

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC Board of Directors, May 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate absences): Darien (1), East Haven (1), ECHO (1); Griffin (2), Kent(2), New Canaan (2), Ridgefield (2), Salisbury (2), Simsbury (2), Southern (1); Stamford (1); Wallingford (1); Wonderland Wizards (2). The attendance log, including tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

Board Officers Present: President, Jim Lanza; 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 April minutes were approved without objection.

REPORTS

President (Jim Lanza)

Jim said that he will be attending the USA Hockey 2007 Annual Congress held in Colorado Springs, Colorado from June 6 - 10, 2007. It is a rule change year, so there should be plenty of activity. Jim expects that the so-called "icing" rule (Icing enforced on power plays) and "tag-up" rule (offside) will likely pass. [post-meeting note: the agenda for the congress can be viewed on the NEW VERSION of the USAH website: http://www.usahockey.com/Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=NO&id=176858&USAHockeyType=ICE).

Vice President (Mike Meakem)

In Mike's absence, Jim reported the integration of web-sites through League Athletics is a top priority. There is 100% participation form all member programs – THANK YOU!

Treasurer (Jason Pniewski)

No significant change from last month's accounting.

Secretary (Glenn Van Moffaert)

The Constitution and Bylaws as revised by last month's vote, will be amended according and republished to the websites not later than the President's meeting in August. The Rules & Guidelines will also be republished.

Updated contact information of the member programs is to be submitted to the Secretary (by e-mail as soon as practicable) using the format of the file that is attached to the electronic mailing of these minutes. A sample of that format is included as Attachment #2 to these minutes.

Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)

To date, Sixteen programs (13 boys; 3 girls) have completed their tryouts and have begun submitting rosters and releases. If you have jersey numbers assigned to players, that information is valuable to add to the rosters.

District 2 Carry-over suspensions that were handed out last season are being served and fulfilled this season.

Registrar (Patty Garcia)

In Patty's absence, Kathy reminded the group that there is likely to be an expected turnover of member program registrars. Not only should you use the CHC Update form, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND UPDATES TO USAH!! You must fill out the new USAH info in order to get registration materials sent to you in a timely way.

Girls (Joe Dymarczyk)

Deadline to declare T-1 is June 1. There are spots available for the Vermont Camp at 91/92 level.

Coaching Director (Mike Powers)

Coaching registration is made through the website. L1-L3 is not available until the USA-H website is updated (Post-meeting note: the USA-H website is updated as of the publishing of these minutes).

Remember that coaches must be certified to the appropriate level for the team they are rostered. There is a special intern program for children ages 13-17 to participate as a coach. At age 18, formal L1 training is required.

NEW & OLD BUSINESS

A question was raised regarding whether there was any further involvement with Quinnipiac University. Jim answered that since Val Belmonte's presentation last year, QU has not declared what use and availability will be to their facility.

A question was raised regarding any significant rules changes for Tier-1 or Tier-2. While no other changes to the system was made since last discussed, there were certain points made to clarify situations. For example, with respect to T-1, players who sign commitment letters are bound to the T-1 level, and once registered, cannot "drop down" to T-2. In the following season, a player may enter into a T-2 program.

The T-1 geographic boundaries are established. A wait-and-see approach is being used to determine whether the boundaries need adjustment for 2008-2009 season. For the current season, an in-State player was allowed to play out of region; for next season, T-1 players must play for a program within their region.

At the T-2 level, consolidation of programs and thoughts to regionalize continue to be considered. One aspect of seeing stability is that since the removal of the "quota system", the number of releases is beginning to reach a steady state.

At the Midget level, much work needs to be done. Currently most MD teams in CHC are half-year teams that conclude before high school begins.

A question was made regarding the health of hockey in CT. Jim stated that the numbers are growing, acknowledging slow growth. Cost containment strategies need to be considered, both to

attract new players as well as maintain interest especially at the Mite level. One strategy is the use of cross-ice. An excellent example of cross-ice utilization is in Framingham, MA.

A question was raised concerning the status of the litigation against former CHC officers. Jim said that a pre-judgment awards were made in the civil action: \$400,000 against Pat Cavallaro, Sr; \$100,000 each against his wife and son; and \$400,000 against Henry Pozzouli. Once proof of assets are obtained, then will seek an action to enforce the judgment or enter into a structured settlement.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

June 26, 2007
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Road, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to May 23, 2007 minutes
Attendance Log

Program	GS	Total Absences	April 2007	May	June
Avon		0			
Central		0			
CT Clippers		0			
CT Northern Lights		0			
CT Polar Bears		0			
CT Stars		0			
CT Wolves		0			
Darien		1		x	
East Haven		1		x	
ECHO		1		x	
Enfield		0			
Gr. Bridgeport		0			
Gr. New Haven		0			
Greenwich Blues		0			
Greenwich Skate		1	x		
Griffin		2	x	x	
Hamden		0			
Kent		2	x	x	
Middlesex		0			
Mid-Fairfield		0			
New Canaan		2	x	x	
Northeastern		0			
Northwestern		0			
Pawling		0			
Ridgefield		2	x	x	
Salisbury		2	x	x	
Simsbury		2	x	x	
South Windsor		1	x		
Southeastern		0			
Southern		1		x	
Stamford		1		x	
Wallingford		1		x	
Watertown		0			
West Hartford		0			
West Haven		0			
Western		1	x		
Wonderland Wizards		2	x	x	
Yale		0			
Members Present (Total =38)			28	25	38
LOSS OF STANDING			0	0	0
Good Standing			38	38	38
Quorum			10	10	10

/Attachment #1 to May 23, 2007 minutes
 Sample of Update form and information

TABLE-1
 General Program Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Contact Type</u>	<u>Contact First Name</u>	<u>Contact Last Name</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>AdditionalEmail</u>	<u>Program Website</u>
	President												
	CHC Rep												
	Registrar												

Table-2
 SCHEDULERS'S Information

<u>Program</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Contact First Name</u>	<u>Contact Last Name</u>	<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>Work Phone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
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