

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of CHC Board of Directors, June 24, 2008

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate total absences this season including this evening): Central (1); East Haven (1); Enfield (2); Middlesex (1); Salisbury* (3). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

**Note: Salisbury had lost their status of Good Standing in the prior season, and that condition carries over into this current CHC Year (2008-2009).*

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The Secretary was absent for the May meeting and minutes were not recorded.

REPORTS

President (Mike Meakem)

Annual Congress. Several items of interest and discussion were made at the Annual Congress in Colo. In no particular order:

- National Screening Initiative. This program is not yet formalized, but if implemented would be more thorough than our Coach's screening program.
- Tier-1 & Tier-2. The Youth Council is taking an initiative to define the objectives and governance of the Tiered system, beginning with an examination of T-1.
- Tier-2 Nationals. The Youth Council approved this event for the 2009-10 season. There will be a direct path from State championship to Nationals, but discretion is given to each District to amend the structure; details were sparse on this topic. NE-D will likely retain its Regional Tournament.
- Changes to the USA-H bylaws. The body rejected to amend the condition changes to bylaws occur every 4 four years. A motion to create separate Councils for Men and Women was tabled, to the Winter Meeting.

In-house Midget League. There is great interest in formalizing a new league for MD-full season. About 12 teams from CT, MA and RI would comprise the CT Valley Midget Hockey League.

Communications. Effective communication remains a focus for Mike in order to provide the Programs and membership at large timely notice on matters of general interest, and transparency to the work of CHC. In support of this effort, Ken Dixon is taking the lead to create and manage e-blast Newsletters with an anticipated August rollout.

Volunteerism. Volunteerism is the life-blood of the CHC. Here are some changes and openings that need to be filled:

- District II Commissioner; Rich Gudis is replacing Jason Pniewski
- Associate CHC Registrar, Sue McCullogh will serve to assist Patty Garcia
- SW & PW Tournament Director – **VACANT**
- ACE Director – **VACANT**

If you are interested in these open positions, OR ANY OTHER type of volunteer support, please let Mike know.

Goodwill Accounts. Mike has previously described the notion of the “Goodwill Account” that Programs have with CHC. Five programs are now overdrawn on their account – call Mike if you think you are one of these Programs, or just to check-in.

Grow the Game (Ken Dixon)

Divider orders are being processed. If you have missed the first batch order, then let Ken know, and an order may be placed soon. So far seven (7) Programs have taken advantage of the purchase program.

Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)

A NEW RELEASE FORM is available; please use it. Programs with spring tryouts were each informed of the Release requirement and process.

The District Commissioners report that all is quiet.

Girls (Joe Dymarczyk/Jacqueline DiNuccio/ Carolyn Holt)

Tier-1 declarations have a deadline by August 1. USA-H has approved a T-1 Nationals to begin with the 2009-10 season.

NE District Director (Jim Lanza)

Site selections for the NE District Regionals can be found on the website (<http://files.leagueathletics.com/Text/Documents/2695/16929.pdf>)

Tournament Committee (Brian Oatway)

A handout with guidelines and discussion points was distributed. The concern of the Committee is that too many teams are declaring into T2 and T3. The Committee questioned whether this is a strategy to re-declare their teams. The Committee feels that too many “B” (or second teams) are declaring into T3, despite the guidance that T3 is not intended for the purpose of having all teams in a program in successive Tier groupings (if a SQ-A is declared T2, then SQ-B is T#...not true. SQ-B may be better suited in T4).

Discussion among all Programs revealed that in light of this behavior, T3 cannot have parity among the several teams within it. Declaring T3A/3B may be an option, however, there must be consensus to strictly limit the Tiers to 12 teams. The Tier system is aimed at player development, but it seems readily apparent that the driver for the Programs is competitively based. Further discussion revealed that competition must be a motivating factor since there is advancement from T3 into the Sectionals.

A Motion (seconded) was made to create a structure for Tier 3, whereby it would be divided into T-3A and T-3B, wherein only T-3A would qualify to advance to Sectionals. By a show of hands, the Motion PASSED without objection.

After further discussion regarding the make-up of T-3A and T-3B, a Motion (seconded) to provide that for post-season play, T-3A/B is limited to 12 teams for the post-season tournament. It is further provided that, for the 2008-2009 season, Programs shall have an opportunity to re-declare their teams' status into any of T-3A/B or into T4 no later than July 8, 2008. Further discussion was made, and as a point of information, it was expressed that the Motion does not provide that if there are more than 12 teams in T-3A/B, those that do not make the post-season tournament, will not be “dropped-down” into T-3B, and/or T-4. By a count of a show of hands, the Motion PASSED: 21-Yes; 2-No.

As a result of the allowance to re-declare teams, discussion was made regarding the effect of the actual number of teams that declare into each of T-3A/B, and the requirements for head-to-head play. A Motion (Seconded) was made to empower the Tournament Committee to act to determine the number of games that will be required to be played among teams within their declared Tier after the Programs have re-declared their teams' status. The Motion PASSED without objection by a show of hands.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

AUGUST 26, 2008
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to June 2008 minutes
Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2008	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting
Avon	0				
Central	1			X	
CT Clippers	0				
CT Northern Lights	0				
CT Polar Bears	0				
CT Wolves	1	X			
Darien	0				
East Haven	1			X	
ECHO	1	X			
Enfield	2	X		X	
Gr. Bridgeport	0				
Gr. New Haven	0				
Greenwich Blues	0				
Greenwich Skate	1	X			
Griffin	0				
Hamden	1	X			
Kent	0				
Middlesex	1			X	
Mid-Fairfield	0				
New Canaan	0				
Northeastern	1	X			
Northwestern	0				
Pawling	0				
Ridgefield	1	X			
Salisbury (8)	3	X	X	X	
Simsbury	1	X			
South Windsor	0				
Southeastern	0				
Southern	1	X			
Stamford	1	X			
Wallingford	1	X			
Watertown	0				
West Hartford	0				
West Haven	0				
Western	0				
Wonderland Wizards	0				
Yale	0				