



Dartmouth Whalers Minor Hockey Association  
AGM Agenda

Date: Sunday June 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: SPCA Auditorium, 7 Scarfe Court, Burnside

**Doors will open at 5:30 to allow attendees time to register. One parent per player is eligible to vote.**

	Topic	By
1.	Call to Order	P. Dulhanty
2.	President's Address	P. Dulhanty
3.	Introductions of Executive and Board of Directors	P. Dulhanty
4.	Financial Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2023-2024 Budget Review</li><li>● Registration Fees for 2024-2025</li></ul>	M. Ruginski
5.	Ice Allocation Rec and Rep	P. Dulhanty
6.	Development Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Director of Development to announce the Development Plan for the 2024-2025 season</li></ul>	S. Coleman
7.	Acclamation of Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Secretary - Lacey Cyr</li><li>● Treasurer - Melissa Ruginski</li><li>● Director of Communications - Lisa Bonin</li><li>● Director of Competitive Hockey - Rob Dunphy</li></ul> Vote for Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Director of Risk Management and Discipline</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jeff Merrick</li><li>○ Rick Meyers</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Director of U7/U9 Hockey</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Chris Prentice</li><li>○ Phil McMullin</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>*Platforms are attached to the bottom of this document</i></p>	P. Dulhanty
8.	Game Changer Awards	P. Dulhanty
9.	Adjournment	P. Dulhanty

## **Director of Risk Management and Discipline Candidates: Jeff Merrick and Rick Meyers**

**Jeff Merrick:** I am applying for the position of Director of Risk Management and Discipline with the Whalers organization. I have been involved with the Whalers for the past five seasons, initially joining as a parent and coach for my son's U9 team. The following year, my other son also joined the organization, and I have since supported both of their teams in various coaching capacities. Additionally, I coach soccer with UDFC.

Joining the board interests me because I am eager to continue giving back to the organization and to be in a position where I can facilitate positive changes. Organizations, regardless of their size, must continually seek ways to innovate and progress. If there are opportunities for improvement, I believe it is our responsibility to seize them. These important decisions begin with the board.

The role of Director of Risk Management and Discipline is crucial, requiring the ability to react swiftly and calmly while being knowledgeable in the face of challenges. My professional experience in consulting within the risk management areas equips me well for this role. I have consistently been tasked with independently identifying risks, assessing their levels, seeking mitigation strategies, and providing recommendations to prevent future issues.

Separately, I bring relevant board experience to this position, having served most recently as Vice President of a non-profit childcare center and previously as a senior director for a local soccer club.

I am confident that my background and skills make me well-suited for the role of Director of Risk Management and Discipline, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the Whalers organization in this capacity.

### **Rick Meyers:**

My interest in joining the board, specifically in the capacity of Director of Risk Management, stems from my experience over the past year as U15 Rec Coordinator. I have witnessed, first hand, the importance of ensuring the players have a safe environment in which to gather, practice, and play. And, by extension, parents of said players should also feel that their children, and themselves, are free to enjoy themselves without fear of harassment.

With regards to qualities and experience, I already possess the familiarity with the organization afforded me through my current capacity as U15 Rec Coordinator. Further, within my capacity as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, I am a qualified unit harassment advisor, have participated in numerous unit level disciplinary investigations, and have taken various courses in conflict resolution. It is my firm belief that being able to bring these experiences to the table will only enhance my effectiveness in this role.

## **Director of U7/U9 Candidates: Chris Prentice and Phil McMullin**

### **Chris Prentice:**

As a parent of two children in the Whalers organization (Max into U11 and Charlie into third year U7) I have an invested interest in their development and experience. Although I'm unable to help out on the ice as much as I'd like to, I can help in other ways and feel like being a valuable contributing member of the board should be it.

With running businesses in the Dartmouth Community for the last 15-20 years I am comfortable with everything from day to day operations to producing & analyzing financial statements.

I also know people, and if being an entrepreneur and parent in sport has taught me anything over the past few years, communication & managing people is 99 percent of the work. I realize there will be some uncomfortable meetings / conversations from time to time but I believe with good communication & staying within the principles below, everyone should have a happy and safe year.

1. Kids should be safe
2. Kids should be having fun
3. Kids should improve in their skills / character
4. Zero tolerance or time for abusive behaviour from players, coaches or parents (physical / verbal)

At the end of the day U7 and U9 age groups are meant to develop a love of the sport with development, fun, friendships and healthy competition. If you align with these thoughts, vote for me!

### **Phil McMullin:**

Good day Dartmouth Whalers Members,

My name is Phil McMullin, and I am writing to express my interest in the Director of U7 & U9 position. As a member of the board, I believe I would be effective in fostering the Whalers' ethos, culture, and vision on how to progress in the future.

I have an extensive knowledge of hockey and have been involved in the sport my entire life. I have coached Jr Novice, Novice and Atom while living in Kingston, ON (C.A.L. Kingston) from 1996-2005. I currently have a son in U9 with the Whalers and feel that this is the appropriate time for me to step back into minor hockey, albeit in more of a leadership capacity.

Outside of hockey I have coached 8U and currently coach 10U ball hockey for Dartmouth/Sackville in the NSMBHL. I also currently coach 9U baseball for the Dartmouth Diamond Dawgs in the DDMBA.

Additionally, beyond sports, I have over 30 years experience with the Dept of National Defence as military and am now a civilian in senior management. Currently, I work as a Procurement Manager at CFB Halifax and am responsible for creating budgets, public fund expenditures and fiscal accounting. As well as creating vendor contracts under Treasury Board regulations.

I also have previous board experience by being a member of the Sr Ranks Mess Committee onboard HMCS Athabaskan as well as being chair of safety committees within DND.

My major strengths are my work ethic, diligence, and keen organizational skills. I am a task driven person that works well with others. I can analyze problems quickly and make rational decisions and provide guidance in a positive manner. I believe that this experience has provided me with the tools necessary to interact with parents, board members, coaches as well as volunteers.

I believe that as Director of U7 and U9 will be able to help encourage an environment of fair play that would positively impact Dartmouth Whalers youngest members in growing their love for the game.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Phil McMullin