

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, April 24, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All except: CT Wolfpack, Enfield, Hamden, Kent, Northeast; Northwestern; Ridgefield; Salisbury, Simsbury, Southeastern, Stamford West Hartford, West Haven, and Western. 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-II Commissioner, Bradley Conlan, District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; PeeWee & Midget Director, Art Blakeslee; Bantam Director, Amy Landino.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kevin Erlenbacher (USA-H) made a presentation regarding the Grow the Game initiatives of USA-H, highlighting aspects of the retention program and growth (2+2 initiative). CT is an outstanding example of exceeding the expectations of this challenge.

**ELECTIONS**

Garry Rasmussen presided over the election proceedings. Mike Meakem (Nominating Committee Chairperson) was not present but submitted his report to the Secretary. The Secretary read the report for the Nominating Committee that Tom Regan is nominated for the office of President, and Michael Federico is nominated for the office of Treasurer, each to serve two-year terms. The Secretary asked thrice 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 unanimous affirmation, and the slate for Board Officers also passed unanimously by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS\**

The Bylaws of the CHC must be amended to comply with USA-H directive to remove the qualification that a Member Program must be a 501(c)(3) entity. This change is necessitated in order to satisfy local rules regarding for-profit entities and independent teams. Glen Van Moffaert, Kathy Ludwig and Sue McCullough will work together to set out new language to our By-Laws for consideration by the CHC Board of Directors.

Tier-1 Hockey is in a state of flux, with the Wolfpack and Bobcats melding, and Mid-Fairfield and the Yankees sorting out their programs. All teams are complying with the CHC rules.

**REPORTS**

**President.** Tom Regan thanked the BOD for their confidence in him to continue as President for another term. Tom recapped the successes and challenges that the CHC BOD faced during the prior season lauding everyone's effort to ensure that CT met every growth criteria established by USA-H, and has met the 2+2 challenge for an unprecedented 4 consecutive years!

Tom further reported that he and Eligibility Committee are proactively addressing a “goaltender problem”, which is manifest in SQ-T2. Could this be a result from the ADM model not heavily promoting goaltending at the MT level? The CHC is looking for innovative solutions including special programs for prospective goalies.

USA-H may change its standard of play rules regarding the MT division, where the standard of play would be defined as “less than full ice”. It is not clear whether this change will be made as a recommendation, or as a mandate from USA-H. A MOTION (second) was made that CHC retain its rules regarding Mite Hockey for the 2012-12 season, with the stipulation that if USA-H changes its rules, then the CHC shall adopt the rule upon its effective date. The MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

**Vice President.** Gerry Rasmussen extended a round of applause for the countless hours of 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:

- There are very few A/R from Member Programs.
- Apparel rebates are in the mail! About \$17,000 is being allocated.
- About \$107,000 of expenses still need to be accounted for with invoices to be sent in from those Programs that held tournaments. Without a properly submitted invoice, no money can be paid out.
- \$59,00 is outstanding for Referee fees.

**Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig)** Releases are starting to come in as Spring Leagues start.

**Tournament Committee.** Art Blakeslee reported that there was good feedback on the scheduling for the Tournaments. The commissioners are meeting to talk through adjustments and improvements. Brian Oatway is taking a step back from being the Tournament Chairman, and Art Blakeslee is taking the reins from Brian.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ARE NEEDED!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

**Registrar.** The rules regarding Birth Certificates is now in full force. 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. Call Sue if you have any questions or problems.

**Grow-the –Game / Marketing:** Ken Dixon reported that **CT Hockey is moving to TV in August!** It is intended to be a ½-hour show pre-0game of the Whalers broadcast.

Coaching: **Amy Landino** went through the upcoming schedule of events for Coaching Clinics. Please go to the web for most up to date times/schedule.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**May 22, 2012**

7:30pm

Italian American Club  
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attendance Log. "x" denotes absence

Program	District	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2012	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting
Avon	3	0				
Central	3	0				
CT Northern Lights	3	0				
CT Polar Bears	2	0				
CT Wolfpack	3	1	x			
Darien	1	0				
East Haven	2	0				
ECHO	3	0				
Enfield	3	1	x			
Gr. Bridgeport	1	0				
Gr. New Haven	2	0				
Greenwich Blues	1	0				
Greenwich Skate	1	0				
Hamden	2	1	x			
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	1	x			
Southern	1	0				
Stamford	1	1	x			
Wallingford	2	0				
Watertown	4	0				
West Hartford	3	1	x			
West Haven	2	1	x			
Western	4	1	x			
Whalers	3	0				
Wonderland Wizards	1	0				
Yale	2	0				