

## Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Annual Meeting, April 28, 2009

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

**ROLL CALL** This meeting is the first meeting of the CHC 2009-10 Season-Year.

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate total absences this season including this evening): CT Clippers (1); Gr. Bridgeport (1); Griffin (1); Kent (1); Salisbury (1). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Women's Coordinator: Carolyn Holt; Midget Director: Amy Landino; PeeWee Director: Rich Dibble; Squirt Director, Tom Regan; T1 Director, Jim Lanza; T4 Director: Art Blakeslee

USA Hockey Appointees (non-voting) present: None

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present: Jim Lanza

### **ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

A motion (seconded) to accept March minutes, as corrected,. passed without objection.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer (Mike Federico)**

Mike distributed a hand out detailing the Balance Sheet of the CHC. It is noted that almost all fees except some merchandising checks have been collected and recorded. Some refunds to Member Programs that did not participate in the tournament also need to be reconciled. As a reminder, the CHC FISCAL YEAR runs Sept-Aug.

**Mike Meakem** had available the Form 990. In particular he pointed to Ln21 of the 990 (assets) which for the reporting period ending Aug 2008, showed almost a 10 TIMES increase from the form 990 that was filed in 2005. So now it must be decided what CHC should do with these assets. There is no relief from parents who continue to agitate against the CHC, threatening lawsuits or raising nuisance complaints to media outlets.

#### **Secretary (Glenn Van Moffaert)**

At the March CHC BOD Meeting, discussion was made on the proposed amendments to Article VI Constitution and Articles III & IV of Bylaws. At tonight's meeting these amendments were each brought up for ratification and vote:

A motion (seconded) to accept the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution, passed unanimously by a show of hands.

A motion (seconded) to accept the amendment to Article III of the Bylaws, passed unanimously by a show of hands.

A motion (seconded) to accept the amendment to Article IV of the Bylaws, passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The Constitution and Bylaws will be republished to recognize the amendments (as shown in Attachment #2) no later than the Presidents' Meeting.

### **Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)**

Since releases are trickling in for the next season (2009-10), please get them to Sue McCullough as soon as you are able.

### **Registrar (Sue McCullough)**

Sue said that the new version of CyberSport is out. If your registrar has not received their disk, please call Sue or Rae (USAH) to get it.

### **Tournament Committee**

Mike Meakem began the discussion by noting that the Tier Declarations procedure has been adjusted with reporting due in May. The Tournament Committee needs to meet to settle on the procedures and the declaration system, including try outs.

Tier-1 Jim Lanza mentioned that the greatest issue now is the Wolves are struggling to assemble teams at all ages groups with the exception of '98s. This situation must be considered at the May Meeting.

### **New England District (Jim Lanza)**

#### American Development Model

Jim spoke again on the American Development Model. By a show of hands, 3 Programs in attendance had considered the merits of the ADM at their local board meeting. This is an issue that CHC needs to decide on, and must be thoughtfully considered by the organization at large, since there needs to be followed by ALL programs if it is adopted. Informal discussion was made to consider a phased-in approach (MT / SQ at first, then older age groups). Mike Meakem suggested that the Revitalize Hockey Committee may be a good springboard to handle this issue.

#### T2 National Tournament.

Jim reported that USAH is committed to a 48-team National Tournament, where each State's Champion is represented, although the format is not yet decided. NED objected to this format as it can place a tremendous economic hardship to families that would be forced to participate.

### **President (Mike Meakem)**

Mike's last STORY TIME: Although Mike will not name the agitator, this parent has filed papers with the CT State Atty General alleging that CHC is violating its bylaws and should be examined to see if its actions comply with its 501(c)(3) charter / articles of organization. Mike wants to make clear that this person does not speak for any particular organization; that this person has sent multiple email to USAH and some media channels, and has threatened to "expose" the CHC's malfeasance through local and prominent national media outlets.

Mike mentioned that he is proud of his tenure as President, and that he and Jim had begun the rooting out of bad acts that had formerly been manifest in CHC.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Three Board Offices are being elected: President (to complete the remainder of Mike Meakem's term), Vice President and Secretary (these each have a two-year term). The Nominating Committee received these nominations:

President Thomas Regan

Vice President Gerald Rasmussen

Secretary: Glenn Van Moffaert.

For each of the Board Offices, Glenn asked thrice if there were any nominations from the floor. As no other nominations for any Board Office was made, rather than have individual balloting for each Board Office, a motion (second) to vote for a slate of nominated Board Officers PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

A motion (seconded) to accept the slate of Board Officers PASSED by a show of hands, with one vote opposed.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**May 26, 2009**  
7:30pm  
Italian American Club  
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to April 2009 minutes  
 Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2009	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting
Avon	0				
Central	0				
CT Clippers	1	X			
CT Northern Lights	0				
CT Polar Bears	0				
CT Wolves	0				
Darien	0				
East Haven	0				
ECHO	0				
Enfield	0				
Gr. Bridgeport	1	X			
Gr. New Haven	0				
Greenwich Blues	0				
Greenwich Skate	0				
Griffin	1	X			
Hamden	0				
Kent	1	X			
Middlesex	0				
Mid-Fairfield	0				
New Canaan	0				
Northeastern	0				
Northwestern	0				
Pawling	0				
Ridgefield	0				
Salisbury (19)	1	X			
Simsbury	0				
South Windsor	0				
Southeastern	0				
Southern	0				
Stamford	0				
Wallingford	0				
Watertown	0				
West Hartford	0				
West Haven	0				
Western	0				
Wonderland Wizards	0				
Yale	0				

Attachment#2 Articles to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CHC, as amended, read as follows:

**Article VI of the Constitution (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.

**Article III, Paragraph 8 of the Bylaws**

“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.”

**Article IV of the Bylaws (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.