

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, April 26, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All except: CT Polar Bears, CT Wolfpack, East Haven, Griffin, Kent, Northeast; Northwestern; Ridgefield; Salisbury, Simsbury, Stamford, West Hartford, Western and Whalers. Notwithstanding these absences, a Quorum is satisfied. 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-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Women and Girls Director, Joe Dymarczyk; Midget Director, Art Blakeslee.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Putnam Panthers. A Motion (seconded) was made to raise from the table the question whether or not to admit the Putnam (NY) Panthers into CHC full rights and privileges and was duly presented for discussion. The Putnam Panthers presented a petition to enter CHC, and the petition was acted upon with due diligence being made and satisfied. The NY Affiliate does not object to the Putnam Panthers entering CHC. No objection was also raised by any Member Program while their application was pending. A Motion (seconded) was made to call the question and the Motion to admit the Putnam Panthers PASSED unanimously by a show of hands.

Amend the By-Laws.

1. As reported in the January Minutes, if Putnam is admitted to CHC, then the Constitution of CHC will need to be amended accordingly. The following two amendments were read aloud, and a Motion (seconded) to accept the amendments PASSED by a unanimous show of hands.

(A) Amendment to the Constitution, Article V, Membership, to add:

“Effective April 26, 2011, by vote of the CHC Membership, Putnam Youth Hockey Association, located in Putnam, NY was granted membership in CHC, with all rights and privileges such membership affords.”

(B) Amendment to By Laws, to replace in its entirety the designation of “District 4”, within Section II.A, Paragraph entitled Districts, with the following:

“District 4: Litchfield County, the towns of Danbury, CT, Pawling, NY and Putnam, NY.”

2. Change of Venue. A Motion (seconded) was made to raise from the table the question whether or not to amend the By-Laws to change the venue for CHC Monthly Meetings. The Motion duly proceeded to discussion whereupon its proponent, Joey Perras (S. Windsor) acted to amend and restate the question, eliminating the requirement to name a specific location. The Motion was amended to the effect that the location of monthly meetings can be decided by the Board of Directors. A Motion (seconded) was made

to call the question and the Motion to change the venue of monthly meetings FAILED by a Roll Call vote, 2 Yes, 18 Nay.

\* The By-Laws will be republished showing these changes no later than the August Meeting.

Fall Tryout Proposal. The proposal remains tabled with instruction that the committee reconsider and present scenarios for the Declaration and Scheduling process as well as the final language of the proposal. The matter should be raised to the Board of Directors no later than the August Meeting.

## REPORTS

**President.** Tom Regan recapped the successes and challenges that the CHC BOD faced during the prior season. Especially noteworthy is that the finances of the CHC are clearly well regulated. USA-H conducted a thorough audit and commended the CHC for its complete turnaround. This praise is based on the tireless work that Messrs. Federico and Meakem gave to the organization, and our gratitude is extended to them.

Another key measure of success was the success of our teams on the ice. CT was the champions in several divisions, and runner-up in many others. Hosting of the NE Festival was a great success! And the National MD Championship was held in CT for the first time in over 30 years and was an amazing event. The CHC is intending to apply for another chance to host the 2013 event.

The was success off the ice: *Gotta Love CT Hockey* has been a smash hit, and our profound thanks to Ken Dixon for taking this to levels beyond expectations!

Lastly, but not least importantly, there is the success of all Member Programs in making CT lead the way in the USAH measures for growth in hockey. Leveraging the idea of Ken Dixon for Hockey Day in CT, Hockey Day Across the USA is now championed by the national organization. Further, CT has met every growth criteria established by USA-H, and has met the 2+2 challenge for an unprecedented 3 consecutive years!

**Vice President.** Gerry Rasmussen extended a round of applause for the countless hours work that Tom has given to the organization this past year.

**Treasurer.** Mike Federico presented a handout of the CHC Finances. He noted these things:

- Some invoices are still missing for Tournament ice reimbursements;
- The CHC Form 990 has been timely filed;
- There are a few A/R as some programs need to pay Tournament Fees, or otherwise reconcile amounts.
- Apparel rebates are in the mail! When you receive them, please cash them out even if the sums seem small.
- About \$230,000 of expenses still need to be accounted for with billings dues. This will be resolved as soon as practicable.
- Grow the Game grants are still available...last year only 3 Programs petitioned for funds.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met last week and Tom Regan reported that the finances are in very good shape.

**Secretary.** Elections later this evening.

**Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig)** Releases are starting to come in as Spring Leagues start. With respect to Coaches' screening program, returning coaches are not screened each year. Kathy sends a list to

those returning coaches who need to be re-qualified. Screening includes all the Board Members of a Member Program. The basic rule is that anyone who has access/contact with children of the Program must be screened. CHC absorbs the cost of reasonable numbers of coaches/persons to be screened.

**Tournament Committee.** In Brian's absence, Tom reported that the Planning will begin for next years' Tournament structure. Please send your thoughts and ideas to Brian.

**Registrar.** The rules regarding Birth Certificates will change next season. Sue must visually inspect each BC once. So please get the BC for your players to Sue as soon as practicable, otherwise the number of BC inspections can be overwhelming. ]

**Women's' Hockey.** Joe reported that the Women's Festival was fantastic! Trinity College was an awesome venue.

**Coaching Education Program** A new system will be in force next season and e-mails will be forthcoming to explain the new structure. PLAN AHEAD in order to arrange to take your practicum: if you coach multiple teams at different levels, you will need to take practicum for each respective age group.

## **ELECTIONS**

Mike Meakem reported for the Nominating Committee that Garry Rasmussen is nominated for the office of Vice President, and Glenn Van Moffaert is nominated for the office of Secretary, each to serve two-year terms. Tom Regan thrice asked for nominations from the floor for either of these Board positions. Having received no further nominations, a Motion (seconded) was made to have a vote on a slate for these Board positions. The Motion passed, by a show of hands, and the slate for Board Officers also passed unanimously by a show of hands.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**May 24, 2011**

7:30pm

Italian American Club

35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attendance Log.

Program	District	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2011	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting
Avon	3	0				
Central	3	0				
CT Northern Lights	3	0				
CT Polar Bears	2	1	x			
CT Wolfpack	3	1	x			
Darien	1	0				
East Haven	2	1	x			
ECHO	3	0				
Enfield	3	0	1			
Gr. Bridgeport	1	0				
Gr. New Haven	2	0				
Greenwich Blues	1	0				
Greenwich Skate	1	0				
Griffin	3	1	x			
Hamden	2	0				
Kent	4	1	x			
Mid-Fairfield	1	0				
New Canaan	1	0				
Northeast Y. H.	3	1	x			
Northwestern	4	1	x			
Pawling	4	0				
Putnam	4	0				
Ridgefield	1	1	x			
Salisbury	4	1	x			
Simsbury	3	1	x			
South Windsor	3	0				
Southeastern	2	0				
Southern	1	0				
Stamford	1	1	x			
Wallingford	2	0				
Watertown	4	0				
West Hartford	3	1	x			
West Haven	2	0				
Western	4	1	x			
Whalers	3	1	x			
Wonderland Wizards	1	0				
Yale	2	0				
Members Present (37)			22	36	36	36
Good Standing		28				
Quorum 25% Good Standing		7				