Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: August 18, 2026
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Location: RBC Multipurpose Room

Board Members	
Peter Dulhanty –President	Present
Chris Prentice - Vice President	Present
Lisa Bonin – Secretary	Present
Cayla Stryncl – Treasurer	Regrets
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	Present

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time: 6:32 pm	PD
1.	Approval of Agenda ● Mover: SCh ● Second: JM	PD
2.	Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting ● Mover: BM ● Seconder: SCh	PD
3.	Diversity and Inclusion ● EDI training will be mandatory for all volunteers this year. Two, 1-hour, in-person, sessions have been scheduled for September 9 and November 26. A location and specific times will need to be confirmed. A communication will need to go out to volunteers. ● **Action Item:** SCh to contact WJ to organize a communication when times and location are determined.	All
4.	Registrar ● The Registrar reports that we are on track with registration (numbers as expected). There are currently many U11 players	PD for EM

	registered, which will require a letter to be sent to HNS requesting one U11AA team.	
5.	Technical Director ● JF is working on finalizing staffing for Conditioning. There are budget limitations to paying staff, and last year's Development spending can be used as a tentative projection.	CP for JF
6.	Financials ● A priority is for the 2026/2027 budget to be drafted and shared with the Board for approval in advance of the start of the season. ● The draft 2025/2026 financials were shared with the Board prior to the meeting. - Vote: To approve the draft 2025/2026 financial statements. *6 Directors voted in favor. Approved.* ● The Audit is complete and we are just waiting for PDs signature to have them finalized. The loss for the year was $13K (down from $35K loss the previous year). ● We set up a payroll # with CRA and now have JF on payroll ● The Jersey invoice was paid at the end of July in the amount of $104K, leaving our cash balance at $107K ● Board discussion for the need to clarify and potentially streamline assigned roles (ie. Registrar, Treasurer, Controller, Ice Scheduler).	LB for CS
7.	Risk ● JM summarized Manager and Coach feedback from the 2025/2026 season and shared with the Board prior to the meeting. ● From the Manager feedback, the Board discussed the newly appointed Manager Coordinator (hand-off in progress), the need for the website to be updated with the new Certifications progress, and how to streamline the certifications submission process (suggestion to appoint the Divisional Coordinators in charge of gathering volunteer certifications). Some website updates were made in the spring, with more pending. ● From the Coach feedback, the Board discussed the opportunity for improved coach mentorship and a mechanism to address parent feedback. A Parent Liaison role would be beneficial. - **Action Item:** LB to draft Parent Liaison role description and share with SCh to distribute to members.	JM
8.	Sponsorship and Community Initiatives	SCh

	● The Gear Grab was successful and there was positive feedback from those who attended (approximately 100 people). The donations that were received (BBQ, food, volunteer time) were acknowledged and appreciated. Intent to schedule for the same time in August next year. ● SCh would like to begin sending out Conditioning and Tryout communications, specifically an expected timeline for when families will be notified of decisions during Tryouts.	
9.	Vice President Vacant Volunteer Roles ● The Board discussed filling the roles of those who had put their names forth for volunteer roles for the upcoming season; the information was circulated with the Board in advance of the meeting. ● U7/U9 Director - Jenn Alward ● Fundraising and/or Community Coordinator - Rachel Blair-Johns ● U7/U9 Coordinator - Julia Regan ● U11 Rep Coordinator - Katie Brown ● Many Coordinator roles yet to be determined. Another call for expression of interest will go out.	CP
10.	Secretary Conditioning and Tryout Volunteers ● A schedule will need to be created for Conditioning and Tryout volunteers. This is typically a Coordinator task, however roles have been appointed late this year, so LB will take this on with the support of the Development Coordinator.	LB
11.	Additional Business ● A question came up regarding whether the current insurance we have is sufficient. PD will confirm. ● The Competitive Director asked if Association teams can register for tournaments before rosters are finalized, as there are many tournaments that open for registration early, and fill up quickly. There are currently entries being accepted for U13AAA tournaments. In the past, Directors have been able to register teams without a finalized roster. ● An out-of-area request has been approved for a U13 player from East Hants. There are currently no more requests pending at this time. ● Tryout times are ready to send to members, pending final approval from pertinent Directors. ● October to March ice times are in progress, CP is working with the Ice Coordinator.	All

	● Board discussion to include Registrar, TD, Ice Coordinator, and EDI Coordinator in all meetings as their ongoing consultation is required.	
12.	Adjournment ● Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 pm ● Mover: PD ● Seconder: LB	
13.	Next Meeting: Financial Meeting to approve budget - September, Google Meet Board Meeting following Tryouts - October, RBC Multipurpose Room	