



**Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes**

Date: May 7, 2026
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Location: RBC Multipurpose Room

Board Members	
Peter Dulhanty –President	Present
Vacant - Vice President	
Lisa Bonin – Secretary	Present
Cayla Stryncl – Treasurer	Regrets
Rob Dunphy – Director of Competitive	Present
Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation	Regrets
Chris Prentice – Director of U7/U9	Present
Steve Coleman – Director of Development	Present
Sarah Chiasson – Director of Communications	Present
Jeff Merrick – Risk Management & Discipline	Present
Non-Voting Members	
Erin Madden - Registrar	Present
Invited Guest	
Jack Flaman	

	Topic	By
	Meeting Start Time: 6:32 pm	PD
1.	Approval of Agenda ● Mover: PD ● Second: CP	PD
2.	Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting ● Mover: SC ● Seconder: SCh	PD
3.	Technical Director Candidate Jack Flaman - TD Proposal/Presentation to Board ● Candidate presented their proposal and responded to questions posed by the Board for approximately 30 minutes.	JF

	- The Board requires more information before making a decision regarding how to proceed (financial/budget values, proposal, resume, contract). Action Item: CP to gather required documents and draft financial projections, and distribute to the Board.	
4.	Diversity and Inclusion No report provided.	WJ
5.	Registrar First Shift - Our Association has been approved to facilitate the First Shift program for the first time. Participants will receive a full set of gear and 6 ice sessions with their registration. - The DWMHA will need to provide ice times and development personnel to support the program. 2026/2027 Registration Projections - EM provided a spreadsheet with projected registration numbers for the upcoming season. These numbers will dictate how many teams we will have, and at which division.	EM
6.	Previous Action Items for Follow Up: Financials During the January 2026 board meeting, questions were addressed regarding the 2024/2025 financial statements. PD inquired with the Controller who showed PD where the overpayment of officials in December 2024 was reported. PD has signed off on the statements.	LB
7.	Financials Treasurer sent regrets; no report provided.	CS
8.	Risk Nothing to report.	JM
9.	Sponsorship and Community Initiatives Update GrayJay 50/50 Fundraising - The contract is being finalized and will be shared with the Directors with signing authority for final approval. Game Changer and Brady Richard Awards - Board members voted on nominees via e-vote. - SCh presented the list of award winners to the Board and all were in agreement with the list.	SCh

	- Action Item: SCh to notify families of award winners and request their presence at the ceremony on May 26. Sponsorship ● After an e-vote, the board was equally split on votes for both potential sponsors. Directors discussed proposals further and decided on a sponsor. - Action Item: SCh with follow up with both sponsorship candidates. Whalers Logo/Jersey Submissions ● SC presented the most recent jersey design mock-up. There was further input regarding design, with an additional version to be shared with the Board. Discussion included adding the City of Dartmouth coat of arms and possible change of color scheme. ● Jersey design should be finalized by July to ensure jerseys are ready in time for the 2026/2027 season. - Action Item: SCh to distribute the most recent jersey design to the Board.	
10.	Secretary Nominations ● Nominations are closed and nominations have been received for all vacant Board positions. - Action Item: LB to compile list for SCh to send/post prior to May 12 (14 days prior to AGM). Policy Review ● Further edits to the policy manual are required, which will not be completed prior to the AGM. ● New policies will be presented at the AGM, with the updated manual being shared with members prior to the 2026/2027 season commencement. - Action Item: LB to continue working on edits with Policy Coordinator. AGM Planning continues, tasks have been delegated. Action Items: - CP to bring projector to AGM - Directors to update their slides on AGM PPT - Directors to arrive at AGM at 5:30 for set-up - SC to purchase cake and refreshments	LB
11.	Additional business	

	Fundraiser ● Brief discussion of ideas for fundraising and community events. ● It is too late to organize a golf tournament for summer 2026, although this would be a great social and fundraising opportunity for DWMHA. ● SCh suggested early solicitation of sponsorship for community events such as the U7/U9 season kick-off, gear swap, and road hockey tournament.	All
11.	Adjournment ● Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm ● Mover: PD ● Seconder: LB	
	Next Meeting: AGM: May 26, 2026, 6:00-8:00, Findlay Community Center June 18, 2026, 6:30-8:00 pm, RBC Multipurpose Room	