

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC, March 27, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER** 8:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All Programs except: Darien (1), Gr. Bridgeport (2), Hamden (2), Kent (4), Middlesex (2), New Canaan (5), Salisbury (7), Simsbury (3), Southeastern (2), Southern (1), Stamford (4), Wallingford (3) (number in parentheses = total absences including this evening).

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-III Commissioner, Barry Zalcman; District-IV Commissioner Glenn Van Moffaert; Mite Coordinator, Joe Errico; Squirt Coordinator, Brian Oatway;

USA Hockey Appointees (non-voting) present: none

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**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

The February minutes were approved without objection.

**REPORTS**

**Tournament updates**

In Tony's absence, Jim Lanza thanked all the Tournament commissioners and volunteers for making the Tournaments run smoothly. In other news, Jim reported that Connecticut had very good representation at the Nationals, with 6 programs playing. Similarly, at the Festival, CT was very strong, having lost only one game.

With respect to cancellation "policy" for inclement weather during the Supplemental Tournaments, please make all efforts to reach a reasonable accommodation, being flexible with schedules and revising schedules accordingly. SAFETY should be the paramount consideration.

**Vice President (Mike Meakem)**

Mike spoke about the continued use and migration of data to the CHC League Athletics website ( <http://www.chchockey.org> ) as it will become a primary source for communication. At this time, Mike asked new scheduling content not be added to your individual programs' website. If your local organization does not use League Athletics as the hosting service, please consider using it, otherwise your organization will not be able to make full use of all communication outlets and other functions. About six programs currently do not use LgAth; the cost is approximately \$375/yr (for up to ten teams), \$475/yr >10 teams.

**Secretary (Glenn Van Moffaert)**

Reminder, that next month is voting for:

Elections Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Board Officer positions of Vice President and Secretary expire at the next Annual Meeting (April 2007); the term of these offices is two years. Jim Lanza appointed a Nominating Committee of Brian Oatway, Bob McCoy and Tom Macken to accept nominations of candidates for election to these Officer positions. The election shall take place at the 2007 Annual Meeting and nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws that were submitted in writing to the Secretary were distributed to the members in attendance. The proposed amendments will also be posted onto the websites ([http://www.usahockey.com/chchockey/main\\_site/main/chchockey/](http://www.usahockey.com/chchockey/main_site/main/chchockey/); and <http://www.chchockey.org> ). Only those programs that are in Good Standing are eligible to cast a vote.

### **President (Jim Lanza)**

Jim recapped the selection process for Team-CT. Some plans were disrupted because of the great number of unanticipated sign-ups at the door. No child was refused entry this year, but this situation will not be allowed next year – REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE is mandatory next time.

Evaluations of players were made by persons that were independent of CHC: college and prep-school coaches. All children are welcome, but please encourage your program to use good judgment to select kids for tryouts. Remember that only 15 skaters and 2 goalies are selected per team, and competition is of the highest caliber.

Coaches were appointed by the President, and selected principally from prep schools. Questions were asked whether these coaches underwent the same screening policy as CHC coaches. CHC did not conduct an independent screen. However, each coach is registered with USAH, although coaching certification through USAH is not required for the Festival.

Discussion among the CHC Board was made regarding whether a player had to be in good standing with their home program to remain eligible to play for Team-CT. The Board concluded that a player should be in good standing with their home program.

The availability of hotel accommodations was recognized as an issued, and reasonable efforts will be made to correct the situation.

### **Registrar**

Jim reported on behalf of Patty Garcia, that all things are in good order.

### **Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)**

Kathy reported that District-1 had a disquieting issue involving the Ridgefield MT-house league, where a parent had grabbed a hold of a child not their own. Civil suits have been initiated against the offending parent. CHC cannot take action at this time until such suits have been resolved through the court system.

District-II: Barry Zalcman reported on an EIGHTH MATCH PENALTY situation. This year, 6-match penalties were issued for kicking infractions. This is a bad trend, and the programs/coaches have to take control over it.

District-4: Glenn reported that D-4 regained its typical quiescence.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) Tier hockey. The conflict with tryout schedules between T-1 and T-2 has been resolved.
- (2) RECRUITING. Recruiting continues to be a cause for concern, however, with the institution of Tier hockey, it remains to be seen whether recruitment will be contained. Discussion regarding a formal process to curtail recruitment (as well as enforcement mechanism) was tabled until next season when data can be analyzed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

April 24, 2007  
7:30pm  
Italian American Club  
35 Chase Road, West Haven.