports, which was further discussed in Item 8.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | LB for JM |
| 7. | <p>Sponsorship and Community Initiatives</p> <p>Logo and Jersey Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Final modifications are being made to the jersey design, which will be submitted before the end of June to ensure jerseys are ready for the start of the season.</li> <li>● Old jerseys to be cleared from storage room; discussion to give old jerseys away to members at no cost.</li> <li>● Discussion of using non-traditional numbers on jerseys (ie. 1-20) and instead using numbers that are of historical significance to the Whalers.</li> <li>● The final design was a combination of elements from multiple submissions. Jersey/logo design will be communicated to our members.</li> </ul> <p>Gear Grab 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scheduled for August 12, 2026 at ECV, intentionally on a weeknight.</li> <li>● Potential to have an informal ball hockey tournament organized as part of the event.</li> <li>● It has been challenging to obtain sponsorship of food items. Board members are encouraged to reach out to contacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Action Item:</b> SCh to send a 'save the date' to members; Board members to assist SCh in securing BBQ sponsorship.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>General Updates</p> | SCh       |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Website updates are ongoing and a thorough update to be conducted over the summer.</li> <li>Agreements have been finalized for sponsorship and 50/50.</li> <li>Discussion regarding the utility of advertising season registration via community billboards; Board determined that it would likely not be cost-effective.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |
| 8. | <p>Secretary</p> <p>Coach and Manager Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a great rate of return from the Coach and Manager season feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action Item:</b> LB to share with relevant Directors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Meeting Expectations and Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion regarding how meetings will be conducted during the upcoming season, to ensure regular attendance and engagement by all Board members.</li> <li>JM shared a template that Directors can use to structure their reports, some Directors stated that their report would likely be more condensed/less formal.</li> <li>Expectation is that Directors' reports will be submitted four days in advance of Board meetings.</li> </ul> <p>Roles to be Filled for 2026-2027 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A call for interest in vacant roles (Director of U7/U9, U18 Coordinator</li> <li>Fundraising, Sponsorship, and Initiatives) to be sent to members.</li> <li>Discussion that there could be benefit in having a dedicated Sponsorship Coordinator role, separate from both Fundraising and Initiatives. SCh would retain the 'Initiatives' part of the role for now; at a minimum management of the PHL and GrayJay agreements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action Item:</b> LB to draft messaging and send to SCh to distribute to members.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | LB    |
| 9. | <p>Additional Business</p> <p>Technical Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Flaman has signed the contract and is the new Technical Director of the DWMHA. Membership will be notified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action Item:</b> SCh to send communication to members.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Jack briefly joined the meeting to express his enthusiasm in taking on the role.</li> <li>He plans to prioritize recruitment of coaches, particularly for elite teams within our association.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PD/JF |

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|     | Tryouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● U13AAA tryouts can commence as early as September 11, 2026.</li> </ul>                 |  |
| 10. | Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm</li> <li>● Mover: PD</li> <li>● Seconder: LB</li> </ul> |  |
|     | Next Meeting:<br>July 15, 2026, likely virtual (TBD)                                                                                    |  |