

CALL TO ORDER 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-III Commissioner, Barry Zalzman; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Tournament Chairperson, Brian Oatway; Bantam & Midget Director: Amy Landino; PeeWee Director: Rich Dibble; T1 Director and Team CT Chairperson, Jim Lanza; T2/3/4 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 May minutes, as corrected, published on June 21, 2009, passed without objection.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Mike distributed a hand out detailing the Balance Sheet of the CHC. The Finance Review Committee will begin meeting soon.

President

American Development Model. Tom introduced Mr. Roger Grillo, former, head men's ice hockey coach at Brown University, who is one of regional managers of USA Hockey's new American Development Model. Roger spoke to the benefits and challenges of implementing ADM. He explained the premise behind the American Development Model, as USA-Hockey's nationwide initiative to provide local associations a blueprint for optimal athlete development. The ADM focuses on age-appropriate training utilizing long-term athlete development principles. He offered his time and experience to all Member Programs; he can be reached by e-mail at RogerG@USAHockey.org.

Discussion was made which raised questions concerning the time frame to implement the ADM locally. Tom said that he is open to ideas regarding a phased-in approach. He also stated that Coaches' training is also of paramount importance. Further discussion was focused on whether the CHC could immediately adopt the principles of ADM for their non-travel teams at MT-age any lower.

MOTION Tom Regan made a MOTION (seconded) that the Member Programs of CHC would commit their non-travel MT-B (and lower) teams to play cross-ice games one weekend per month. This weekend would be designated so that all programs can coordinate and schedule their events. By a show of hands, the motion PASSED.

Further discussion followed regarding whether such a commitment could be made for MT-A, SQ, or PW teams. Many programs objected to instituting x-ice/ADM model to their established MT-A and other travel teams at this time.

MOTION Tom Regan made a MOTION (seconded) that the Member Programs of CHC would commit their MT-A teams to play cross-ice games one weekend per month. This weekend would be designated through the Tournament Committee so that all programs can coordinate and schedule this event. By a roll call vote, the motion PASSED 26 (Y), 4(N).

Tournament Committee (Brian Oatway)

Discussion was held regarding the Tiered-system declaration process. Brian gave kudos to those who timely completed their initial declarations. However, he questioned why there remained so many teams declaring into T3. The concern is how to handle programs under-declaring or over-declaring into appropriate tiers, and the Member Programs are encouraged to scrutinize their declarations.

The Tournament Committee had presented its proposed guidelines for Tier declaration at the conclusion of the May Meeting, and these guidelines are being voted upon presently.

MOTION Brian Oatway made a **MOTION** (seconded) to accept the Tournament Guidelines as presented from the May meeting.

The floor was open for discussion which raised an objection to the so-called "Play-In Rule", which a round of qualifying games at the end of the season of four teams (7-10) vying for the 7th and 8th seeding.

AMENDMENT: A **MOTION** (seconded) was made to **AMEND** the Tournament Guidelines to remove all Play-In scenarios.

Further discussion on the merits of the Play-In Rule was centered on whether the post-season Tournament could be expanded from 8-teams to 12 teams, thereby effecting the elimination of the Play-In Rule.

SECOND AMENDMENT: A **MOTION** (seconded) to amend the amendment was made to expand the number of qualifying teams for post-season play for T2, T3A and T3B from eight (8) teams to twelve (12) teams. This Second Amendment was **DEFEATED** by a show of hands.

Call the Question on the Amendment: A Motion (seconded) to call the question on the first amendment was made and passed by voice vote. By roll-call vote the **AMENDMENT PASSED**, 19 (Y), 9 (N), 3 (Abstain).

Call the Question on the main Motion: A Motion (seconded) to call the question on the **MAIN MOTION** was made and passed by voice vote. It was explained to the Board that the Main Motion was amended (first amendment) so that there is no "Play-In Rule". Therefore, if the Main Motion passes, then the post-season tournaments for T2, T3A and T3B will be limited to the top-8 qualifying teams. If more than eight (8) teams are declared in these Tiers, then those teams who finish below eight in the standings will be eliminated from post-season play.

The **MAIN MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. The Tournament Committee shall re-draft the Tournament Guidelines in accordance with this outcome. (They will be published to website, and attached to these minutes as a post-meeting attachment).

New England District (Jim Lanza) On behalf of the NED, Jim welcomed and thanked Roger for his time this evening. Jim noted that Roger is the first of 5 such regional managers for the ADM. Once again the NED,, and CT in particular is one of the first in USAH to be ahead of the curve, as it begins in earnest to implement and adopt the ADM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

August 24, 2009
PRESIDENTS' MEETING
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to June 2009 minutes
Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2009	May	June
Avon	0			
Central	0			
CT Clippers	2	x		
CT Northern Lights	2		x	x
CT Polar Bears	0			
CT Wolves	1			
Darien	0			
East Haven	1			x
ECHO	0			
Enfield	2			x
Gr. Bridgeport	1	x		
Gr. New Haven	0			
Greenwich Blues	0			
Greenwich Skate	0			
Griffin	5	x	x	x
Hamden	0			
Kent	2	x		
Middlesex	1			
Mid-Fairfield	0			
New Canaan	2		x	
Northeast Y. H.	1			
Northwestern	1			
Pawling	1			
Ridgefield	1			
Salisbury	5	x	x	x
Simsbury	1			
South Windsor	0			
Southeastern	1		x	
Southern	1		x	
Stamford	2		x	
Wallingford	0			
Watertown	0			
West Hartford	1			
West Haven	0			
Western	0			
Wonderland Wizards	0			
Yale	0			

/Attachment #2 to June 2009 minutes

2009-2010 Season Tier Declaration and State Tournament Eligibility Guidelines

Available at:

http://files.leagueathletics.com/Images/Club/2695/Post_Season/DeclarationGuidelines2009-2010.pdf

Revised as voted on 06/23/2009

The purpose of this document is to outline, for the 2009-2010 CHC Hockey Season, Tier declaration procedures plus regular season and tournament commitments.

1. All teams at the Squirt through Bantam level wishing to participate in CHC Post Season State Tournaments must declare as either Tier 2, 3 or Open Division. All Mite teams wishing to participate in CHC Post Season State Tournaments must declare Open Division.
2. Initial Tier Declarations for Mites through Bantams are due by June 21, 2009.
3. Organizations are limited to a maximum of one (1) team per age level in Tiers 2 & 3, no exceptions. There is no limit on number of teams in the Open Division. The Open Division declaration deadline is September 29, 2009.
4. The initial declarations will be published for review by all. Organizations will be given three weeks to adjust declarations. Only downward adjustments will be allowed, i.e. Tier 2 to Tier 3. No upward tier adjustments will be allowed. All declarations will be final on July 14, 2009.
5. The Tier 2 Tournament will be strictly limited to an 8-team maximum. If more than 8 teams declare Tier 2, the teams finishing below eighth (8) in the standings will be eliminated based upon regular season record and will not have a CHC post season tournament to participate in.
6. All Tier 2 teams will be mandated to play all other Tier 2 teams twice during the regular season and the tournament will be seeded based upon regular season records. Ties will be broken using the CHC tournament tiebreaking rules.
7. A: The Tier 2 Squirt Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent Connecticut at the Tier 2 New England District Regional Tournament.
B: Tier 2 Peewee and Bantam Winners will be required to represent CT at the Tier 2 National Tournament. Tier 2 Runners-Up (2nd place) will be required to represent Connecticut in the New England District Tier 2 Sectional Tournament.
8. Tier 3 declarations will be limited to a maximum of 12 teams, with 8 teams qualifying for the state tournament. If there are more than 12 teams declared at an age level at Tier 3, the teams will be asked to re-declare into Tier 3A or 3B by a deadline of July 7, 2009. The intention here would be for the better Tier 3 teams to declare 3A and the lesser into 3B. Should their not be a minimum of four teams in Tier 3B, teams declared in Tier 3B will be placed into Tier 4.
Tier 3A tournament will be limited to a maximum of 8 teams. If more than 8 teams are declared in 3A, the teams finishing below eighth(8) in the standings will be eliminated based upon regular season record and will not have a CHC post season tournament to participate in.
9. The Tier 3B tournament will have a maximum of 8 teams. If more than 8 teams are declared in 3B, the teams finishing below eighth (8) in the standings will be eliminated based upon regular season record and will not have a CHC post season tournament to participate in.
10. All Tier 3A and Tier 3B teams will be mandated to play all other teams in their tier twice during the regular season and the tournament will be seeded based upon regular season records. Ties will be broken using the CHC tournament tiebreaking rules.
11. Tier 3A tournament winners in Squirt, Peewee and Bantam divisions will be required to represent Connecticut in the Tier 3 Sectional Tournament.

12.Teams which declare in Open Divisions will play games against other teams with no mandatory opponents. All teams who wish to participate in the Open Division tournaments must play a minimum of 10 games vs. Open Division declared opponents to be eligible for tournament play.

13.All Open Divisions will be broken into 8-team tournaments as in past years based upon regular season records vs. other Open Division teams with secondary consideration given to geography. All Open Division declared teams will have a tournament slot guaranteed to them. All Open Division declared teams MUST participate in their scheduled state tournament. There will be NO FORFEITS ALLOWED in the Open Division state tournaments. Sanctions will be placed on member organizations whose teams do not play all scheduled tournament games.

14.Organizations will be given the opportunity to opt-out of a tournament declaration prior to November 30, 2009. Opt-outs will be limited to one per organization every other year and will carry a financial penalty of forfeiture of the entire tournament fee for the team dropping out. If prior to December 11, 2009 an Open Division Bantam team withdraws from competition solely due to its being disbanded as a result of excessive player movement to High School, then no fine shall be levied against a member Program for said Bantam team's withdrawal from the Open Division.

15.The CHC Regular Season will begin October 2, 2009. USA Hockey games will begin counting toward tournament eligibility on September 1, 2009.

16.The CHC Regular Season will end on February 7, 2010. All Make-Up games must be played by February 7, 2010 unless there are weather related issues the final weekend of the regular season. There will be no exceptions. The State Tournament dates for Peewee Tier 2, 3A and B will not conflict with the Quebec International Peewee Tournament.

17.CHC post season tournaments will begin on Wednesday February 17, 2010 and will continue through Sunday March 22, 2010. Teams can expect to play their tournament anytime between those dates.