

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC, January 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All Programs except: CT Clippers, East Haven, Griffin, Hamden, Kent, Newington, and Pawling.

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; Tournament Chairperson, Pete Merola; Squirt Coordinator, Brian Oatway; Women's Hockey Coordinator, Joe Dymarczyk;

USA Hockey Appointees (non-voting) present: n/a.

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ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The December minutes were approved without objection.

REPORTS

President

Jim Lanza reported that the Tier-1 proposal that was put to vote by e-mail balloting ending on January 12, 2007 passed 33 (Yes) – 6 (No) with no abstentions recorded.

Jim reported on the events of the USAH winter meeting held in Orlando, FL. Rule changes are percolating through including:

- Tag-up rule for off-sides; IT appears that this rule change will not pass, as approximately a 52% -48% split is evident among the membership.
- not permitting icing on penalty kills is being piloted in MA, reportedly with great success.
- MA is promoting to eliminate Teir-2 Nationals competition. This issue promises to be a contentious issue.
- Enrollment is down almost by 14,000 in USAH, despite increases in Adult and Women's programs. In order to stop this trend, fresh ideas are need to entice participation at MT and Learn-to-Skate level. One key resource would be to partner with local rinks, and model business plans to become more appealing to this age segment. One idea to reduce costs is to use cross-ice variety during practices.
- USAH is going to institute a Finance Oversight committee in response to exponentially increasing number of claims made for embezzlement. Means to control finances within your own organization can be found on the CD that passed out last year.

Treasurer

Jim Lanza presented the Treasurer's report, and announced that Tim Richards has resigned from this post due to increasing demands from his normal workday activities. Jim will distribute the official Treasurer's report at a later time.

NOMINATIONS FOR THIS POSITION ARE WELCOME!! PLEASE NOTIFY JIM IMMEDIATELY IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN THIS CRITICAL POSITION.

Women's Coordinator

Regional assignments were made earlier today (1/23). Girls' tryouts (CY 95 & 96) are slated at Ingalls rink, March 3 6:30-8:30. See website for details

Eligibility Committee

Kathy has received more amendments to rosters and there is approximately 60 releases missing – some programs that were thought to be complete, are indeed not finished. Kathy will be contacting these programs individually.

District-1 had a match penalty hearing involving two coaches from the same team in the last 30sec of the game. One of the match penalties was assessed after the game was concluded (Ru 601 – abuse to referee). The end result: Head Coach suspended 3weeks; Asst Coach suspended 4weeks.

Other D-1 enforcement: One player received two game misconducts, and this was reported only through a parent to CHC. This type of reporting is not acceptable!

District -2: All quiet.

District-3: Some GM and one open match penalty to be resolved.

District-4: No news is NOT good news. It is glaringly apparent that there is no communication from the referee organizations that largely oversee D-4 competition. If the only reporting mechanism is self-reporting, then it is incumbent upon the opponent to make the Commissioner's aware of any match /GM penalty situation.

Tournament Committee

Brian Oatway reported good progress being made for the years end tourney for T2; at present ALL organizations and teams can be accommodated. However, Brian is experiencing very limited response to the e-mails that he is sending out on this issue. He would appreciate a yes/no.

There are no preliminary rankings. Final rankings are made on Feb 13, with an allowable appeal. Season officially ends Feb. 4.

An update for PW-division total game count is available. .

Team Connecticut

Tony Ardito will produce a mailing showing which players are eligible within birth year 93, 94, and 95. While there is no quota for how many players a program can send, please use your better judgment on which kids have a likely opportunity to advance. Tryouts are slated for March 5, 6, and 7.

Tryouts are open for all Birth Year 1993 players (no residency requirement). For birth year 1994, 1995, the player must be a CT-resident.

Discussion was made regarding the residency litmus test (i.e. whether the child must play for a CT-based program in order to remain eligible). On the one hand, residency is a one-step process. On the other hand, if residency is the only criteria, then it can enable competition from without the State. Given that CHC now has a bona-fide T-1 program, it may serve the best interests of Ct-hockey to require that players trying out for team CT also play with a CT-based program since the festival is a CHC run festival.

Motion was made (seconded) whether an additional criteria for Team-CT eligibility is that the prospective player must be a active member of a CHC program? The motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) RECRUITING. Reports of recruiting are a cause for concern. Prevalent recruiting appears to be a problem: coaches and players are being actively solicited to jump ship from their current program to join another program. Looking for suggestions on how to curtail recruiting. reinstatement of the quota/transfer rule will not solve the problem. New rules limiting how often a player can move to various programs, or limitation that if a coach leaves, then only the coaches children may follow to the new organization were suggested as food for thought.

(2) REMINDER --- CHECKS FOR THE BALANCE OF TOURNAAMENT FEES ARE DUE AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

February 27, 2007
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Road
West Haven.