

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC, April 24, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All Programs except: Greenwich Skating Club; Griffin, Kent, New Canaan, Ridgefield, Salisbury, Simsbury, South Windsor, Western, Wonderland Wizards.

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson (District I Commissioner), Kathy Ludwig; District-IV Commissioner Glenn Van Moffaert; Mite Coordinator, Joe Errico; Women's Coordinator, Joe Dymarczyk; Coaching Director, Mike Powers.

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

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

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

The March minutes were approved without objection. This is the beginning of a new CHC Year!

**VOTE ON THE BYLAWS**

There are five (5) proposed amendments to the Bylaws, designated (A) through (E), which were published and discussed at the March BOD meeting; the proposed amendments are reproduced as an attachment to these minutes. The result of the roll call vote for each amendment is as follows:

**(A) PASSED unanimously.**

**(B) PASSED unanimously.**

**(C) PASSED WITH ONE AMENDMENT (24-1).** An amendment (seconded) to the proposed amendment was made by Jim Lanza, to the effect that in any one season, if a member program loses its status of Good Standing a second time, then the loss of Good Standing remains in effect for the remainder of that season, and Good Standing can only be reinstated by petition to and majority vote of the BOD. The amendment to the amendment passed by a vote of hands.

Article III, Paragraph 4, of the By-Laws, reads as follows, (where a ~~strike through~~ indicates a deletion; underline indicates an insertion, and double underline indicates the language of the amendment to the proposed amendment):

“4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph ~~A~~ (1), above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in ~~g~~Good ~~s~~Standing. ~~for the remainder of that season unless.~~ A member program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings or such sanction is lifted at the discretion of by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to the condition that if said member program has lost it status of Good Standing twice during the then-current season, the sanction can only be lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

The subject paragraph, after amendment and without marks reads:

4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph (1) above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in Good Standing. A member program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings or such sanction is lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to the condition that if said member program has lost its status of Good Standing twice during the then-current season, the sanction can only be lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**(D) PASSED unanimously.**

**(E) WITHDRAWN by its sponsor.**

## **ELECTIONS**

Elections were held for the Board Officer seats of Vice President and Secretary each for a two-year term. The CHC nominating committee (Tom Macken, Bob McCoy and Brian Oatway) presented their Committee Report that listed the position responsibilities and the names of the candidates. This report is reproduced as an attachment to these minutes. Each seat was uncontested, and no further nominations were received from the floor. The incumbent candidates were elected by unanimous voice vote.

Vice President: Mike Meakem  
Secretary: Glenn Van Moffaert.

## **REPORTS**

### **Treasurer (Jason Pniewski)**

Jim Lanza presented the Profit & Loss statement for the fiscal period May 1, 2006 through April 24, 2007 and the balance sheet current through April 24, 2007. Jason will be taking the reigns from this point forward. The CHC is a financially healthy organization and there is money available for use. The question is raised what best uses can this money be made to work? One suggestion was to waive a portion of the Affiliate Fee at the time of registration with USAH. Thoughts and suggestions are requested.

### **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 as well as other benefits such as scheduling. At this time, approximately seven (7) programs have chosen not to migrate to LgAth. Although use of LgAth is not mandatory, if programs are not linked to it, then it will severely hamper the CHC from making full use of its benefits for scheduling as well as rankings and other functions such as tracking of major penalties, and match penalties.

Mike also spoke to the need of creating a system of balanced scheduling. This may require the creation of a limited Tiered system, driving toward parity among the teams within each Tier. Some discussion was made to define the contours of such a tier system, and whether there was consideration for regionalization of T2, such as there is now with T-1. However, thoughts of gerrymandering district lines, and the regulation of movement of players raise concern. Some states, like MN, have robust districting, however it is a unique situation because of the populations densities, number of rinks, etc.

Mike stressed that “Goal #1” is to have greatly improved communication among the member programs and to foster player development. Mike requested that the programs migrate over no later than June, in order to effectively populate the scheduling features for the upcoming season.

**Secretary (Glenn Van Moffaert)**

nothing other than Amendments and Elections.

**Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)**

nothing of significance to report.

**Referee-in-Chief (Randy Zaritsky)**

The seminars for the new season will be posted through the NE District website. This is a RULE CHANGE YEAR, so expect changes to be announced in June. One likely change is with respect to icing on penalty kills.

**Coaching Director (Mike Powers)**

There will two clinics at each of Levels 1, 2, and 3. L4 clinic may be hard to accomplish this year. Please send information of your programs coaching director to Mike.

**Girls (Joe Dymarczyk)**

Connecticut again made a fantastic showing at the Nationals!

For the upcoming season, T-1 is comprised of four teams, and tryout scheduling is a point of concern. The programs have agreed to make a fair reconciliation/recompensation with respect to deposits and committal agreements. Deadline to declare T-1 is June 1.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

May 22, 2007  
7:30pm  
Italian American Club  
35 Chase Road, West Haven.

/Attachment – Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

MARCH 27, 2007

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CHC

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- A. Shawn Sniffin of Enfield Hockey, proposes to amend Article VI, Paragraph 5 of the By-Laws to be consistent with Rule 201(a) of the Rules of Hockey.

Amend Article VI, Paragraph 5, striking the last sentence as shown (~~striketrough~~ indicates a deletion):

“5. All tournament declared teams must be separately registered by a roster of not more than twenty (20) players for each team that are being submitted to the State Registrar in accordance with USA Hockey guidelines and these Bylaws. A team can roster a maximum of 20 players provided that the maximum number of skaters, excluding goaltenders, may not exceed 18. A team roster may comprise as many as 18 skaters and 1 or 2 goaltenders, or 17 skaters and 3 goaltenders. ~~A team which rosters 3 goaltenders may dress only 2 for any game.~~”

(reference Rule 201 (a): “...A maximum of 20 players, including goalkeepers, shall be permitted to play in a game. The maximum number of players, excluding goalkeepers, shall not exceed 18.”)

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- B. Glenn Van Moffaert proposes to amend Article III, Paragraph 1 of the By-Laws in order to provide guidance as to what rights and privileges are afforded to a member program in Good Standing.

Amend Article III, Paragraph 1 of the By-Laws as follows (underline indicates an insertion):

1. “Each member program shall be represented at CHC Board Meetings by its designated representative, or in his absence, by an officer of the program, or by such representative designated in writing for that meeting. Duly represented member programs in Good Standing shall have the privilege to propose amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Polices and Rules, and vote on matters raised to the Board of Directors.”

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- C. Glenn Van Moffaert proposes to amend Article III, Paragraph 4 of the By-Laws in order to i) correct the mis-reference in the first sentence; and (ii) encourage a desired outcome of active participation of member programs by retaining status in Good Standing. Glenn believes that Good Standing should not be automatically reinstated upon the occurrence of a new season. If a member program has lost its Good Standing, then the member program should demonstrate its commitment to CHC by attending consecutive meetings or by petition to the BOD.

Amend Article III, Paragraph 4, of the By-Laws as follows, (~~striketrough~~ indicates a deletion; underline indicates an insertion):

“4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph ~~A~~ (1), above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a

member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in ~~g~~Good ~~s~~Standing. ~~for the remainder of that season unless.~~ A program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings or such sanction is lifted ~~at the discretion of~~ by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

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- D. Glenn Van Moffaert proposes to amend paragraphs 1 & 3 of Article VIII of the By-Laws in order to clarify that member programs in Good Standing, Board Officers and Appointees are afforded the privilege to propose amendments and member programs in Good Standing and Board Officers may vote on amendments.

Amend Article VIII of the By-Laws as follows, (~~strikethrough~~ indicates a deletion; underline indicates an insertion):

**“Article VIII Amendments**

1. CHC member programs in Good Standing, Board Officers or Appointed Officials may propose ~~Proposed~~ amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws ~~must be~~ by submitting in writing (by first class mail or email) ~~by CHC member programs in Good Standing~~ to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the March meeting. The Secretary shall submit all proposals to the Standing Rules Committee, composed of the Eligibility Chairman, State Registrar and Secretary for review.

3. In order to amend the Constitution and Bylaws, a ~~proposal~~ proposed amendment must receive at least two-thirds (67%) of the votes cast by CHC member programs in Good Standing and Board Officers.”

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- E. Glenn Van Moffaert proposes to amend Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws in order to in order to provide an orderly transition of duties of elected officers whose terms (Article II, §1) run for a period of years. Glenn believes that the duly elected officers should commence their term of office coincident with the CHC year (August), as set forth in Article II, Section 2, Paragraph B.5, and not immediately upon their election, which occurs in April.

Amend Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the By-Laws as follows, (~~strikethrough~~ indicates a deletion; underline indicates an insertion):

“3. The duties and powers of the elected Board Officers shall begin at the ~~conclusion of the election~~ August meeting of the next CHC year.”

(reference Article II, Section 2, Paragraph B.5: “... During the course of the CHC year, August to June....”)

/Attachment

## **CHC Nominating Committee Report**

*(Tom Macken, Bob McCoy & Brian Oatway)*

### **Vice President**

#### ***Position Responsibilities (CHC Constitution and By-Laws, Article 1, Section 2)***

The Vice-President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his absence, and perform other duties as may be delegated to him by the President. The term of office of the Vice-President shall be one (1) year in 2006, and two years thereafter commencing with the election in 2007.

#### ***Candidates***

Mike Meakam

### **Secretary**

#### ***Position Responsibilities (CHC Constitution and By-Laws, Article 1, Section 3)***

The secretary shall record all business transactions of CHC, attend to the correspondence, and keep records of CHC (excluding player-team registration) including the minutes of the meetings.

The Secretary shall deliver, by first-class mail or email, the minutes of all meetings within ten (10) days of the meeting, to the Board of Directors and the President of each program. These minutes shall include a financial statement (supplied by the Treasurer), and the place, time, and date of the next meeting of the Board of Directors of CHC. In case of challenge, the Secretary shall establish whether a member program is in good standing.

The term of office of the Secretary shall be one (1) year commencing in 2006, and two years thereafter commencing with the election in 2007.

#### ***Candidates***

Glenn Van Moffaert

### **Election of Board Officers (CHC Constitution and By-Laws, Article 4)**

1. The President, prior to the Annual Meeting, shall appoint a Nominating Committee chaired, when possible, by the immediate past President. It will be the duty of this Committee to actively solicit from the Member Programs and their teams, and individuals, nominations of names of candidates for election to Officer positions. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prevent nominations from the floor. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting.
2. The officers of CHC shall be voted separately by ballot and shall receive a majority of votes cast.
3. The duties and powers of the elected Board Officers shall begin at the conclusion of the election.