

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, September 22, 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

Absent: Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-II Commissioner, Brad Conlan, District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; New England District Representative, Tom Regan; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Girls Tier 1 Director, Bill Leidt, Coaching Director, Bruce Wolanin, Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalzman

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

A Motion (second) to accept the August minutes passed. An amendment was not noted at the meeting but was brought to the Secretary afterward that the Northwestern program appealed to the membership during the August meeting and their Good Standing was reinstated by vote of the membership.

PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was made by the UConn Huskies to promote their second season in Hockey East, encourage teams and parents to come see the games, all of which are now at the XL Center.

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: Reminder that tournament fee deposits of \$500 per declared team are due by the October meeting. If a team does not qualify, their deposit will be credited against the program's balance due for other teams.

The 50% reimbursement is still available for any programs that have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity. The \$500 Grow the Game matching funding is also available again this season.

Coaching Education Program. The CT clinics are listed on the USA Hockey website. There were 52 attendees at the Level 1 Seminar on September 18.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Bill Leidt reminded programs that scoresheets must be turned in for all games. Festival tryouts for the 99-02 birth years will be held Nov. 8 in Hookset, NH. The Festival will be held April 29 – May 1. The most recent numbers for the district included 6,600 girls in New England, 2,200 of whom are registered with Connecticut.

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

- The Festival for the 99 birth year will be held in Northford April 28-May 1, 2016.
- Tryouts for the 00-03 birth years will result directly in placement in development camps.

- The Youth Council is working to define Tier 1 on a national level. Some of the options include a limit on the number of players eligible to play Tier 1 based on the overall population of players. The current proposal would be to limit Tier 1 players to no more than 15% of the overall population in the state at any given age level. This is still in development, and no final decision has been made.
- USAH's Legal Counsel is also working on methods to conform all districts in certain aspects, including a program's ability to pursue fees from players who leave a program, teams/programs playing games against non-sanctioned teams and the risks that poses, and sanctioning of multi-state, multi affiliate leagues, so that there is consistent application of rules across the country.

Registrar:

- Many rosters are still missing, and are overdue. Teams cannot play official USA Hockey games without a filed and certified roster. Games played without a filed roster can and may be discounted from teams' play, impacting their 10/20 requirements for tournament play.
- In addition, programs need to claim their coaches and other volunteers so that all are appropriately tracked and credited.
- Rulebooks, Annual Guides and Patches are available from the Registrar.

Webmaster: 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, and are, as usual, running high for Midgets. 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, but there are also a lot of players coming into the state as well.

Safe Sport: Screening for new coaches and volunteers is mandatory. Thereafter, screenings are made every other year, with a 4/30 year end. 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. Individuals cleared in the prior season with another program will appear on the master list, but not on program specific lists. Please be sure to use the USAHockey link to the Safe Sport system, to ensure that you complete the USA Hockey version, and get credit for taking the certification course. Linking through any other website will not lead you to the correct site, and you will not be shown as having completed the program.

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.

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

Mites: The 100' maximum length of the ice for Mite cross-ice was confirmed by USA Hockey after they viewed video from Gotta Love CT Hockey that showed teams using other variations. All programs should be adhering to this restriction for all Mite cross-ice games.

Spectator and Coach Rules Proposals: Further discussion was held regarding the proposed rules changes related to behavior and discipline. Jarry Rasmussen provided his own personal observations from games played in the two weekends prior to the meeting involving coaches and parents, at boys and girls games, that show the need for these rules. Electronic voting will be held beginning Wednesday, September 23, and run until Tuesday, September 29. The results will then be announced by email to all programs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

October 27, 2015

7:30pm

Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 9/14-9/15

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

**** 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**

	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	9/22/2015	11 Rolling Meeting Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon		A										1	90.91%
Central					A	A		A			A	4	63.64%
Ct Barons	A											1	90.91%
CT Northern Lights			A				A		A			3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears			A	A			Good Standing Attendance			A	A	4	63.64%
CT Riverhawks		A										1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack											A	1	90.91%
Darien		A										1	90.91%
East Haven		A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A				4	63.64%
Echo											A	1	90.91%
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											1	90.91%
New Canaan		A	A			A	Good Standing by Appeal					3	72.73%
Northeast						A						2	81.82%
Northwestern			A			A			A	Good Standing by Appeal		3	72.73%
Pawling				A		A		A		Good Standing Attendance		3	72.73%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield							A					1	90.91%
Salisbury	A	A	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance			6	45.45%
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%