

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Regular Meeting March 26, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: All except: Kent, Northwestern, Pawling, Salisbury, Simsbury, South Windsor, Southern, West Hartford, Western and Whalers. The attendance log reflecting tonight's attendance, is made as an attachment to these minutes.

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

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-IV Commissioner, Glenn Van Moffaert; Tournament Chairperson: Art Blakeslee; Women and Girls; Squirt Director; PeeWee Director; Bantam Director; Grow-the-Game: Ken Dixon; Coaching Director: Amy Landino.

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES** Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS -- NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CT Barons petition for admittance to CHC.** Steven Ehrlich made a presentation including a handout regarding the petition for admittance into CHC. Several questions were answered by Steve. At the request of Tom Regan, Steve will obtain a letter from the Norwalk superintendent of schools to affirm that Steve will be allowed access to student athletes in order to build his program.

**A MOTION** (second) was made to table the further discussion and vote on the petition until the April Meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous show of hands.

**Bylaws** Tom Regan reminded the BOD, that the Bylaws will be modified in order to comply with USA-H directives. Tom had previously provided the Maine Bylaws as an example of Bylaws that meet the USA-H guidance. A proposed set of revisions was handed out this evening for deliberation. The present CHC Bylaws must, at a minimum remove the requirement that each Member Program is a 501(c)(3) organization. We must also redefine the criteria for admittance into CHC. Lastly, reorganizing the CHC membership into Classes (such as FULL, ALLIED and SOCIAL) may provide needed flexibility.

. The vote of the final version will be made at the April Meeting.

**Mite full-ice exemption** CHC cannot prohibit a non-USAH program (for instance AAU) from offering or playing full-ice at the Mite level. However, if a CHC Member Program is suspected of trying to circumvent USAH-rules, then it must be shown to the reasonable satisfaction of CHC that the Mite program is indeed independent of USA-H: there can be no common control of the Mite program that is playing full ice with CHC Member Program. If common control is found, then substantial sanctions will be imposed upon the offending Member Program, as determined by the Eligibility and/or Executive Committee.

## **REPORTS**

**President:** Tom gave special mention and thank you to the Tournament Committee for their work during the past tournament. The tournaments ran smoothly (despite the Norwich glitch) and positive feedback was received from many patrons.

Avon is the host for the U18 T2 tournament.

With respect to the NED Regional and Sectional Tournaments: next season they will begin on the third weekend of March – this permits the CHC season to be pushed out as well. There is also a proposal to levy sanctions against teams that do not fulfill their obligation to travel if they advance to Regionals. Sanctions would include suspension, fines, or other restitution, as the host State does suffer if a team does not show up.

**Treasurer:** Mike handed out the monthly balance sheet. There is a list of Tournament fees that are due posted to the web. There may be revisions to this list. If you are a Tournament Site Host, then please send an invoice to Mike that has reasonable detail for the monies that you seek. Include at a minimum: The Date(s) of the Tournament; your Division of play; #hours; Rate.

**Secretary:** ELECTIONS for Vice President and Secretary are slated in April.

Only Member Programs in Good Standing may vote on matters --- this includes the elections and the vote on the Bylaws.

Taking today's attendance into consideration, the status of certain Member Programs is as follows:

(A) NOT IN GOOD STANDING: Kent; New Canaan; Pawling; Salisbury; Simsbury; Stamford; Watertown and West Hartford. With the possible exception of the three Member Programs listed in (B), below, this status carries over into the next CHC Year.

(B) Can REGAIN GOOD STANDING by being present at the April 2013 Annual Meeting:  
New Canaan; Stamford; and Watertown.

**Tournament Committee:** The Norwich glitch was successfully resolved!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR: **MITE DIRECTOR**; and **OPEN DIVISION DIR.**

**Referee-In-Chief:** In Randy's absence, Tom reported that the Festival also serves as a platform for Referee evaluation. The top referee in the festival was from CT! Congratulations!

**Eligibility Committee** (Kathy Ludwig). Penalties incurred from the "last" game of the season do CARRYOVER into the next season! However, an exception is made with respect to participation at tryouts. Suspension hearings do continue whenever a match penalty is incurred. Even PARENTS are subject to Match penalties --- the sanction is that the offending parent is not allowed into facility. We can improve on the enforcement of these situations, but thankfully they are few in number, although that number is growing.

**Registrar:** PLEASE CLAIM your PLAYERS & COACHES.

**Coaching Education Program:** Amy reported that L4 clinics are few: only two in New England. The one in Concord NH (June 22-23) is an exceptionally good one, as the training staff is exemplary. REMEMBER TO REVIEW YOUR PRESENT COACHING CARD AND WHETHER YOU NEED ADVANCEMENT ON LEVELS.

**Women's / Girls Hockey:** Selections, Teams and schedules are all posted to the website. Registration for camps information at the Festival. Kudos to Grow-the-Game staff for coverage!

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2013**

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

Attendance Log. "x" denotes absence

**NOTES:**

1. Despite having 4 or more recorded absences, CT Wolfpack, Western and Yale have rehabilitated themselves and regained Good Standing by virtue of having three consecutive months' attendance at CHC BOD Meeting.
2. New Canaan, Stamford and Watertown can regain Good Standing by being present at the April 2013 Annual Meeting; otherwise.

Program	District	Total Absences	Annual Meeting April 2012	May	June	August Presidents' Meeting	September	October	November	December	January 2012	February	March	Good Standing
Avon	3	1									x			YES
Central	3	0												YES
CT Northern Lights	3	1			x									YES
CT Polar Bears	2	0												YES
CT Wolfpack	3	5	x	x		x	x			x				YES
Darien	1	0												YES
East Haven	2	2							x		x			YES
ECHO	3	0												YES
Enfield	3	2	x				x							YES
Riverhawks (Gr. Bridgeport)	1			x		x			x					YES
Gr. New Haven	2	0												YES
Greenwich Blues	1	1			x									YES
Greenwich Skate	1	1								x				YES
Hamden	2	3	x		x						x			YES
Kent	4	9	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	No
Mid-Fairfield	1	0												YES
New Canaan	1	4			x				x	x	x			No
Northeast Y. H.	3	2	x	x										YES
Northwestern	4	3	x								x		x	YES
Pawling	4	7		x		x			x	x	x	x	x	No
Ridgefield	1	3	x			x					x			YES
Salisbury	4	10	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	No
Simsbury	3	6	x	x					x	x	x		x	No
South Windsor	3	2			x								x	YES
Southeastern	2	2	x						x					YES
Southern	1	3					x		x				x	YES
Stamford	1	5	x	x					x	x	x			No
Wallingford	2	1			x									YES
Watertown	4	4		x			x			x	x			No
West Hartford	3	4	x		x						x		x	No
West Haven	2	2	x								x			YES
Western	4	5	x		x	x			x				x	YES
Whalers	3	3					x				x		x	YES
Wonderland Wizards	1	1			x									YES
Yale	2	4			x		x		x	x				YES