



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Tuesday July 15, 2025

Time: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Board Meeting # 1 of 12

Location: RBC Centre Multipurpose Room

Peter Dulhanty –President	Yes
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	No
Lacey Cyr – Secretary	Yes
Melissa Ruginski – Treasurer	Yes
Rob Dunphy – Director of Competitive	Yes
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	Yes
Chris Prentice – Director of U7/U9	Yes
Steve Coleman – Director of Development	Yes
Lisa Bonin – Director of Communications	Yes
Jeff Merrick – Risk Management & Discipline	Yes
Non-Voting Member	
Invited Guests:	
Shawn Wadden	Yes

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time	7:31PM
1.	Agenda Mover/Second MR/LB	PD
2.	What it means to be a Board Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Attendance - expected to attend all meetings as each board member is a valued member and everyone's voice is important. Meeting structure: each Director will share their portfolio every meeting, the expectation is that they will come prepared to speak to what has been going on with their role/area. 	PD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: Some meetings will be virtual, but it is expected that everyone will attend most meetings. <p>ACTION: LC will make a schedule for the season and send out by the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced notice if unable to attend (unless emergencies of course) - let LC know if you cannot attend. Will be expected to share notes of your portfolio to be shared at the meeting. Send agenda items one week in advance so LC can get the agenda out on time 	
3.	<p>Financials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of 2024-2025 budget - unofficially ended with a deficit of \$36K. Waiting for the accountant to confirm. Officials and timekeepers that was significantly over (\$14K), after investigation it was identified that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In December, all referees and timekeepers were double paid (invoice from Referee-in Chief was untimely sent through twice for December, late in January - resulting in \$8K overpayment). There is a new process in place to do a double check to ensure this doesn't happen again. There were two U23 teams, however only one was budgeted for one, resulting in \$6K more cost Review of 2025-2026 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's balanced, although there was concern with the amount allocated for development Registration is increasing this year, tryout fees and rep fees also increasing. Note there hasn't been a fee increase in 7 years, but we have to this year due to costs continuing to go up in a lot of areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance and ref fees have also increased. We only have one sponsor (Pro Hockey Life), so we will be looking for new sponsors this year to support our development plans. We want more ice to have more consistent development times for each age group. <p>MOTION: to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget. (Motion Carried, 9 approve, 1 abstain)</p>	MR
4.	<p>Vote in new people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registrar Coordinator of Sponsorships and Initiatives Referee In Chief <p>MOTION to appoint Erin Madden as the Registrar effective immediately. (Motion Carried, 9 approve, 1 abstain)</p> <p>MOTION to appoint Sarah Chiasson as the Coordinator of Sponsorships and Initiatives effective immediately, (Motion Carried, all approve)</p>	LC

	<i>MOTION to appoint Johnathan Boutin as Referee In Chief effective immediately. (Motion Carried, all approve)</i>	
5.	Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will open Registration on August 1, 2025 ACTION: LB to post communication with registration open date, as well as other dates (Conditioning start and tryout start) as per the HNS Season Structure chart	LC
6.	Grayjay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR provided a quick overview. ACTION: MR to provide evaluation module access to MM, RD and CP (U9)	MR
7.	Tentative Item - Ice Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to time constraint, did not discuss. Ice Coordinator will discuss with Development/Comp Directors for conditioning and tryouts 	SW
	ACTION ITEM: LC will prep communication to send seeking equipment manager, and Divisional Coordinators	
	Next Meeting Date: Tuesday August 19, 2025, 7PM VIRTUAL	
	Meeting Adjourned: 8:46PM Mover LC	