

Minutes of the regular meeting of CHC Board of Directors, December 18, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate absences including this evening): Gr. Bridgeport (1), Griffin (4), New Canaan (3), Northeastern (1), Pawling (1) and Salisbury (5). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

**The following member Programs are hereby notified that they have four (4) recorded absences, and as a result have lost their Good Standing:**

**Griffin, Salisbury**

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Registrar, Patty Garcia; Eligibility Chairperson (District I Commissioner), Kathy Ludwig; District-II Commissioner, Jason Pniewski; District-III Barry Zalcman; District-IV Commissioner Glenn Van Moffaert; Squirt Coordinator Erik Sunquist; PeeWee Coordinator, Bruce Buckholz; Women's Coordinator, Joe Dymarczyk and Jacqueline DiNuccio; Coaching Director, Mike Powers.

USA Hockey Appointees (non-voting) present: Registrar, Patty Garcia

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present: none

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

The November minutes were accepted.

**REPORTS**

**President (Mike Meakem)**

Southern Connecticut Storm Special Hockey

Mike presented a request from the Southern Connecticut Storm Special Hockey program (<http://ctstormhockey.org>) seeking a one-time grant (\$5,000) as seed money to startup their program. This group is devoted to allow disabled persons the enjoyment of playing hockey. The CHC has some money available through USA-H, and Mike made a recommendation that the CHC give the Storm a grant of \$2500, and also suggested that individual member programs donate \$100 each in order for the Storm to achieve their goal. Debbie McQuilkin, Program Director of the Storm, has pledged that the money will be used to offset startup costs which include the purchase of special equipment, specialized training for coaches and other costs necessary to establish a program (like becoming a 501(c)(3) organization). Patty Garcia mentioned that the NHL also has a special Assist Grant that the Storm may wish to pursue.

A motion (seconded) was made to provide the Connecticut Storm Special Hockey organization a one-time grant of \$2500, for the purpose to offset startup costs. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Tiered Hockey

Mike commenting that there are too many emails focusing on a win-first theme, regarding positioning in the standings for year-end play, including whether forfeits are enforced for cancellations due to inclement weather. Please remember that DEVELOPMENT of players is the focus. De-emphasize winning versus losing.

**Vice President (Jason Pniewski)**

Several teams are not scheduling in the appropriate places on the website. The website is only able to resolve games scheduling within the same Tier.

**Treasurer (Mike Federico)**

Mike is getting accustomed to how Jason setup the accounts. Mike is interested in establishing an approval mechanism for payment of invoices.

Mike Meakem commented that a Finance Committee is sought to be convened. If anyone is interested in participating, please see Mike Meakem, or Mike Federico.

**Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)**

Midgets -- Those players who were involved in split-season hockey and now wish to move to full season hockey, are permitted a second release.

Bantams -- High School has begun, so be careful which players are continuing with your team. Remember, CHC doesn't prohibit a person from playing with a non-CHC HS team but the same is not true for CIAC, which does prohibit a HS player from playing on another squad.. Notwithstanding the CIAC rule, if you want that player to remain eligible to play late in the CHC season, you must retain the name of a HS player on the CHC roster. If you have questions please ask!

Coach screening went very well this year; only a few left to process.

District Commissioner Reports

- District I One Match penalty (stomping); otherwise the number of notices has slowed appreciably.
- District II Only one report in the last month.
- District III three match penalties are being resolved
- District-IV: No match penalties, but a few game misconducts being reported..

**Registrar (Patty Garcia)**

Patty reports that all is looking good! There is a Swedish team visiting the US, and looking to play against bantam squads – if you are intending to play against this team, you must see Patty to co-ordinate the paperwork with USA-H..

**Girls (Joe Dymarczyk/Jacqueline DiNuccio)**

Registration for 94/95 is ONLINE ONLY; check website, since if it is a big turnout then two sites may be necessary.

For the State tournament, ice times are being worked on, and referees will be assigned by Randy.

**Coaching Director (Mike Powers)**

L3 postponed one week.

**Referee in Chief (Randy Zaritsky)**

All quiet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Tournaments (Brian Oatway) the Tournament Committee met earlier in the evening, and scheduling is being put into place, as well as logistics for ancillary things like T-shirts, pucks, etc.

Finances are a concern, since ice fees were based upon a rate of \$250/hr, but actual cost is higher. One way to resolve the shortfall is that host sites can charge a gate fee, or re-calculate the tournament fee on a base fee of \$300 - \$325 /hour.

T4 tournament has 24 host locations, where teams are being divided on a regional basis [not seedings/standings].

C. Grow the Game Ken Dixon reports that things are moving well for this initiative. A survey is being drawn up to assess what programs need, and how to best meet those needs. Each member program should assign a representative to coordinate activities with Ken,.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn (seconded) passed by unanimous voice vote. [8:30pm]

**NEXT MEETING:**

**January 22, 2008**  
7:30pm  
Italian American Club  
35 Chase Road, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to December 2007 minutes  
 Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	April 2007	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting	September	October	November	December
Avon	0								
Central	0								
CT Clippers	1				X				
CT Northern Lights	1			X					
CT Polar Bears	0								
CT Stars	2			X				X	
CT Wolves	0								
Darien	1		X						
East Haven	1		X						
ECHO	1		X						
Enfield	1			X					
Gr. Bridgeport	1								X
Gr. New Haven	0								
Greenwich Blues	1			X					
Greenwich Skate	1	X							
Griffin	4	X	X	X					X
Hamden	0								
Kent	3	X	X	X					
Middlesex	1			X					
Mid-Fairfield	0								
New Canaan	3	X	X						X
Northeastern	1								X
Northwestern	0								
Pawling	1								X
Ridgefield	2	X	X						
Salisbury	5	X	X	X		X			X
Simsbury	3	X	X	X					
South Windsor	1	X							
Southeastern	0								
Southern	1		X						
Stamford	1		X						
Wallingford	2		X	X					
Watertown	1			X					
West Hartford	1					X			
West Haven	1					X			
Western	1	X							
Wonderland Wizards	2	X	X						
Yale	1			X					