

Corrected Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, March 31, 2009

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): Darien (3); Enfield (3); Grn. Skate (4); Griffin (4); Hamden (4); Salisbury (11); Wallingford (); W. Hartford (4); and Yale (2). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

POST MEETING SPECIAL NOTE:

Since the March 31 date was not the regularly scheduled date for attending the monthly CHC Meeting as prescribed under the By-laws, absences are recorded, but not counted for purposes of maintaining Good Standing. As a result, with the exception of Salisbury, ALL Program remain in Good Standing. Further, beginning with the April Meeting, all Programs start with zero recorded absences. However, Salisbury does not regain its status of Good Standing unless and until it meets the conditions as set forth in the Bylaws.

Board Officers Present: President, Mike Meakem; Secretary: Glenn Van Moffaert.

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District II Commissioner, Rich Guddis; District III Commissioner, Barry Zalzman; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Women's & Girls' Dev'l Director: Joe D; Tournament director, Brian Oatway; Midget Director: Amy Landino; PeeWee Director: Rich Dibble; Squirt Director, Tom Regan; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon

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

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present:

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

A motion (seconded) to accept February minutes passed without objection.

REPORTS

Nominating Committee (Tom Regan)

Tom reported that there may be only one candidate for each of the offices under consideration: President, Vice President and Secretary. As discussed in the January Meeting, a special election will first be held to fill the office of President for the remainder (1 year) of the term that is being vacated, followed by the elections of Vice President and Secretary, each of which is for two-year terms.

President (Mike Meakem)

There is no relief from parents who continue to agitate against the CHC, threatening lawsuits or raising nuisance complaints to media outlets.

Treasurer (Mike Federico)

In Mr. Federico's absence, Mike Meakem distributed a hand out detailing the Balance Sheet of the CHC. It is noted that not all the invoices relating to Tournament ice fees have been received and paid out.

Grow the Game (Ken Dixon)

Things are relatively quiet, and Ken is seeking a home for the equipment that is now in his barn. Any volunteers to hold this equipment in storage should contact Ken.

Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)

Already releases are trickling in for the next season (2009-10)!

District Commissioners still besieged with Match penalties, and recording of carry-over to next season. A list will be compiled and published.

District-I reports of a Match handed out to a Midget for spitting

District-II: Several Match penalties being investigated and will carryover.

District-III: holding hearings for violations incurred by a spectator, and a coach.

District-IV: Only GM, no MATCHES, and therefore no carry-over into next season.

Registrar (Patty Garcia)

Sue will be taking over the registrar responsibilities full-time in May.

Women's and Girls' (Joe Dymarczyk)

The Festival schedule is available online (newhockey.org).

In Regional's, the CT GIRLS were dominant over their competition.

Referee in Chief (Randy Zaritsky)

Referees now have time to catch their breath as the Tournaments are all completed, having covered more than 700 games!!! A L4 seminar is being arranged in CT --- see the website in July for full details.

Tournament Committee (Brian Oatway)

Brian reported that the Tournaments were a success. Each tournament may not have been perfect, but overall success was clear. Comments regarding the absence of "full coverage" at all rinks is being reviewed. Refinement to the Declaration Process is also under review by the Tournament Committee.

Secretary (Glenn Van Moffaert)

Continuation of debate on the two proposals for amendments.

1. The proposal by Mike Federico, to amend Article VI of the Constitution to insert a qualifying limitation whereby a Board Officer of CHC may not hold an executive position with a member program during their CHC term in office. This proposed amendment was reviewed by the Standing Rules Committee, with a recommendation to further amend Article VI of the Constitution, and Article III, Paragraph 8 of the Bylaws. These recommendations were distributed by the Secretary via e-mail, and the summary can be found in Attachment-2 of these minutes. Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws resulted in no further changes. These amendments will be voted upon at the April Meeting.
2. A proposal from the Darien program to change the Rules & Policies by re-instituting a version of the Release and Quota Rule. Dairen's written proposal reads as follows:

DARIEN'S PROPOSAL FOR RULE CHANGE

Tier II and Tier III boys' teams will only be allowed 3 releases per team per season. For purposes of this rule a release is defined as any player that lived in the state of Connecticut and played for another youth hockey Program the previous hockey season and now wants to participate in a different CHC Program. Players that are returning from Tier I to their original Program (program that the player played with prior to taking a spot with a Tier I team) will not count towards the quota of three players. All other reasons for player movement will count towards the quota. It will be the responsibility of the Programs to report the number of

releases on each of their Tier II and Tier III teams to CHC by November 1st. If a team has more than three Releases they will be ineligible for State Tournament play and will not be able to participate in any Regional or USA Hockey National tournament.

Darien believes this rule is necessary based on the last two seasons where we have had several teams "load up" in tier II. This not only makes for a competitive in balance with the team that has the releases it also hurts the programs that lose the players making for fewer teams that are competitive (especially at Tier II) We also believe that by instituting this change programs will feel less pressure to over declare themselves because players will have less opportunity for movement. This will allow Programs to develop their own players and we believe create more competition. We have excluded Tier IV from this rule so that we do not hand cuff teams that need to add several players in order to fill out rosters.

This proposal was reviewed by the Standing Rules Committee, with a recommendation to not enact the proposal as presented.

Further debate and discussion was made beginning with an analysis of Releases which demonstrated that a great proportion of releases are at the Midget and Bantam level, or resulting from persons moving within or out of the State. From a total population of about 10,000 eligible players in the State, approximately 257 releases would be affected if the proposal by Darien were to be enacted.

Further discussion on the merits regarding motivation for "over-declaring" a team was made, as well as other considerations for or against this proposal.

A Motion to Call the Question (seconded) FAILED by a show of hands, with 1-vote in the affirmative, and all others against. The proposal by Darien is not enacted for the 2009-10 season.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A Motion to Adjourn (seconded) passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING:

April 28, 2009
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to March 2009 minutes

Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2008	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting	September	October	November	December	January 2009	February	March
Avon	0											
Central	1			x								
CT Clippers	2					x		x				
CT Northern Lights	0											
CT Polar Bears	0											
CT Wolves	3	x			x		x					
Darien	3					x			x			x
East Haven	3			x		x				x		
ECHO	2	x						x				
Enfield	3	x		x								x
Gr. Bridgeport	1									x		
Gr. New Haven	0											
Greenwich Blues	2				x				x			
Greenwich Skate	4	x				x					x	x
Griffin	4				x			x	x			x
Hamden	4	x				x				x		x
Kent	1					x						
Middlesex	1			x								
Mid-Fairfield	0											
New Canaan	3				x			x			x	
Northeastern	3	x			x				x			
Northwestern	1							x				
Pawling	2								x		x	
Ridgefield	3	x				x		x				
Salisbury (8)	11	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Simsbury	2	x								x		
South Windsor	0											
Southeastern	0											
Southern	1	x										
Stamford	2	x						x				
Wallingford	3	x								x		x
Watertown	1							x				
West Hartford	4	x					x				x	x
West Haven	1				x							
Western	1									x		
Wonderland Wizards	1							x				
Yale	2								x		x	

SUMMARY OF CHANGES Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CHC

Amending Article VI of the Constitution to read as follows:

Article VI Board of Directors

The affairs of CHC shall be directed by a Board of Directors consisting of Board Members and Board Officers. A Board Member is the authorized representative from each of the youth hockey organizations that comprise its Membership and whereby such Board Member shall have been elected by the teams of the program, each team having one vote. The duly elected Board Members shall elect, in accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer as Board Officers; these elected Board Officers do not have to be elected from the class of Board Members, but in no event may a Board Officer also hold an executive position with a member program during their term in office.

Each Board Member from a member program in Good Standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote; the President shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie. A member program must have its representative present to be eligible to vote; proxies are not allowed. In addition to Board Members, all four elected Board Officers shall have voting privileges in CHC.

Amending Article III, Paragraph 8 of the Bylaws to read as follows:

“8. Any CHC Board Officer or Appointed Official, other than USA Hockey Appointed Officials, absenting himself from three (3) meetings without cause shall have his office declared vacant at the discretion of the Board of Directors who may appoint his successor. Any CHC Board Officer who is found to hold an executive position with a member program in contravention of Article VI of the Constitution shall immediately lose the privilege to vote on matters presented to the Board of Directors and may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

Amending Article IV of the Bylaws to read as follows:

Article IV Election of Board Officers

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 the Nominating Committee to actively solicit from the Member Programs and their teams, and individuals, nominations of candidates for election to Board Officer positions. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prevent nominations from the floor. The election shall take place at the Annual Meeting.
2. Following nominations, the Board Officers of CHC shall be elected separately by ballot of the Board of Directors 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.