

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, President's Meeting
August 28, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: All except: CT Wolfpack, Greater Bridgeport, Kent, Pawing, Putnam, Ridgefield Salisbury, 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, Gerald 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; Tournament Chairperson and Midget Director, Art Blakeslee; Bantam Director, Mark Gentile; PeeWee Director, Amy Landino; Grow-the Game, Ken Dixon; Girls' and Women Director, Joe Dymarczyk; Referee-In-Chief: Randy Zaritsky.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES The May and June minutes were accepted by separate voice vote.

SPECIAL BUSINESS –

Special Business was made with presentations made by Chuck Stedman (CT Whale) and Elaine Murphy (Sound Tigers) who each expounded on their interest to maintain relationships with youth hockey programs.

A presentation was made by Dr. Karen Laugel (co-founder) and Becky Snow who represented HeadZone Concussion Care by Physicians. Head Zone is a community outreach service, offering education, testing, and treatment of concussive injuries. They can be reached through their website www.head-Zone.com.

Bishop Photo also presented packages for team photography in the upcoming season.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None.

REPORTS

President. Tom Regan reported that the Eastern Federation reached out by mail to CHC asking for its commitment to play games. Tom responded without committal by explaining the Tier structure in CT and other governance regarding out-of-district play.

CHC was notified of a pending legal action against a Member Program arising out of an alleged injury in the locker room. Please remember to have locker-room monitors present at all times.

Vice-President. None.

Treasurer. Mike Federico reported that:

- several Programs have refunds, and your check is available tonight!
- G-t-G grants have increased (marginally). Application for grants for the new season may be made beginning Sept. 1, 2012.
- For the year, the CHC had posted a gain of about \$12,000. The goal is for a zero budget.

- The Finance Committee is meeting in Sept. to review the books and procedures.

Secretary: none.

Referee in Chief. Randy handed out information regarding the schedule of referee seminars. He encouraged everyone to solicit persons to become referees. Randy made further mention that the Officiating Program is now all online for 2012. Also, a new reporting system is to be released by USAH this season. Until that happens the current system will continue to be used. The U18 T2 National tournament is being hosted in Simsbury, and it is a good opportunity for Level 4 officials to demonstrate their skills. Lastly, there is an open dialog and question regarding reciprocity for USAH officials for games with Team China.

Coaching. Larry Rocha (NE Coach-in-Chief) reported on these matters:

- there is continued emphasis in skill development between a permissible body contact, and illegal body checks.
- He further reinforced the rules and timelines regarding the requirements to obtain coaching cards, and the necessity to have completed age-appropriate Modules: the general rule is that you must complete the age-specific module for the teams that you intend to coach.
- There is no such thing as a Temporary Card -- forget about it. Know the rules about coaching certifications. Midnight calls on 12-31 will not get you the desired result.

Tournament Committee.

- The declaration process is done! BUT see below regarding amendment to Tournament Rules.
- A handout was made regarding the tiebreaker rules (copied from the USAH Annual Guide)
- Schedules for the Regionals have been received and are being acted on.
- League Games begin 11-1. However, if both teams agree, then you may schedule earlier games and have them count. Once a game is declared a league game, then once played, it is on the books and that decision cannot be rescinded.
- There was much discussion regarding the rationale behind how teams advance to the State Tournament. Discussion was made regarding how to construct a system that permitted the greatest participation of teams without diluting the reason for having a tiered structure.

A MOTION (seconded) was made to change the advancement rules of Tier-2 teams for the state tournament:

1. "If 14 or fewer teams are declared, then the top-8 teams will qualify for Tournament play.
2. If 15 -18 teams are declared, then the top-12 teams will advance into 2 x 6-team regional conferences.
3. If 19 or more teams are declared, then the top-16 teams will advance into 2 x 8-team regional conferences.

The Regional Conferences, if required, will be established by the Tournament Committee based principally on competitive factors."

By Roll-call vote, the amendment PASSED unanimously.

- TOURNAMENT DIVISION DIRECTORS ARE NEEDED!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig) Remember RELEASES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY PLAYER COMING INTO YOUR PROGRAM. Also, if a player requests a release from your Program, you must issue it unless the requesting player has an outstanding obligation owed to your Program.

District Commissioners: No reports

Registrar. (Sue McCullough) Annual Guides and Rules are available for pick up! PLEASE – have your rosters authenticated by Sue before you play games. Game sheets are being mailed to the Member Programs.

Women's & Girls' Hockey. Festival tryout times have changed. See the web for latest schedule.

Grow-the –Game / Marketing:

- Ken Dixon gave a brief overview of the USAH 2+2 Challenge, and how the data show CT is exceeding expectations! However, so far this season only Western has signed-up. Please sign-up and follow through on this important initiative.
- Try Hockey for Free is scheduled for 11-3. Some programs have signed up. There is a limited supply of equipment available for use.
- Gota luv CT Hockey is starting up again soon. Meet the coach will again be back by popular demand, and is being also aired on CPTV. Back yard rink contest will also be prominent feature.

Webmaster: Contacts for teams are made by entering the information directly through the website. So if your program has new Board Members, Schedulers, etc, please use the functionality on the web site. 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:

September 25, 2012

7:30pm

Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven.

Attendance Log. "x" denotes absence