

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, May 26, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, East Haven, Kent, Northeast, Pawling, Simsbury, Southern, Stamford, and Wizards. 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, Jarry Rasmussen, Vice President, Mike McCullough, Secretary, Art Blakeslee.

Absent: Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-II Commissioner, Bradley Conlan, District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Registrar, Mike McCullough; Coaching Director, Amy Landino; New England District Representative, Tom Regan

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

Result of Barons' vote for Full Membership: The application by the Barons for full membership in CHC was passed with two votes in excess of the required two-thirds majority.

Application by Putnam for Full Membership: Putnam's representative was provided the opportunity to speak on behalf of the program's application, and a Q&A period was allowed for questions from the membership. Voting will be held on-line, as was that for the Barons, and will open on Wednesday, May 27 and close at 11:59:59 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. An email will be issued with the results shortly thereafter.

REPORTS

President: Gerry has been dealing with a number of issues in recent weeks, both involving CHC/USA Hockey and personal issues. He hopes that some of the "outside" issues will be resolved soon so that he can focus on CHC issues.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Absent. Update should be available for the June meeting.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Tom reported the following:

- District has decided to eliminate the Festival for Boys age 12 & 13, since there is no Development Camp to lead to.
- 14's will have a state tryout, where players will be ranked and selected into a regional Development Camp based on those rankings. Still to be determined is the ratio of players selected vs. population in the District.
- Boys 15, 16 and 17's will still have the Festival, but it will occur later in April or May, so as not to impact Regionals, Nationals and other events, and to align more closely to those of other regions.
- Festival participation for the Girls has not changed, except that try-outs will be earlier, as previously discussed, and the Festival will likely be later than usual, date still TBD.
- Mike Meakem has resigned his position as New England District Managing Director. He will be succeeded by Maurice Rosales, formerly President of Vermont Amateur Youth Hockey.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: No report.

Referee in Chief: No Report

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: Ken Dixon is looking for additional feedback to help improve the programming and tournament functions of the Gotta Love CT Hockey website.

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 2015-2016 CT Hockey & Affiliate Contact Info tab to self-identify. This is the source for all information used for mailings and distributions.

Registrar. (Mike McCullough/Mary Turner) If your program has a new registrar, then the new registrar needs to inform USA-H in order to get authorized under CyberSport.

ADM: No report.

Disabled Hockey: No report.

Tournament Committee. A draft of the Declaration Rules proposal for the 2015-2016 season will be available by May 31, 2015, and will be disseminated to program Presidents and Reps via email, so that discussion and voting can take place at the June meeting.

****The declaration deadline for Tier 1 and Tier 2 Midget teams is June 15, 2015.**

Coaching Education Program. Reminder that ANY coach with a Level 3 that has expired and been renewed twice cannot renew again and MUST obtain a Level 4. Any coach on a Tier 1 Boys or Girls team U-16, U-18 or U-19 with a current Level 3 must obtain a Level 4 by October 31, 2015, regardless of the expiration date of their Level 3. The same applies to Boys and Girls Tier 2 U-14, U-16, U-18 and U-19 teams.

The Documents section of the CHC website contains a summary of all coaching requirements.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig): Releases are starting to come. 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. The bulk of these releases are to out of state and in-state, non CHC programs.

Safe Sport: Screening for new coaches is mandatory. Thereafter, screenings are made every other year. Program presidents have received lists of coaches/Board Members, volunteers, etc. who are clear to participate for the 2015/2016 season. An updated list of the parties who have completed the Safe Sport program will be provided as well in the near future.

District Commissioners: All quiet, nothing to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING: **June 23, 2015**

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

