

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC, December 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All Programs except: Central, CT Comets, CT Wolves, ECHO, Griffin, Kent, New Canaan, Newington, Northeastern, Ridgefield, Salisbury, and Western.

Board Officers Present: President, Jim Lanza; Vice President, Mike Meakem, Secretary: Glenn Van Moffaert.

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson (District I Commissioner), Kathy Ludwig; District II Commissioner, Mario Lucibello; District IV Commissioner Glenn Van Moffaert; Tier-1 Coordinator (and Midget Coordinator and Webmaster), Tony Ardito; Women's Hockey Coordinator, Joe Dymarczyk;

USA Hockey Appointees (non-voting) present: Referee-in-Chief, Randy Zaritsky.

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present: Bob Crawford, NE District

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The November minutes were not available for review.

REPORTS

President

Jim Lanza presented the Tier-1 proposal that is summarized in the attachment to these minutes. This summary was also submitted to the CHC membership via e-mail.

Discussion was made regarding several of the numbered items. In particular, Nos. 9 & 10 regarding grandfathering of out-of-state/out-of-region players and the number of those player types was explained. Specifically, those players who are currently with a T-1 team that is "out-of-region" will be allowed to remain with that team. All T-1 teams are allowed a maximum of two (2) out-of-state players. Other discussion points related to cost structure and cost containment. This topic remains open, but mechanisms are being evaluated.

Since these changes are sought to be made as part of policies and rules, and not a formal change to the CHC Constitution or Bylaws, a special vote will be held. A motion was made (seconded) to allow e-mail balloting on the question of whether to accept the Tier-1 proposal as reflected in the attachment to these minutes. The vote will be tallied on January 12, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Registrar

Small issues remain, but none that pose a threat to registration.

REMINDER – ROSTER AMENDMENTS FOR BANTAMS MUST MEET DECEMBER CUTOFF DATE. BE DILIGENT AND CAREFUL WHICH BANTAMS YOU ADD/CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS.

Coaches do not need to be reconciled by amendment at the December cutoff date. Coaches can be added later provided that they have the necessary coaching certification (screening and coaches card).

Referee in Chief

No seminars remain available in CT. New crests are to be worn since Dec. 1. The new penalty standards remain strictly enforced.

Coaching Director

No report.

Women's Coordinator

Girls festival for ages groups birth year 93 and 94 is slated for January 3 and 4. See website for details.

Eligibility Committee

Game misconducts are plentiful, but match penalties are thankfully dew.
Releases – only 12 are missing, all Midget-age..

Tournament Committee

Game sheets are being re-printed in order to accommodate request for additional sheets.

Sites for Girls state tournament:

U-12 (Tier-2) February 24 and 25; East Haven

U-14 (Tier-1) Feb 10, 11 and 25 (finals); East Haven.

Tournament structure

Brian Oatway is leading a committee to facilitate the change from past tournament selections (Divisions 4, 5, 6...etc). This committee is seeking to determine ways to promote year-end functions with regional tournaments or other similar venues.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) A question was raised whether CHC has tried to re-open a dialog with the high schools. Jim answered that he has always kept an open-door policy, but the CIAC governing body won't budge from their position that prohibits a high school player from participating as an individual on a team in a non-CIAC event in the same branch of athletics.

(2) A question was raised regarding the status of any legal action taken against former CHC Board members and officers. Jim stated that four individuals as part of CHC civil lawsuit are being deposed in the next few weeks.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn (seconded) passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING:

January 23, 2007
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Road
West Haven.

**SPECIAL E-MAIL VOTE:
JANUARY 12, 2007**

Tier 1 proposal as of November 15, 2006

With the purpose of creating a structure for Tier 1 and 2 that is beneficial to all players at all levels, four "Tier 1" meetings that have been held since this summer. The outline contained below is the product of those meetings. All ideas presented are still open for discussion and can be modified accordingly. Please review and understand the ideas presented and be prepared to attend the next "Tier 1" meeting if there are any changes you feel are necessary to make this a workable structure. The objective is to have a comprehensive proposal ready for presentation in December and then voted on during the January meeting.

1. Develop a synergy between the area Tier 1 programs and the Tier 2's in the form of coach mentoring and clinics
2. Four Tier 1 designates – Midfairfield, Wolves, Greenwich Blues, and Clippers (number of designates a function of the state's ability to field competitive teams at the Tier 1 level)
The number of designates can change over time
3. Tier 1 designates will have Bantam major and minor, PeeWee major and minor, and Squirt major tier 1 teams
4. Bantam major will be split season for tournament qualification, but teams can remain intact and play full season if the program chooses
5. Tier 1 designates must give up all Tier 2 teams at the Tier 1 age classifications (an exception will be made to Greenwich Blues for Tier 2 level teams comprised of exclusively 06830 and 06831 zip code (Greenwich) residents)
6. A Tier 1 League will be established with the Massachusetts District and with the cooperation of the Atlantic District
7. Minimum 28 games must be played with in the newly established league to qualify for the State Tournament
8. Tier 1 will be regionally based - Midfairfield and Greenwich Blues will draw their players from Fairfield and Litchfield County as well as Pawling, NY exclusively and the Wolves and Clippers will draw their players from the remaining Connecticut Counties exclusively
9. Out of region players currently on Tier 1 teams within one of the designated Tier 1 programs would be grand fathered and allowed to remain with that program
10. Each Tier 1 team will be allowed 2 wild card (out of state) players
11. Tryouts dates and times within regions will be coordinated in order to allow cut players an opportunity to tryout for the other Tier 1 team
12. Cost parity and containment within Tier 1 still remains to be addressed, but will ultimately be part of the proposed structure