

## **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate total absences this season including this evening): CT Clippers (4); CT Northern Lights (3); CT Wolves (3); Darien (1); East Haven (2); Kent (4); Ridgefield (2); Salisbury (9); Wallingford (1); West Hartford (2); West Haven (1); and Western (2). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

*CT Clippers and Kent are no longer Member Programs in Good Standing.*

Board Officers Present: President, Tom Regan; Vice President, Jerry Rasmussen; 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; Women and Girls Director, Carolyn Holt; Tournament Chairperson, Brian Oatway; Midget Director: Art Blakeslee; Bantam Director: Amy Landino; Grow-the Game Director, Ken Dixon

USA Hockey Officials (non-voting) present: Referee in Chief, Randy Zaritsky; NE-District Director, Jim Lanza.

### **ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

A motion (seconded) to accept December minutes passed by voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **(1) 2010-2011 Mite Proposal**

The Mite Structure proposal was presented to the BOD from the Mite Committee that Tom Regan convened for this particular purpose. At the December meeting it was decided that his proposal would be put a vote at this January Meeting.

Before the Proposal was put to vote, discussion was made to clarify certain points, such as Mites "registered with a program", means those persons 8 years of age and under, who are registered through USA-H.

It was further clarified that those programs which qualify for up to three (3) Mite Travel teams, must have at least one (1) B-level team; there cannot be an instance of a program having only two (2) "A" level and zero (0) B-level teams.

It was also further clarified that for purposes of counting "games" as a "cross ice event" is meant the equivalent of one-hour time slots used for cross-ice purposes, and not how many times players are arranged into squads to play hockey.

#### **AMENDMENTS to 2010-2011 Mite Proposal**

By Motions (seconded) the following amendments were offered, and each PASSED by a majority show of hands:

(A) The following paragraph was amended to strike the words "and results", as follows:  
"Mite A

-Full ice game allowed up to a maximum of 40 (excluding all tournament games).

-Required to a minimum often (10) cross ice events (games) during the season. These games ~~and results~~ will be posted on CHC website just like full ice but in separate designated area. For programs playing less than 40 full ice game, the number of cross ice games may be reduced on a proportional basis."

(B) With respect to the composition of teams, the following language was provided, where an insertion is shown as underlined text, and a deletion is shown by ~~striketrough~~ as follows:

“General Principles

All programs with less than 125 mites registered with program shall be limited to a maximum of two travel teams at the Mite level, only one of which may be designated as a Mite A team. These programs may have two Mite B teams rather than one Mite A team and one Mite B team. All programs with greater than [125] mites registered with program, and any program which has declared all of its teams above the Pee Wee level Tier 1, shall be limited to a maximum of three travel teams at the Mite level. These programs may have two Mite A teams and one Mite B team or one Mite A team and two Mite B teams, provided that eighty percent (80%) of the participants on the Mite A teams are eight years old. Notwithstanding the above, ~~provided that~~ Tier 1 programs with less than 125 mites may only declare one Mite A team.”

A MOTION (seconded) was made to call the question on the 2010-2011 Mite Proposal, as amended. The MOTION PASSED by a show of hands. The 2010-2011 Mite Proposal is set forth as Attachment-2 to these minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **(1) OUT OF STATE (OOS) PLAYER RULES.**

On behalf of the Western Connecticut Youth Hockey Association (Jr. Colonials), Jerry Rasmussen presented a letter authored by their President. Glenn Van Moffaert read the letter aloud which presented to the BOD a situation wherein programs that are near to the border of another state are experiencing difficulty to maintain critical mass of number pf players. Western sought to have OOS restriction eased to allow up to five (5) players.

Discussion was made regarding the effect of relaxing the OOS restriction, and the value to promote a Connecticut residency. Kathy Ludwig and Jerry met to examine the data and they recommend to increase the number of OOS from 2 to 3, with hardship exceptions to be brought before the Eligibility Committee. Mike Meakem advised to exclude T2 teams from this relaxed restriction.

Kathy and Jerry will present their proposal ahead of the February Meeting with a formal vote on the proposal at the February Meeting.

### **(2) PLAYER RELEASES**

Brian Oatway presented a proposal (Proposal #1) to address an issue of excessive player movement form one program to another. This Proposal #1 is set forth as Attachment-3 to these minutes. Discussion was made on the proposal, and it was noted that as written it would be defective since it doesn't exclude Tier-1, nor exempt Girls teams. This Proposal (or its re-submitted version) will be voted on at the February Meeting.

### **(3) TIER DECLARATION LIMITS**

Brian Oatway presented a proposal (Proposal #2) to address the concern regarding Team Declarations in order to minimize the number non-competitive teams in a declared tier. For example, in T3, there are many T3A teams that will not be playing in a year-end State Tournament. . This Proposal #2 is set forth as Attachment-4 to these minutes. Proposal #2 (or its re-submitted version) will be voted on at the February Meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **President (Regan)**

- Unfortunately, need to report that 3 parents have been suspended indefinitely under the Zero Tolerance Policy.
- Sportsmanship should be applied at all times. Please encourage your coaches to use good judgment when games are one-sided. Scores of 18-0 are not indicative of good sportsmanship.

- USA-H. The Winter Meeting was held in Orlando, and ADM is a central pillar to USA-H agenda. Kudos to CT hockey---Two CT boys were on the USAH U-17 championship squad! CT also has representation on the USA Olympic team.

**VP (Rasmussen)** No news.

**Treasurer (Federico) and Financial Review Committee**

- Mike presented the monthly statement and balance sheet for the BOD to examine. Noted that some money was transferred to a CB&T Money Market account earning 1.3%!!
- Balance of Tournament fees is due!
- If you are a Tournament Host, please send invoices to Mike for payment.

**Tournament Committee (Brian Oatway)**

- More than 44 Tournaments will be hosted this year. For CHC, these are revenue neutral.
- The T4 brackets should be available by week's end. Once these are issued, then the schedule is set. Please inform your parents accordingly.
- At the BA-level, the time periods are 16min. If there is an issue in the third period, the referees can adjust the clock accordingly.
- Don't forget that teams need to reach their required minimum games: 10@ Tier-4; 20@Tier-3/ If more than two league games are logged onto the schedule, then the Tournament Committee presumes that the first two are the games that qualify.

**Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig)**

- As usual, some GM, and Dst-III is a MATCH magnet!

**Registrar (Sue McCullough; absent)**

Credentialing is taking place now. If you have a team that has its required games, then don't delay to send the book to Sue for credentialing.

**Women's Hockey (Carolyn Holt)**

- State Tournament is also set - -see web for details.

**Grow the Game (Ken Dixon)**

- Hockey Day was again a success, although numbers in Fairfield county were lower. Perhaps radio advertising was not extensive enough in this area?
- Registration trends need to be examined. Tom Regan has a 10-year trend analysis available that he will make available to programs upon request. Only the data for that Member Program will be shared. Look to have conversations with rink owners to solve for solutions.

**Team CT** 96/97 tryouts drew more than 100 players! See website for details.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**February 23, 2010**  
7:30pm  
Italian American Club  
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

/Attachment #1 to January 2010 minutes  
Attendance Log

Program	Total Absences	January 2010	February	March
Avon	0			
Central	0			
CT Clippers	4	x		
CT Northern Lights	3	x		
CT Polar Bears	0			
CT Wolves	3	x		
Darien	1	x		
East Haven	2	x		
ECHO	0			
Gr. Bridgeport	1			
Gr. New Haven	0			
Greenwich Blues	2			
Greenwich Skate	1			
Hamden	0			
Kent	4	x		
Middlesex	2			
Mid-Fairfield	0			
New Canaan	2			
Northeast Y. H.	1			
Northwestern	2			
Pawling	1			
Ridgefield	2	x		
Salisbury	9	x		
Simsbury	1			
South Windsor	0			
Southeastern	1			
Southern	1			
Stamford	2			
Wallingford	1	x		
Watertown	0			
West Hartford	2	x		
West Haven	1	x		
Western	2	x		
Wonderland Wizards	0			
Yale	1			

Attachment-2 to January 2010 Minutes  
Connecticut Hockey Conference  
Proposed Mite Structure

2010-2011

The following proposal for the structure of mite play in Connecticut for 2010-2011 season is designed to further implement the concept's contained in USA Hockey's American Development and is based on the discussion and feedback we have received over the last two months.

The proposed structure shall be as follows:

**Mite A**

-Full ice game allowed up to a maximum of 40 (excluding all tournament games).

-Required to a minimum often (10) cross ice events (games) during the season. These games will be posted on CHC website just like full ice but in separate designated area. For programs playing less than 40 full ice game, the number of cross ice games may be reduced on a proportional basis.

Practices shall be focused on cross ice concepts for the development of skills

**Mite B**

Cross ice only until November 1st.

Full ice game allowed up to a maximum of 25 (excluding all tournament games).

Required to play a minimum of fifteen (15) cross ice events (games) during the season. These games and results will be posted on CHC website just like full ice but in separate designated area. For programs playing less than 25 full ice game, the number of cross ice games may be reduced on a proportional basis.

-Practices shall be focused on cross ice concepts for the development of skills

**Mite Developmental**

All mite hockey below Mite B shall be developmental in nature . All mite developmental hockey shall target having the recommended two (2) practices to one (1) game ratio throughout the season.

ADM principles will be adopted and cross ice will be used for both practices and games. Some full ice games may be played as the season progresses.

-Programs will be encouraged to establish cross ice games with other neighboring programs.

**General Principles**

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A CHC cross ice committee will be established not later than February 1, 2010. The Committee will be responsible for developing , in conjunction with USA Hockey, both a cross ice manual and a cross ice coach ' s training program, based

in part this year ' s experience . CHC will hold a mandatory coaching education clinic (in addition to the USA Hockey coaching clinic) for all Mite coaches prior to the start of the 2010-2011 season to discuss all aspects of implementation of this program, and as well review best practices for cross ice instruction.

Enforcement: Penalty for teams violating cap on full ice games will be suspension of that team's coaches from coaching in CHC for one year. Failure to meet minimum cross ice games will disqualify team from participating in a state tournament.

For the 2010-2011 season, all member programs shall not accept players released from another CHC program for placement on any Mite team designated as a Mite A team unless there have been a change in family circumstances which has been approved by the CHC Eligibility Committee. Programs may accept transfers at levels below Mite A.

# Proposal #1

## **Transfer Limits:**

For all boys and girls age divisions below Midget, Tier 2, 3 and 4, programs will be allowed to accept a maximum of three (3) player transfers per age division from other CHC programs during any CHC season. There are some exceptions to this rule:

1. Players transferring from a Tier 1 team to a Tier 2, 3 or 4 team AND returning to the program they participated with prior to joining the Tier 1 team, will NOT be counted towards the receiving programs transfer limit.
2. Players transferring from an out of state program or transferring due to residence, moving a distance which increases the players travel distance to the programs home rink by more than 25 miles (as determined by Map Quest).
3. If a player's program or team becomes defunct or inoperable, displaced players will NOT be counted towards the receiving programs transfer limit. Including players who do not have a place on ANY team at their home organization after tryouts.

Any program using players in excess of transfer limits will forfeit all games played by excess players and the program may be declared ineligible for State Tournament play for the balance of the season.

It is the responsibility of the receiving program to make sure that transfer limits are not exceeded. No player transferring to a new program may be rostered with that program until Transfer Limits have been verified by the Eligibility Committee.

Transfer limits do not apply to Tier 1 programs.

Transfer limits do not apply to House programs.

## Proposal #2

**Tier Declaration Limits:**

Programs are limited to declaring only one (1) team total in either Tier 2 or Tier 3 per age division. All teams in excess of the Tier 2 or Tier 3 declared team must participate in Tier 4. As an exception to this rule programs with a total enrollment in a given age division greater than 80 players may declare a second team in that age division but are still limited to a single team in each Tier 2 and Tier 3.