

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, June 23, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: CT Northern Lights, Northwestern, 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, Jarry Rasmussen, Vice President, Mike McCullough, Secretary, Art Blakeslee, Treasurer, Michael Federico

Absent: None

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-II Commissioner, Bradley Conlan, District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Coaching Director, Amy Landino; New England District Representative, Tom Regan; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalczman

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Result of Putnam's vote for Full Membership:** The application by Putnam Youth Hockey for full membership in CHC was passed.

**Spectator and Coach Rules Proposal:** Further discussion was held regarding the proposed rules changes related to behavior and discipline. It was agreed that further discussion and clarification are required, so the topic was tabled, to be continued at the August meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Midget Declarations:** The deadline for Midget Tier 1 and Tier 2 declarations was June 15. The declarations were: Tier 1 Major and Minor – 6 teams each; Tier 2 Major 8 teams, Tier 2 Minor 5 teams.

**Scheduling Meeting:** The Scheduling Meeting will be held the week of August 17 at the IA Club. Details will be circulated once the date is finalized.

**Contacts:** Mike McCullough discussed a new opportunity that is being implemented through the CHC website that will allow members to create profiles and communicate with other registered members, so that game scheduling and other communications can be facilitated. This is being done as an alternative to previous practices of publishing complete email lists of program contacts, which was a privacy concern. It is hoped that the basic setup will be complete in early August.

**REPORTS**

**President:** Back from the National conference, Jarry had the following information:

- Tier 1 Association criteria are being established, while recognizing that Connecticut has a unique situation with the large number of prep schools that lead to split season teams, etc.
- The Mite exception that was granted last season was approved for this season, with the same terms. New York does not currently have any exception, and Massachusetts has indicated that they will not ask for it for the 2016-17 season, so it is not expected that we will get it again that season.
- USA Hockey is reviewing guidelines for suspension lengths. There was some discussion that CHC has been somewhat lenient compared to USA Hockey guidelines and our peers in other districts.

**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

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 5/14-5/15

These are the rules regarding meeting attendance & good standing:

**Article III Meetings**

1. Each member program shall be represented at CHC Board Meetings by its designated representative, or in his absence, by an officer of the program, or by such representative designated in writing for that meeting. Duly represented member programs in Good Standing shall have the privilege to propose amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Polices and Rules, and vote on matters raised to the Board of Directors.
2. Regular Meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM at the West Haven Italian American Club, Chase Lane, West Haven, Connecticut, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.
3. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April, place and date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
4. Each member program shall be represented, as stipulated in paragraph (1) above, in at least 75% of all regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Should a member program fail to attend the minimum number of meetings, then a \$50 fine shall be added to that program's annual membership registration costs and such program shall not be considered to be in Good Standing. A member program may regain its status of Good Standing if subsequent to its loss of Good Standing, **it has attended three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings** or such sanction is lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to the condition that if said member program has lost its status of Good Standing twice during the then-current season, the sanction can only be lifted by petition to and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**\*\* Teams highlighted in RED are not currently in Good Standing, and teams highlighted in YELLOW are one absence away from being Not In Good Standing**

	8/26/2014	9/23/2014	10/28/2014	11/18/2014	12/16/2014	2/3/2015	2/24/2015	3/24/2015	4/28/2015	5/26/2015	6/23/2015	11 Rolling Meeting Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon				A								1	90.91%
<b>Central</b>							A	A		A		3	<b>72.73%</b>
Ct Barons			A									1	90.91%
<b>CT Northern Lights</b>					A				A		<b>A</b>	3	<b>72.73%</b>
CT Polar Bears					A	A			Good Standing Attendance			2	81.82%
CT Riverhawks				A								1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack												0	100.00%
Darien				A								1	90.91%
<b>East Haven</b>				A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A		4	<b>63.64%</b>
Echo												0	100.00%
<b>Enfield</b>				A	A							2	<b>81.82%</b>
Gr NH												0	100.00%

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Greenwich Blues			A		A			A			Good Standing Attendance	3	72.73%
<b>Greenwich Skate</b>					A				A			2	81.82%
Hamden												0	100.00%
<b>Kent* (Good Standing reinstated 3/2015)</b>				A	A			Good Standing by Appeal	A	A		4	63.64%
<b>Mid Fairfield</b>		A	A									2	81.82%
New Canaan				A	A			A	Good Standing by Appeal			3	72.73%
<b>Northeast</b>	A							A		A		3	72.73%
<b>Northwestern</b>					A			A			A	3	72.73%
<b>Pawling</b>						A		A		A		3	72.73%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield									A			1	90.91%
Salisbury	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	8	27.27%
<b>Simsbury</b>			A			A			A	A		4	63.64%
<b>So Windsor</b>							A		A			2	81.82%
Southeastern												0	100.00%
<b>Southern</b>			A							A	Good Standing Attendance	2	81.82%
<b>Stamford</b>						A	A			A		3	72.73%
Wallingford												0	100.00%

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<b>Watertown</b>						A		A			Good Standing Attendance	2	81.82%
West Hartford				A								1	90.91%
West Haven				A								1	90.91%
Western					A		A			Good Standing Attendance	A	3	72.73%
Whalers				A								1	90.91%
Wizards								A		A		2	81.82%
Yale					A	A						2	81.82%