

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, June 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All Programs except (number in parentheses indicate total absences this season including this evening): CT N. Lights (1); East haven (1); Kent (ineligible to vote); Northwestern (1); Salisbury (ineligible to vote); and Southern (2). The attendance log, reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to the minutes.

Board Officers Present: President, Tom Regan; Vice President Gerry Rasmussen; Secretary: Glenn Van Moffaert; Treasurer, VACANT.

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Women and Girls Director, Carolyn Holt; Tournament Chairman: Brian Oatway; Midget Director, Art Blakeslee; Bantam Director: Amy Landino; PeeWee Director: Rich Dibble.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The minutes for May were not available.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Nutmeg Games. The Nutmeg State Games is a multi-sport festival of Olympic-style competition offering different sports for Connecticut's amateur athletes. The hockey events games will be held July 23-25 at the Newington Arena. Cost is \$795/team, minimum 3 games. These are not open tryout type competition; instead your teams must already be formed.

Fall Tryouts

A note dating back to April, from Michelle Marella (President of Wonderland Wizards) requested that starting with the 2011-2012 season, all tryouts begin in the Fall rather than in the Spring. Discussion on the topic revealed that many programs prefer the spring tryouts since they know in advance the number of teams and can purchase their ice accordingly. It was also uncertain how moving the tryout dates might affect programs from declaring their teams but the BOD noted that the declaration date can be moved to a later date. Each CHC representative will convene with their local organization for resolution on the matter at the President's Meeting, Aug 24.

REPORTS

President (Regan)

USA-H workshop is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., June 26 at the UConn Center. the President (or designee) and the Grow the Game Director of each Program must participate in this event, where things like the 2+2 challenge will be discussed.. See the Website for further details.

For T2 National Tournaments, USAH is considering to revise the 48-state structure. CT is still in the running to be a host of the Women's tourney in 2012

New York declares that cross-ice only programs will be implemented for all age 8 and younger classifications beginning with the 2012-13 season.

USAH recently mandated legislation on the screening process and adult supervision in the locker room.

Tournament Committee Brian reported that initial declarations have been received. Brian passed out the tournament Guidelines for the Board's consideration. Under the present guidelines, there will be some age groups that will be broken into regional conferences. Please note that the Conferences are organized by age group, and that a Member Program may have different teams (Sq, PW) in different conferences. For T3, the tournament will be limited to the top 8 teams. So far 24 teams have declared into T3. If it is divided into two conferences (12 each) then 4 teams from each conference will not be playing in the tournament. PROGRAMS HAVE UNTIL JULY 13 TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DECLARATIONS.

Tournament Guidelines. Certain amendments were proffered to the Tournament Guidelines, and with reference to the Item number in the proposed guidelines, they are:

- #2. add the words "non-declared" before the word Midget team in the last sentence.
- #6 & #9: strike the words "reserve the right". Change the number from 10 to 12 as the qualifier for the decision to create regional conferences.
- #7 & #10: change the reference from CHX rules, to the USA-Hockey rules. Revise wording to make clear that conferences consist of even numbered teams.
- #13: revise wording dealing with sanctions if a member program violates a rule.

A motion (seconded) to accept the Guidelines with the proposed amendments was made, and the MOTION PASSED. 20-2 by a show of hands. The Tournament Guidelines are presented as an attachment to these minutes.

Treasurer (VACANT) and Financial Review Committee

- Mike Federico reported that all cash accounts were transferred to Connecticut banks. All accounts are fully insured.
- If you have received any checks from CHC as refunds, then please cash those checks ASAP.

Eligibility Committee (Kathy Ludwig). One burning issue on release is being adjudicated presently.

Registrar (Sue McCullough)

- Registrar's meeting is set for July 13, 6:30 pm at the Shelton rink.
- Let Sue know if there are any Grow the Game players in your organization.
- Please remember to timely send in your MD rosters!
- Roster ALL C+PLAYERS in your organization...even Learn to Skaters! This process is "claiming" players and assists CHC for allocations made at the national level.

Grow the Game The CHC program for matching grants (\$500) is still available.

Coaching Education Program Volunteers are needed to fill this position which is made as an appointment through USA-H. If you or someone you know is interested, please send a note to Tom Regan. Level 4 clinic is at UConn July 9 -11.

CEP will be updated and revised, including a mandate to advance through the ranks (L1 – 4). There will also be an age-specific component section. For example, if you are a L4 coach and you

wish to coach Mites that season, then you will be required to take a Mite component refresher training.

New England District Summer meeting will be held on July 30-31, at the Nathan Hale Inn (UConn), 11AM.

Woman's Hockey (Carolyn Holt) Declaration for T1/T2 must be made by August 1. A points system for rankings has been devised. See Web for details.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

Presidents' Meeting
August 24, 2010
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attendance

| Program | Total Absences | Annual Meeting April 2010 | May | June |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----|------|
| Avon | 0 | | | |
| Central | 0 | | | |
| CT Northern Lights | 1 | | | X |
| CT Polar Bears | 0 | | | |
| CT Wolfpack (formerly Wolves) | 1 | | X | |
| Darien | 0 | | | |
| East Haven | 1 | | | X |
| ECHO | 0 | | | |
| Gr. Bridgeport | 1 | X | | |
| Gr. New Haven | 0 | | | |
| Greenwich Blues | 0 | | | |
| Greenwich Skate | 0 | | | |
| Hamden | 2 | X | X | |
| Kent | 3 | X | X | X |
| Mid-Fairfield | 0 | | | |
| New Canaan | 2 | X | X | |
| Northeast Y. H. | 0 | | | |
| Northwestern | 1 | | | X |
| Pawling | 0 | | | |
| Ridgefield | 0 | | | |
| Salisbury | 3 | X | X | X |
| Simsbury | 1 | X | | |
| South Windsor | 0 | | | |
| Southeastern | 0 | | | |
| Southern | 2 | X | | X |
| Stamford | 1 | X | | |
| Wallingford | 0 | | | |
| Watertown | 0 | | | |
| West Hartford | 1 | | X | |
| West Haven | 0 | | | |
| Western | 0 | | | |
| Whalers | 0 | | | |
| Wonderland Wizards | 0 | | | |
| Yale | 0 | | | |

Attachment to June Meeting Minuets

Tier Declaration and State Tournament Eligibility Guidelines
For 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 Season

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 may only declare Open Division.
2. All Non-Declared Midget teams must declare Major or Minor status as defined by USA Hockey. Any Midget team registered as a High School team, to allow up to 25 rostered players, must also declare Major or Minor status. All Non-Declared Midget teams with players born in 1993 or earlier must be declared a Major team.
3. Initial Tier Declarations for Mites through Bantams are due by June 20, 2010.
4. 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 28, 2010.
5. 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, with the exception of the Open Division, will be final on July 13, 2010.
6. 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. **If more than 12 teams declare Tier 2, the Tournament Committee shall divide the division into regional conferences. The composition of the conferences will be determined by the committee and will be based both on regional and competitive factors. Each division subject to regionalization shall be looked at on an individual basis (i.e. a Squirt Tier 2 Conference may consist of different teams than a Pee wee Tier 3 Conference). If the conference format is used, each conference finalist will advance to a Division Semi-Final in crossover format. There will be no conference final game played. If any conference consists of more than 8 teams, only the top 8 teams will advance to their respective conference playoffs.
7. 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 USA Hockey tournament tiebreaking rules as published in the USA Hockey Annual Guide. **If the conference format is employed, teams will be required to play each team within their conference in a home and home series. Teams will also be required to play each team of the opposite conference once, with the home team determined by the committee. If the resulting conferences consist of 10 or more teams, then only the two intra-conference home-and-home games will be required. If there are an

odd number of teams in either conference, in any division, the odd team will be dropped from state tournament play.

8. A: The Tier 2 Squirt Winner and Runner-Up will be required to represent at the Tier 2 New England District Regional Tournament.

B: The Tier 2 Pee wee 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.
9. The Tier 3 Tournament will be strictly limited to an 8-team maximum. If more than 8 teams declare Tier 3, 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. **If more than 12 teams declare Tier 3, the Tournament Committee shall divide the division into regional conferences. The composition of the conferences will be determined by the committee and will be based both on regional and competitive factors. Each division subject to regionalization shall be looked at on an individual basis (i.e. a Squirt Tier 2 Conference may consist of different teams than a Pee wee Tier 3 Conference). If the conference format is used, each conference finalist will advance to a Division Semi-Final in crossover format. There will be no conference final game played. If any conference consists of more than 8 teams, only the top 8 teams will advance to their respective conference playoffs.
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11. Tier 3 tournament winners in Squirt, Pee wee 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. As in past years, all Open Divisions will be broken into 8-team tournaments 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. Member organizations whose teams do not play all scheduled tournament games will be penalized. The penalty will be the forfeiture of Tournament fees and the ban of ALL teams, in the offending organization(s), from tournament play the following season.

14. Organizations will be given the opportunity to opt-out of a tournament declaration prior to November 30, 2010. 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 10, 2010, 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 1, 2010. USA Hockey games will begin counting toward tournament eligibility on September 1, 2010. The CHC Tier 2 Midget season will begin, and games will begin counting towards tournament eligibility, on Friday August 20, 2010.
16. The CHC Regular Season will end on February 6, 2010. All Make-Up games must be played by February 6, 2010 unless there are weather related issues the final weekend of the regular season. There will be no exceptions. The CHC Regular Tier 2 Midget season will end on Sunday November 1, 2010.
17. CHC post season tournaments will begin on Wednesday February 16, 2011 and will continue through Sunday March 20, 2011. Teams can expect to play their tournament anytime between those dates. CHC Tier 2 Midget teams can expect their tournament to be played the weekend of November 12, 2010.

Post Meeting Note: USAH Locker Room Policy:



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