Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, December 13, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, Darien, Griffin, New Canaan, Northeast, Northwestern, Simsbury, South Windsor, West Hartford and the Whalers. Notwithstanding these absences, a Quorum is satisfied. The attendance log reflecting tonight’s attendance is made as an attachment to these minutes.

Board Officers Present: President, Jarry Rasmussen; Vice President, Michael McCullough; Secretary, Art Blakeslee; & Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Registrar, Mary Turner; Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; Tier 1 Director and District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalcman; Grow the Game Co-Director, Ken Dixon; Girls & Women’s Director, Joe Dymarczyk

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

The November minutes were presented and approved.

**REPORTS**

**President:**

* Jarry specifically thanked ECHO, Watertown and the Wizards for dealing with “problematic issues” internally and effectively.
* Coaches not sitting players who “misbehave” are not helping the players or the team.
* The Northeast proposal for the “Tier 5 Tournament” was defeated. The results of the on-line vote are attached as an exhibit to the minutes for December.
* Jarry and Barry will be meeting with the Referee organizations within the state to discuss various items such as assignment of games, support of younger referees, and other pertinent subjects in support of referee retention.

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:**

* A reminder that tournament fee deposits of $500 per declared team are past due. If a team does not qualify, their deposit will be credited against the program’s balance due for other teams.
* Funds are still available for programs for their Grow the Game efforts, with a match of $1 for $1.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Referee in Chief:** 17 Referee seminars in the state are now complete. There are now 640 registered officials in the state, but 240 of those have not completed the process to become certified as of yet. There is a Level 1 session in Marlborough, MA in January for those interested.

**Disabled Hockey:** No report.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Grow-the –Game / Marketing**: Over 13,500 kids participated in Try Hockey for Free nationwide this year. 7 CHC programs participated in hosting events with 161 kids participating. There is another Hockey Across America event February 25, 2017 and registration for this event ends January 11, 2017. The Backyard Rink contest is expected to begin again in December/January, weather permitting. Participants can begin preparations and submit entries once they are open.

**Coaching Education Program.** Included as an addendum to these minutes.

**Registrar:** Coaches have until 12/31 to obtain certification and complete their modules, or programs will be notified and coaches must be pulled from the bench. All rosters will be frozen for players at that time as well

**Women’s & Girls’ Hockey:** Joe Dymarczyk announced that he is resigning, effective with the December meeting, from his position with the District as Festival director as well as any positions with CHC. With no players left and a significant reduction in his duties, he felt that it was time.

**New England District/Team Connecticut:** The Tier 1 Bantam Regionals will be in CT April 14 & 15, 2017. The tryouts for the 00 and 01 birth years have been completed. 120 players were evaluated during that period. The District camp will be in Northford May 4-7, 2017.

**Tournament Director:**  The Tier 4 teams need to complete declaration for the State Championship vs. Traditional tournaments. Tier 4 Tournament bid packages will be going out shortly.

**Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig):**  All lists are current (SafeSport, Screenings and Releases).

**District Commissioners:** The focus at this point is on the referees obtaining the names of parents and coaches being ejected from games. Without names, we cannot discipline. If coaches refuse to assist, referees must be prepared to refuse to start the game and to run the clock until the teams cooperate or the game ends.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* See President’s Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* **None**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A Motion to Adjourn (seconded) PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

**NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2017, 7:30 pm**

Italian American Club

35 Chase Lane, West Haven