

De Pere Youth Hockey, Inc. By-laws

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the De Pere Youth Hockey, Inc. ("DPYH")

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the DPYH is to develop the skills, sportsmanship, and leadership that are commensurate with the game of hockey as well as to develop the highest possible caliber youth hockey player.

Article III Membership

Section I - Eligibility

Any person may become a member if they are interested in the purpose of the organization and are willing to take an active part in such activities, and if they reside within the boundaries of the De Pere, West De Pere or Denmark school districts

Section II – Dues

The dues of this organization shall be \$1.00 (one dollar) per year for a family membership. The dues can be considered a part of a registration fee or may be assessed separately at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable on or before the date of the Annual Meeting of the members (the "Annual Meeting").

Section III - Voting Members

Every adult person who has satisfied the requirements of the membership shall be considered a voting member of DPYH, and shall be entitled to attend and exercise their vote at the Annual Meeting. An absentee ballot is available to a voting member upon his/her request, providing the member meets the requirements of the absentee ballot as set forth by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting, with limited exceptions, shall convene no later than the third Tuesday in April.

Section IV - Nominations

Nominations for all positions of the Board of Directors will be accepted beginning at the regularly scheduled board meeting in the month prior to the annual meeting.

Nominations cut off for all positions of the Board of Directors will be during the annual meeting. Voting will take place at the annual meeting, with voting privileges to those members as outlined in Article III. Members will be informed of the elected position results within one week following the annual meeting by an appropriate public posting, as determined by the Board of Directors. Only one person per family/household may hold a seat on the Board of Directors, whether elected or appointed.

Section V - Conduct

Members are expected to do what is best for DPYH. Members will conduct themselves in accordance with the core values and behavior codes as set out in the Policy and Procedures Handbook as may be amended from time to time. Members who violate these codes via illegal, dishonest and/or malicious acts or members who demonstrate a pattern of behavior that is detrimental to the overall well being of DPYH may be disciplined by the Board of Directors, up to and including expulsion from DPYH.

Grievance, investigation and disciplinary procedures are outlined in the Policy and Procedures Handbook as may be amended from time to time.

Article IV Board of Directors

Section I

The number of Directors shall be fourteen (14). Each director shall hold office as specified and until his/her successor has been elected, or until his/her death, prior resignation, or removal. Directors must be members of DPYH.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this by-law on every first Tuesday of every month. The place of the meeting shall be the same place as the meeting of the members, or at such other place as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, provide for the holding of additional regular meetings without notice other than such resolution. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by, or at the request of, the President or any two Directors. Each Director shall be entitled to not less than eight (8) hours notice of any special meeting.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors shall be considered voting members; provided, however, the President may vote only in a tie-breaking situation. The business of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by majority vote.

The President, and in his/her absence the Vice-President, or in both absences, any Director chosen by the Board of Directors, shall call meetings of the Board of Directors to order and act as chairperson of the meeting.

Section II

The principle officers of DPYH shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. No two offices may be held by the same person. The President and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting, in even numbered years. The Vice-President and the Treasurer shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting, in odd numbered years.

Ten (10) other Directors shall be Members-at-Large. Two of the Members-at-Large shall be elected for two-year terms at the Annual Meeting. One Member-at-Large shall be the Tournament Director, elected in even numbered years; the other Member-at-Large shall be the Equipment Manager elected in odd numbered years. The Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following each Annual Meeting. One shall be the schedule coordinator. One shall be the Website/Communications Coordinator. One shall be the Registrar. One shall be the Association Coaching Education coordinator. One shall be the Fundraising Chairperson. One shall be the Volunteer Chairperson. One shall be the Recruitment Coordinator. One shall be the Assistant Treasurer.

The current WIAA Varsity Head Coach of the De Pere Voyageur High School team shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Board.

The number of DPYH coaches, head and assistants, holding positions as members of the Board of Directors, at any one time, shall not exceed four (4) of the existing fourteen (14) directors unless the Board votes otherwise. Officers and Directors shall assume office at the first board meeting in May. Each officer shall hold office until his/her death, prior resignation, or removal. Any Director may be removed from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors

whenever, in their judgment, the best interest of DPYH shall be served thereby. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of his/her term, or until the next Annual Meeting.

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of, or on behalf of DPYH and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. No indebtedness for borrowed money shall be contracted on behalf of DPYH, and no evidence of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by, or under the authority of, a resolution by the Board of Directors. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of DPYH shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of DPYH, and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors. All funds otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of DPYH in such banks or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of a resolution by the Board of Directors.

Article V Rules and Regulations

The Directors shall have authority to make reasonable rules and regulations respecting DPYH and its programs; provided, however, that no such rule or regulation shall deprive any eligible person of the right to participate except upon refusal of said person to pay the fee to be established for the use of the program, or upon failure of such person to abide by any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board of Directors. Provided further, however, that the Board of Directors shall not require a fee for the use of any DPYH program which is beyond reasonable financial means of any eligible person.

Article VI Amendment

By-laws may be altered or repealed, or new by-laws may be adopted at any Annual Meeting by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present and voting; provided however, that in order for an amendment or change to these by-laws to be eligible for consideration at any Annual Meeting, said proposed amendment or change shall have been submitted, in writing, to the Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in the month prior to the Annual Meeting.

Article VII Officers

Duties of the officers shall be as normally pertained to their offices and such other duties as may be directed, by the Board of Directors, from time to time.

The President shall conduct the business and the meetings of the Board of Directors and is responsible for and shall coordinate activities of the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall be responsible for the business of all hockey operation matters concerning DPYH, and shall serve as liaison between the Board and the Hockey Operations Committee.

The Secretary shall be responsible for the business of the communication matters concerning DPYH, take the minutes of Board meetings, and shall serve as liaison between the Board and the Communications Committee.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of all DPYH funds, and serve as liaison between the Board and the Finance Committee.

Article VIII Dissolution

The organization may be dissolved only with authorization of its Board of Directors given at a special meeting called for that purpose, and with the subsequent approval by no less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the assets shall be applied and distributed as follows:

All liabilities and obligations shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore. Assets not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance to any other organization or individual shall be distributed, transferred, or conveyed, in trust or otherwise, to charitable and educational organization, organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of a similar or like nature to this organization, as determined by the Board of Directors.

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