

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, August 25, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: CT Polar Bears. 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-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; New England District Representative, Tom Regan; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalcmán

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

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

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was made by the Bridgeport Soundtigers, encouraging CHC programs to participate in team sponsored events and to help them celebrate their 20th season in Bridgeport.

A second presentation was made by Matt DeSmith of Northwestern Youth Hockey, promoting services of his group to help programs create new branding, merchandise, uniforms, and other means of promoting their teams and organizations.

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: As the season begins, let us all look toward having a competitive, enthusiastic and fun season, remembering that above all, this is a kids game, and that should be our focus as the games progress.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Financials were provided and reviewed. Michael reminded programs that Tournament deposits of \$500 per team are due by the October meeting. Previous years have seen too many programs waiting until the tournaments begin before making payments, which make the budgeting and scheduling process difficult. As per Tournament Committee rules, programs whose deposits are not in place by the end of the calendar year can be declared ineligible for tournaments.

Disabled Hockey: The Ferguson brothers presented an appeal to the membership to support the CT Storm program. They are looking for players and supporters to enhance the program.

Coaching Education Program. Larry Rocha joined the meeting. He circulated a checklist that teams can use with their coaches to review standards and requirements. He also circulated information on current coaching requirements for all levels of play. 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 USA Hockey website lists all coaches and their current qualifications. Program registrars will also receive this information when they claim their coaches.

The CT clinics are listed on the USA Hockey website.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: No report.

Tournament Committee: The schedule for the Tier 1, 2 and 3 State Tournaments was distributed. Open Division scheduling has not yet been completed.

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

- 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.

Registrar: Programs have been feeding rosters through the system, but many are still missing. In addition, programs need to claim their coaches and other volunteers so that all are appropriately tracked and credited.

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. Many programs are missing information for multiple positions. The "social media" application for posting game openings, etc. is not yet ready, but it is hoped it will be available shortly.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig): Releases continue to come through. Remember RELEASES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY PLAYER COMING INTO YOUR PROGRAM. All players must be released from their former programs and claimed on the new team's roster before participating in any team activities. 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.

Referee in Chief: Referee seminars began in August, and the schedule is on the CHC and USA Hockey Websites. Programs should be encouraging all members to consider participating. We need referees in the system to replace those who have left. We know that the more qualified referees are opting to take games at the higher levels, where the players, coaches and spectators are more respectful of the referees'

contribution to the game. That leaves the less experienced referees to try to keep up with higher level games than would be preferred. The way to keep that from happening is to both increase the ranks of the trained refs and to treat those that we have with greater respect, so that we do not lose more of them.

District Commissioners: All quiet, nothing to 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. Learn to Play Hockey program links are on the Gotta Love CT Hockey website.

ADM: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Spectator and Coach Rules Proposals: Further discussion was held regarding the proposed rules changes related to behavior and discipline. It was agreed that further discussion and clarification will be incorporated into the proposal, which will then be circulated by email to the presidents and reps for review. Final discussion and voting on the two separate proposals will take place at the September meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

September 22, 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**

	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	8/25/2015	11 Rolling Meeting Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon			A									1	90.91%
Central						A	A		A			3	72.73%
Ct Barons		A										1	90.91%
CT Northern Lights				A				A		A		3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears				A	A			Good Standing Attendance			A	3	72.73%
CT Riverhawks			A									1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack												0	100.00%
Darien			A									1	90.91%
East Haven			A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A			4	63.64%
Echo												0	100.00%
Enfield			A	A								2	81.82%
Gr NH												0	100.00%

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Greenwich Blues		A		A			A			Good Standing Attendance		3	72.73%
Greenwich Skate				A				A				2	81.82%
Hamden												0	100.00%
Kent* (Good Standing reinstated 3/2015)			A	A			Good Standing by Appeal	A	A			4	63.64%
Mid Fairfield	A	A										2	81.82%
New Canaan			A	A			A	Good Standing by Appeal				3	72.73%
Northeast							A		A			2	81.82%
Northwestern				A			A			A		3	72.73%
Pawling					A		A		A			3	72.73%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield								A				1	90.91%
Salisbury	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance		7	36.36%
Simsbury		A			A			A	A			4	63.64%
So Windsor						A		A				2	81.82%
Southeastern												0	100.00%
Southern		A							A	Good Standing Attendance		2	81.82%
Stamford					A	A			A			3	72.73%
Wallingford												0	100.00%

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Watertown					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%