



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association
Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 29, 2023

Time: 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Location: RBC Centre Multipurpose Room

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| Peter Dulhanty –President | Y |
| Matt Mahoney – Vice President | N |
| Lacey Cyr – Secretary | Y |
| Melissa Ruginski – Treasurer | Y |
| Andrew MacVicar – Director of Competitive | Y |
| Brian Bruce – Director of Recreation | N |
| David MacKenzie – Director of U7/U9 | Y |
| Steve Coleman – Director of Development | Y |
| Lisa Bonin – Director of Communications | Y |
| Ron Watkins – Risk Management & Discipline | Y |
| Michelle James– Director of Operations | Y |
| Non-Voting Member | |
| Phil Power - Past President | N |
| Invited Guests: | |
| Beth MacMullin | N |
| Pete Boutin | N |
| Jackie Kellestine | N |
| Jeff Pottie | N |
| Shawn Wadden | Y |

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| | Meeting Start Time: 8:02pm | PD |
| 1. | Agenda Mover/Second MR/DM | PD |

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| 2. | <p><u>Previous Minutes</u> Mover/Second MJ/MR ACTION: LC to send minutes to LB to post to the website</p> | PD |
| 3. | <p><u>Intros of Board and Non-Voting</u></p> | PD |
| 4. | <p><u>Registration Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registrar sent updates, nothing to discuss aside from deadlines for certifications (See #8). We are in good shape for this. | BM |
| 5. | <p><u>Financial Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are in good shape for collections ● Working with managers to get reminders out to teams for payments outstanding ● all teams are registered for SEDMHA ● December 8 is final deadline for payments or to have a payment plan in place <p>ACTION: MR to reach out to Pat to connect about U24 collections ACTION: MR will amend budget to account for multiple changes in revenue/expenses ACTION: MR to send team bills out the second week of December. SEDMHA will be included on these bills. ACTION: LB to send communication to teams on Dec 4 for final reminder of payments or payment plans ACTION: MR will communicate with managers and coaches on Dec 8 if any players fail to make final payment or payment plan</p> | MR |
| 6. | <p><u>Ice Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When teams return ice to DWMHA, we are not able to return it to RBC. Policy will be in place moving forward with ice conflicts ● Rec is still short ice, so it will be a priority to give conflict ice to rec teams ● PLAN moving forward for 2023-2024 season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep team notifies Ice Coordinator at least a week in advance ○ Ice Coordinator offers to Rep teams for TBRs, ○ Ice is then offered to Rec teams, BB will notify if it can be used within 24 hours (Ice is to be tracked by team) ○ Ice is then used for development purposes ○ If it cannot be used for the above mentioned options and is being offloaded due to a tournament, then the team is responsible for payment of ice (If it's a Central Minor conflict, team is not responsible for payment) <p>ACTION: LB to draft a communication to be sent to managers regarding new ice plan ACTION: SW to work on Ice Policy</p> | SW |

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| 7. | <p><u>Development Update and Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Train Coaches - Evan Mosher (goalies) and Renee George (Power Skating) ● Developing a framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communication between the age groups/levels; streamline and have continuity over the years ○ Hockey Canada - great resource but good development starts with sharing ideas and working together ○ Focus on development moving forward ● Moving forward: NEW plan for development and tryouts. Clear and transparent. ● What is our Identity and Culture? Needs to be developed with a focus | SC |
| 8. | <p><u>First Aid and CPR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Certifications: U7 Minis - we need someone to have CPR (as of Nov. 30, we have a volunteer qualified in the interim until another volunteer is approved) ● All other teams are approved or have plans within an approved time frame <p>ACTION: DM will communicate to registrar & reach out to find someone to go on ice.</p> | PD |
| 9. | <p><u>Tryouts Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OMIT from agenda | MM |
| 10. | <p><u>Weather Policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● follow HRM/Public transit directives ● HNS has a weather policy in place ● Refs - how far in advance do they need to be notified of a cancelled game? <p>ACTION: LC will look at HNS policy and other association's policies to pull together ideas for next meeting</p> | LC |
| 11. | <p><u>Social Media Policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social media conduct and behavior is to extend to team chat groups ● Communication on team forums is to remain respectful <p>ACTION: LC will ask Policy Coordinator how to amend the Social Media Policy to include team chats</p> | AM |
| 12. | <p><u>Community Support this Winter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will do a food/warm clothing drive to support Margaret House. ● Saturday December 16, from 9am-1pm <p>ACTION: LB to get communication out to teams and post to social media</p> | LC |
| 13. | <p><u>Whalers Wall of Fame</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Celebrate success of Whalers alumni (Matthew Highmore, Luke Henman, Jake Quillan, Ethan Phillips, etc) ● Posters? Jerseys? Recognition around RBC! | PD |

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| | ACTION: PD to reach out to RBC to discuss what our permissions are | |
| 14. | <p><u>Gear in storage - donation HMCS Harry Dewolfe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gear deficit in Rankin Inlet • Rink is the centre of the community • CF will handle shipping costs <p>ACTION: DM to connect with Navy to see what they need and what we can donate</p> | DM |
| 15. | <p><u>Sponsors - Where are we with sponsorships?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staples: Holiday orders were below, but we will sell in RBC Centre • Millstone: cheque is waiting for us for Foodbox Fundraiser • Dominos: willing to partner again, same as last year | MJ |
| | Other business: | |
| | <p>U9 Incident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Camera - being handled at team level currently <p>AHG Contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM has emailed AHG to inform them we will not be entering into a contract with them this year and moving forward as per the HRM bylaws. <p>Board Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to Wednesdays to accommodate coaching schedules of members <p>ACTION: LC will book new meeting times</p> <p>Nustadia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints of ignoring code of conduct at RBC • Ice cannot be used when lights are off, golf balls cannot be used to play hockey in hallways, cannot block hallways, etc <p>ACTION: LB to send out a communication to remind of appropriate rink behaviour.</p> | |
| | Next Meeting Date: Wednesday January 10, 2024 @ RBC Multi Purpose Room, 7:00PM-8:30PM | |
| | Meeting Adjourned Mover/Seconder PD/DM | |