



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday March 10, 2025

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: Board Room, RBC Centre

Peter Dulhanty –President	Y
Matt Mahoney – Vice President	Y
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	Y
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	
Jason Murphy	Y
Invited Guests:	

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time	7:05 PM
1.	Agenda Mover/Second MR/PD	LC
2.	Approve Previous Minutes Mover/Second MR/PD	LC
3.	Financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some kids have been pulled off ice until payments or a payment plan is in place. ○ Payments are continuing to come in, we are in good shape ○ Concerns about collecting from U23, that is currently the largest pool of overdue payments ● Payments - Discuss strategy/policy - deadline for full payments - this will be developed before season start up next year ● Ask teams to submit end of year budgets so they can be reviewed 	MR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year end is April 30 - all expenses need to be in before then <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Checking clinic/spring stuff is before year end and all expenses and revenues will go on this year 	
4.	<p>AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● choose a date/venue: Booking SPCA venue for June 11, 2025 from 6PM - 8PM ● Intentions for next year - current board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President ○ Vice President ○ Director of Rec ○ Director of Development ○ Director of Operations ● Nomination forms to go out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Players sent out - will need to send reminders because nominations are very slow coming in ○ Coaches to go out this week ● Game Changers - We will do certificates instead of medals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coach nominees will be sent to Coordinators, Managers and Coaches 	LC
5.	<p>Ice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wording in policy about Home Games vs ice time - we are going to change the wording in the Policy when we meet as a group later in April ● March 31 ice has been returned, season officially ends on March 30. 	LC
6.	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How has the Sunday development ice been allocated this season and how did teams access it? Not everyone gets a turn, and was a scramble at times for various reasons. We will firm up a schedule for next year and try to get a better time that works for more teams. Development should happen through the week as most of our ice is on the weekend and we run into conflicts. ● Development Program - still in the works but looking at changes for next year to get more players out ● Checking Clinic - MD360 is running it through the Whalers. Details to be sent out within the week ● Spring Program - each age group needs 15 kids minimum to break even. Hoping all age groups are well attended but U15 has been light in the past. ● Team APP - it may be beneficial to have one app that all teams use to push communication about development opportunities. Emails are not landing like they used to. <p>ACTION - MR to research some programs/apps to see if we can get one that will work for team based use and also for a whole organization purpose. This could aid in communication association wide.</p>	SC
7.	<p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub Committee to meet in April about Policies. Angela Walker, Jamie Teal and at least 2 board members present. 	MM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revisit US travel discussion - there is a push to stay in Canada, bus trips are okay, but the cost of travelling over the border is a lot for families. Will continue to revisit this at the next meeting and in Policy discussions ● Managers and treasurers can not be related - will add to policy 	
8.	<p>Manager Appreciation Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will book a night before SEDMHA to celebrate our managers ● Next year we will plan this earlier in the season <p>ACTION: SC to book venue ACTION: LB to send out communication</p>	
9.	<p>Treasurer Information Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will host a session for treasurers and give a streamlined budget template next year. All treasurers will be expected to use the same one to make it easier to review. ● End of season budget reviews will be happening more diligently next year 	
10.	<p>Other News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Operations Role - we will redefine and post this for nominations ● Considering posting teams we are offering next year - considering U18AA and one U15A team based on projected enrollment ● Will be looking for a new Equipment Manager for next season as our current manager is stepping down <p>ACTION: LC to announce this when nominations go out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion about bringing someone in to oversee development. <p>ACTION: PD, SC, RD to meet and make job description ahead of next month's meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gear swap - plan to have an event before the season starts in August. BBQ in the parking lot, etc. ● Define what it means to be a board member and distribute that to nominees ahead of the AGM 	
	Next Meeting: Wednesday April 23, 2025, 7PM-8:3-PM, RBC Multi-Purpose Room.	
	Meeting Adjourned Mover PD	8:15 PM