

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All except: CT Wolfpack, Darien, Enfield, Gr. Bridgeport, Griffin, Kent, Northwestern, Pawling, Salisbury, and Simsbury. The attendance log reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to these minutes.

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-II Brad Conlan; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Women and Girls Director, Joe Dymarczyk; Tournament Director, Brian Oatway; Squirt Director, Rich Dibble; PeeWee Director, Bill Kapell; Bantam Director, Amy Landino; Midget Director, Art Blakeslee; Mite and Open Division: Rob Polo; Grow the game: Ken Dixon.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

A Motion (second) to accept the January minutes passed.

OLD BUSINESS

ADM Implementation /Mite Hockey. Tom Regan provided an update on how our state neighbors are addressing ADM, noting that MA is adopting a CHC-like phase-in model. Tom also reported that NY is more likely to have a full cut over to x-ice effective for the 2012-13 season, and not 2011-12 as reported last month. Tom prepared a written proposal (attached as Attachment-2) to modify the CHC Mite rules on cross-ice play which is intended to further advance the implementation of ADM. General discussion on the proposed changes was made, noting that minor editing needed. The second paragraph under "General Principals" [sic] is proposed to be deleted because the new Coaching Education Program will require practicums, therefore there is no need for CHC to convene a special committee for the same purpose. This proposal as further revised will be acted upon at the March Board meeting.

Fall Tryout Proposal. Gerry Rasmussen chaired a committee to investigate the effect of mandating Fall tryouts. Organizations and informed persons from coast-to-coast were interviewed as part of the due diligence and fact finding regarding the issues and concerns of mandating Fall tryouts. Gerry presented the proposal (attached as Attachment-3) and discussion of it followed. Questions regarding the effect on Tier Declaration and Scheduling were discussed. The rules for Declarations and Scheduling are made by other committees; should the proposal for Fall tryouts be enacted, then these committees would work to adjust their rules accordingly. Three things were noted to be changed to the present proposal: (1) to exclude Midget-age teams; (2) to exclude Women's rules; and (3) to provide guidelines and definition to the term "tryout". It was also recommended to provide, if possible, suggestions for the Tournament Committee to take under consideration regarding the timing for Tier Declarations. This matter will be revisited at the March meeting.

REPORTS

President. Tom Regan reported that a likely outcome from the Winter Meetings of the USA-H Youth Council is a rule change to prohibit checking at the PeeWee age. The USA Hockey Board of Directors will vote on the proposal in June 2011. If passed, the change would take effect for the fall 2011-2012 season. Discussion was made relating whether the rule change, if passed, would affect hockey programs playing during the spring of 2011. Tom said that there would be no effect to spring 2011 hockey since the proposal will not be voted on until June 2011. Tom also said that the details are not clear-cut whether there is a phased-in approach (such as Minor/Major). The intention of the rule

change is to eliminate the head-on “opposite direction” collisions; it is not to remove all instances of body contact. Indeed, the directive is to teach the younger player the proper skills to move an opponent off the puck without necessity to approach at ramming speed. Tom spoke to the supporting medical evidence that Dr. Mike Stewart (who has three sons playing in the NHL) of the Mayo Clinic had presented, wherein Dr. Stewart noted that concussions to the brain of an eleven year old are much more detrimental to brain development than a concussion suffered by older persons. Dr. Stewart also described the substantial medical evidence that cognitively the 11 year old brain has not fully developed the ability to anticipate, and therefore the ability to protect oneself and avoid heavy contact that leads to serious injury is lacking. The USA-H website has much information and a video on this subject.

Treasurer. Mike Federico reported that the balances due for State Tournament is out on the web (link: [Post Season Tournament Fees](#)); please remit to Mike the appropriate fee payable to CHC. Mike also reported that the deposit accounts are being managed to ensure that FDIC limits are not exceeded.

Secretary. Glenn Van Moffaert sent an e-mail regarding the process to amend CHC’s Constitution and By-Laws (see Bylaws, Article VIII). Presently, there are two matters (whether to include Putnam Panthers to CHC; and whether to make a permanent change where CHC monthly meetings are held) that if passed would require amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws. Other Amendments can be proposed by submitting the precise language of such amendments to Glenn in writing at least seven days prior to the March Board meeting. The proposed amendments will be discussed at the March Board meeting, and voted on at the April Board meeting (Annual Meeting).

Also, at the April Board meeting, ELECTIONS for the office of Vice President and Secretary will be held. Tom will appoint a nominating committee in advance of the elections to solicit nominations for candidates.

Lastly, Glenn reported that perforce of the Bylaws regarding mandatory attendance, nine Member Programs have lost their status of Good Standing. These nine programs are: CT Wolfpack, East Haven, Enfield, Greater Bridgeport, Griffin, Kent, Northwestern, Salisbury and Simsbury. Three other programs are in jeopardy to lose their Good Standing if they record one more absence in the present season: CT Northern Lights, Hamden and Stamford.

Tournament Committee Brian Oatway reported that the level of play at the Tournaments is outstanding. Unruly parent behavior, however, has marred some events. Questions have arisen regarding the mechanics of the tiebreaker rules. The tiebreaker rules are applied seriatim until a definitive “winner” is determined; tiebreaker rules do not identify and eliminate a “loser”. If there are more than two teams contesting placement, the application of the tiebreaker rules is more complex, but is focused on games between the contestants. In all decisions where tiebreaker rules are enacted, please VERIFY the result with a member of the Tournament Committee.

The quality and design of the Trophies and Awards has received great praise.

One thing that the Tournament Committee will look into is how to better manage the avalanche of “special requests” to scheduling for the Open Division.

Festival CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – Please let Amy Landino know if you can volunteer to help. The Festival is March 25, 26 & 27 split among the rinks at Northford, and Crowell, and Trinity (for women). Special note: the 16 year-olds is being run as a CAMP.

After the Festival, T1 hockey tournament is in Simsbury (March 30- April 3).

Registrar. Sue McCullough reported that ineligible coaches are popping up on benches. The deadline to obtain your coaching credentials was 12-31-2010 --- there are no exceptions to this date! Coaches who do not have a valid coaching card are ineligible to coach.

Please CLAIM YOUR PLAYERS!! There are about 1200 unclaimed players in eh system.

Woman's Hockey (Joe Dymarczyk) Festival tryouts will posted on the web. Teams are on the NE website. Teams need coaches: call Joe if you are qualified and interested to help.

Coaching Education Program Looking to schedule a L2/L3 clinic in the Spring after the season is over.

Grow the Game. Ken Dixon reported that the new logo and branding for CHC is done! There is also a winner for the Backyard Rink contest --- check out Gotta Love CT Hockey (link: [Gotta Love CT Hockey](#)) for full details. Lastly, communications will be sent at times during the off-season in order to maintain awareness of hockey.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

March 22, 2011
7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attachment-2; Mite ADM proposal



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MT-ADM Proposal

Attachment-3: Fall Tryout Proposal



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