

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 Clippers (2), CT Wolves (1); Griffin (5) ; Kent(2); Northeastern (1); Salisbury (5), Simsbury (1) and West Hartford (1). . 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; Midget Director: Art Blakeslee; Bantam Director: Amy Landino; PeeWee Director: Rich Dibble; T1 Director and Team CT Chairperson, Jim Lanza; T2/3/4 Director: Art Blakeslee

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present: Jim Lanza (New England District); Randy Zaritsky (Referee in Chief)

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

A motion (seconded) to accept August minutes is postponed, as they have not published to the BOD. Glenn will collect the August minutes from Kathy, who recorded the events in Glenn's absence. They will be presented to the BOD for its consideration at the October Meeting.

Special Presentations

Providence Bruins

Tom Regan introduced Sean Marshall representing the Providence Bruins. The Providence Bruins have programs for Youth hockey events similar to the at of the Wolfpack and Sound Tiger. More information can be obtained at their website: <http://www.providencebruins.com>, or you may call Mr. Marshall (401) 273-5000 ext. 31 sean.marshall@providencebruins.com. Brian Oatway mentioned that ECHO has participated in some of these events, and was very impressed and pleased with the outcome.

Positive Energy Electricity Supply, LLC

A brief presentation was given by Shari Webb, who presented the company's "Flip-Fundraiser Program". This is basically a campaign that touts fundraising centered on switch-over to Positive Energy as an electricity provider to homeowners or businesses. She gave handouts to those present. The CHC BOD does not endorse this type of fundraising activity.

REPORTS

Referee in Chief (Randy Zaritsky)

Level 4 clinics are available, see the website for details (<http://www.nedistrictric.org/>).

Randy reported on a severe problem with Midgets, as there are far too many injury-causing penalties being assessed against non-USAH teams (butt ending/spearing/fighting). CHC programs who schedule and play against these other non-affiliated teams create a climate in which the referees have little control. Discussion followed which described how the District Commissioners may be able to track the abhorrent behavior of CHC players, and that Game Reports submitted by the various referee associations can be funneled to the Tournament Committee as a mechanism to report on whether the required suspensions are being properly served.

Mr. John Vanacore, President of Yale Youth Hockey, presented a proposed rule change to make it a requirement that all referees are to supply their full name, certification number and level on all game sheets. Mr Vanacore's original proposal was presented as follows:

"Rule Proposed: Would require all Referees, officiating any game which falls under the guidelines and classifications for CHC games, to provide on all pages of Score sheets at the completion of Game, Legibly, their Full Name, Certification Number, and Certification Level.

This legible print CAN BE PROVIDED on stickers affixed to every page of the score sheet, or Hand Written legibly so that referees can be readily identified by both teams coaching staff. This rule will take effect at the beginning of the Official start of the 2009/2010 CHC Season, or October 1, 2009, whichever ever occurs first.

Mr. Vanacore stated that he believes this rule is necessary since it is not always possible to positively identify the referees that officiate a particular game merely by reference to the game report, since often the name is missing or illegible.

Randy said that this rule is not necessary since it is already a policy that referees identify themselves on the game report, and the game report has placeholders to accommodate this information. However, Randy conceded that not all referees abide by this policy, citing as a reason, for example, that having a coach insist that the referee identify him/herself in a particular situation may be a catalyst for confrontation between the official and the coach. Further, if a game is being officiated by referees other than those who are under Randy's jurisdiction, then there is no ability to enforce such a rule.

Discussion among the BOD was made, a point of emphasis being that the primary issue is with member organizations that use referees that are outside of Randy's control. This raised questions and points of concern, such as whether the CHC has jurisdiction or an enforcement mechanism into such referee associations not under Randy's control. There was general consensus that Member Programs should comply with the policy to only use referees that are registered through USA-H. Tom Regan wanted to know what reporting mechanism could be implemented to determine which organizations are not using properly qualified referees, since CHC clearly has jurisdiction to enforce policy and rules upon a member program. At the end of discussion, Mr. Vanacore accepted modest changes to the proposal which are made below:

Rule Proposed: All Referees officiating any game which falls under the guidelines and classifications for CHC games, must at the beginning of such game legibly provide their Full Name and Certification Number on all pages of the Official Game Report. This information can be provided on stickers affixed to every page of the score sheet, or be hand written. The express purpose of this Rule is for the benefit of both teams' coaching staff to readily identify the referees who are officiating the game. This rule will take effect on October 27, 2009.

The proposal, as modified, will be voted on at the OCTOBER MEETING

President (Tom Regan)

The CHC 2009-2010 season begins on OCTOBER 2, 2009!

American Development Model. Tom reminded everyone to get this started within their programs early! A presentation by Roger Grillo is scheduled on October 20 hosted by Northeast Youth Hockey Assn. This is a one-hour presentation and no RSVP is necessary. Contact NEYHA or see the website for details.

Tom appointed a committee to review the eligibility rules concerning Out-of-State players with particular reference to T3/T4. This committee will report back at the October meeting.

Tom also acknowledged Ken Dixon being named in the July USA-H magazine, and Kathy Ludwig honored as Volunteer of the year in the August issue!

Treasurer (Mike Federico)

Mike reported that the Finance Review Committee met last month, and is working to provide a simplified report for the BOD to review at the Monthly Meetings. Mike handed out the balance sheet for the month's activities.

Tournament Committee (Brian Oatway)

SCORE SHEETS ARE AVIALABLE! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SCORE SHEETS ON A TIMELY BASIS TO THE RESPECTIVE DIVISION DIRECTORS!!! Fill these out properly --- make sure that "scratch-outs" or those serving suspensions are CLEARLY indicated on the score sheet!

Tournament dates are presently being blocked into the schedule. As soon as these are firmly established, they will be communicated to the member programs. Trophies for the Tournament are being upgraded. The Medallions were a great success last year, and medallions will again be used this year.

Welcome New Tournament Division Directors: MITES: Rich Persico; Tier-4: Joe D'Agostino
The bidding process for hosting T4 sites will be announced at the October Monthly Meeting.

Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)

Releases are coming in, and generally all is in good shape. Penalties area also coming in; Dist-I has some Game Misconducts and other as reported by the various commissioners:

District-II: very busy with Game Misconducts

Dist-III: Match penalty already issued! In addition, six players and a coach were suspended.

Dist-IV: uncommon, but GM is being further investigated to see if additional suspension is warranted.

Women's Hockey (Carolyn Holt)

October 1st is the deadline to declare a team for Tier II.

Also, at the October monthly meeting programs must pay the state tournament fee for all teams that they have declared.

Tryouts dates are established...see the website for details.

A glimpse to next season, T2 will follow a structure much like the Boy's divisions (home/home play). Changes re being implemented since there is substantial growth in women's T2.

Dates for regionals will be verified at the NE-District Meeting (March 12-14). Dates for the Festival are not verified as yet (tentative Marc h6-7).

ADM Tom Regan reported that Mid Fairfield recently held an exposition which was a great event. The CHC is working on ways to bring about Jamboree style events throughout the State.

Coaching Tom Regan reported that Levels 1/2/3 are being held through December. Waivers are only issued through USA-H. A waiver is a permanent status, so applications are thoroughly scrutinized. TEMPORARY Cards are issued through the NE-District and are distinguished from a Waiver as a temporary exemption for a limited time period. The important deadline request dates are November 1st for nationally bound split-season midget teams, and December 31st for all other youth hockey coaches. For more information on temporary Coaching Cards and waivers see the Website.

Team CT (Jim Lanza)

Try-outs for 1993, 94, 95 birth years will be held Nov. 22-24, the number of days depends on how many players register. Birth Years 1995/96 are held in January. Registration will again be on-line, and is open to all CT residents who are U.S. Citizens. The Festival is the last weekend in March, held in New Hampshire.

New England District (Jim Lanza) Next meeting is October 3; ADM and Regional Tournament is on the agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

October 27, 2009
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to September 2009 minutes
Attendance Log

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