

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All except: East Haven, Hamden, Kent, Salisbury, Simsbury, Southern, West Hartford, West Haven. An updated attendance log will be forthcoming.

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-II Commissioner, Brad Conlan, District-III Commissioner, Barry Zalcmán, District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Girls' T2 Director, Frank Usseglio; Squirt Director, Rich Dibble; PeeWee & Midget Director, Art Blakeslee.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

A Motion (second) to table accepting the December minutes passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AHL All Star Game request. Representative from Bdg Sound Tigers promoted the AHL All Star (played that weekend) game as a dovetail to the Grow-the Game initiative, requesting that each Member Program solicit among its teams to commit to purchase an average of one (1) ticket per two players. In return of this support, the Sound Tigers would make available certain other incentives such as skills competitions or practice ice. The response was that the Sound Tigers should present a formal written proposal of these types of initiatives well in advance of the stated event in order for each member Program to discuss the merits at their local Board meetings.

Bantam Exploratory Committee A proposal was made to explore the logistics to form a BA-minor division, which showed interest of support by a show of hands. Tom Regan asked that anyone interested in undertaking a Committee assignment e-mail him. The Bantam Exploratory Committee is asked to report back at the February Meeting.

Girls team requirements. Mr. Graham Hill, made a proposal (see Attachment-1 to these minutes) which he advances as an individual, and not necessarily promoted by the organization which he is affiliated. Mr. Hill's suggestion was to require Member Programs who wish to field a T1 or T2 girls teams must have a team at each age-level, mirroring the general Boys' requirement. Discussion raised questions regarding the number of teams that would be affected by such a proposal, as well as to provide demographic data girls who play in mixed teams. It was recommended that the proposal be vetted by the Girls' Committee reporting back to the BOD with a recommendation whether or not to proceed.

Concussion Education. Ms. Kate Now inquired what other organizations are doing regarding concussions awareness and education. Kate collected contact information from Member Programs that are interested in sharing topical information.

Out of State (OOS) player allotments. Tom raised the OOS player allotment outlining considerations (such as imports of players from outside the USA) to expand from three (3) per team to five (5) per team. (the lesser of 5 per team or the USA-H maximum). Continued discussion and vote on this matter will be made at the February Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Jr Franchise Proposal. Tom Regan reported from the USA-H Winter Meeting that EJHL (Eastern junior Hockey League) expanded U-16 whereby Norwalk was awarded a franchise by a 18-4 vote.

Spring Tryout Proposal. Central Connecticut presented a proposal (see Attachment-2 to these minutes) After some discussion to clarify time limitation periods, whether the rules apply to Girls' programs (they do not); when the proposal would be effective (starting 2013 season), and what is the sanction for non-compliance, a Motion (seconded) was passed to table the proposal with instruction to prepare final language of the proposal. The matter should be raised to the Board of Directors at the February Meeting.

REPORTS

President. Tom Regan reported on the USA-H Winter Meeting. ADM @ Mite level raised some eyebrows. USA-H stated a "standard of play is less than full ice". When pressed to qualify whether "standard" meant "mandate", the answer was "No". X-ice is an U8 feature only; it does not apply to SQ. ADM for SQ is directed at increased practice/game ratio..

Vice President. no report. However, HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Garry!

Treasurer. Mike Federico reported that:

- the website has the current information for each teams' outstanding Tournament Fee balances.
- requests for matching funds for GTG is better than last year, but still too few programs are taking advantage of the offer. Please submit qualified expenses --- those that are DIRECTLY related to GTG activities, like LTS ice, qualified boards, equipment, etc.
- the reimbursement rate for Tournament ice is \$375/hr (45min hour). Please submit your invoices and remember that there are limits on the number of hours based on the age groups.
- overall the finances of the CHC are in good order

Also,

- the CHC 990 Tax return was timely filed
- USAH is increasing the registration fee from \$30 - \$40. It passed by the narrowest of margins (needed a 2/3 vote).

Secretary. None.

Referee in Chief: In Randy's absence, Tom reported that Tournament Schedules are needed for officials to schedule.

Tournament Committee. In Brian Oatway's absence, Art Blakeslee reported that there will be a meeting on February13, 6:30 p.m. at Newington Rink to go over the rules, pass out the trophies, etc. ALL HOST PROGRAMS ARE REQ'D TO ATTEND.

For the OPEN DIVISION, please see the web site for brackets.
Tiebreaker rule may be amended. See web for full details.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig) Some coaches are disqualified from being on the bench for their lack of attention to timely complete CEP requirements. There is no rehabilitation/excuse that can overcome the bright-line rule for coaches.

Registrar. Sue McCulloch reported that there are 117 unclaimed coaches. Please properly Girls Hockey Proposal roster these coaches.

Women's' Hockey. Frank reported that the Women's Festival details can be found on the website.

Marketing (Grow the Game) It's yesterday's news that Gotta Love CT Hockey has gone viral on the net. Now the marketing strategy has gone to TV! There are plans for a CT Public TV segment...stay tuned for further details!

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

February 28, 2012

7:30pm

Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attendance Log.

Attachment-1

CHC Girls Hockey Proposal

Any CHC member organization that would like to declare either a Tier 1 or Tier 2 team must have either a Tier 1 or a Tier 2 team in each age division consisting of U12, U14 and U16jU19 within their organization.

The purpose of this proposal is to:

1. To discourage member organizations from putting together All-Star teams at anyone particular level
2. To protect the long standing traditions and commitments of girls hockey programs in CT and the continued strength of those programs.
3. To demonstrate a commitment to girls hockey in the state of CT over all age classifications.
4. To prevent a "watering-down" of talent effect for teams participating in Regional and National competition.
5. To clearly identify for parents and players alike the goals and commitment of the teams and the organizations they play for .

Attachment-2

Spring Tryout Period Limitation Proposal from Central Connecticut Youth Hockey Association

As has been discussed at many meetings in recent months, the current situation of tryouts is untenable. In order to try to bring some semblance of order to the process, CCYHA is proposing the following for consideration by the membership of CHC:

CHC Member Organizations wishing to hold their tryouts in the spring will be bound by the following time constraints:

1. No Tier 2, 3 or 4 program can begin team tryouts for at least 7 calendar days after the end of the last National Tournament. This will allow Tier 1 teams to begin their tryout process without immediate competition.
2. Tier 2, 3 and 4 programs holding spring tryouts can begin no earlier than the Monday on or after April 15 each year, and can run no later than three weeks after that time. If Tier 1 tryouts overlap this period, then Tier 2,3 and 4 programs must ensure that their tryouts for any particular age group do not conflict with Tier 1 tryouts for that same age group.
3. Should any player selected to a Tier 2, 3 or 4 team be required to sign a commitment and then is notified that he/she has been selected for a Tier 1 team, the Tier 2/3/4 organization MUST release that player from the commitment and any financial obligation from that commitment.
4. Teams that wish to hold their tryouts in the fall may do so at any point on or after August 15 of each year, with no end date specified.