

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, December 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Avon, Griffin and Salisbury. 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, Michael McCullough; Secretary, Art Blakeslee; & Treasurer, Michael Federico

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Registrar, Mary Turner; Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District II Commissioner, Brad Conlan; Tier 1 Director and District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Girls Tier 1 Director, Bill Leidt; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Bantam Director, Robert Walker; Grow the Game Co-Director, Leslie O'Brien

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The October and November minutes were presented and approved.

REPORTS

President:

- The Wonderland Wizards release language was challenged in court, and was upheld, making the third such successful defense of CHC's policy and practice of requiring financial considerations be resolved before releases are granted.
- The Bantam Tier 1 National tournament is in Alaska. Teams in the New England region are reviewing the particulars to determine the interest level in participating. Given the short timeline between the determination of the champion and the start of the tournament, expenses will be high and time to find funds will be short. So far, Rhode Island has already stated that they are not interested in traveling, and the other teams in the region are reviewing. If other states do not wish to participate, the CT state Tier 1 State Championship may determine the District Champion to participate in Nationals.
- Mites for 2016-17: Massachusetts had, as of last meeting, indicated that they were not interested in seeking the full-ice exception that they had paired with CT in requesting the past two years. As of the most recent update, however, they have now decided to put the request to a vote of their membership. At this point, if Massachusetts votes to seek the exception, CT will join them. If not, CT will not seek the exception, as our membership is not of significant "weight" to support such a request by itself.
- There are several, currently independent programs within CT that have had discussions with Jarry about potentially becoming members of CHC. Jarry has given each of them the appropriate information that they will need to provide, and the procedure to follow, to make presentations to the Membership to apply for membership. We expect that they may make presentations over the next few meetings.
- There is a potential applicant to fill the vacant District IV Commissioner position. Bob Walker is currently working in another capacity, but when that winds up, it is expected that he will be asked to take on this new role, giving the other Commissioners the additional support for programs in that District.
- The new rules have been in place now for over a month. There are several instances when the rule has been invoked, and the procedure as described is in various stages of the process. We continue to encourage programs to take a hard line when coaches or spectators are found to be in violation, and CHC is more than happy to take the position of the "bad guy" if a program wants to impose a suspension and blame it on "the new CHC rules."

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

- A reminder that tournament fee deposits of \$500 per declared team are past due. If a team does not qualify, their deposit will be credited against the program's balance due for other teams.
- Funds are still available for programs for their Grow the Game efforts, with a match of \$1 for \$1.
- The 2014/2015 fiscal year has been completed, and the net result is an operating loss of approximately \$4,550, well within expected parameters.

Referee in Chief: Referee seminars are now complete. The number of referees increased approximately 9% from last year, with Level 1 numbers up 22%. This is encouraging, and hopefully we can retain new referees and attract even more, and some of this year's new Level 1's will move to Level 2. On a counterpoint, there are two hearings pending for instances of assault on referees.

Registrar:

- Coaches have until 12/31 to obtain certification and complete their modules, or programs will be notified and coaches must be pulled from the bench.

Disabled Hockey: Preparations are at the inception for creating a team for the blind in CT. As more information is available it will be shared, and all support is appreciated.

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: The Backyard Rink contest is expected to begin again in December/January, weather permitting. Participants can begin preparations and submit entries once they are open. There is also video available on the Gotta Love CT Hockey website describing the new Coach and Spectator Behavior Rules. This video has had the most hits of any video they have produced so far. There are videos on drills in production and pending release in the near future.

Coaching Education Program. No report.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: The Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournament dates have been set and ice locked up for February. U-15 and U-17 selections have been posted for Festival teams. There is no 13-U Festival, but there will be an open application for girls for a regional camp. Age appropriate girls will receive an email letting them know when applications are open.

New England District/Team Connecticut: The tryouts for the 99's have been completed.

Website: Nothing to report.

Tournament Director: The Tier 4 teams need to complete declaration for the State Championship vs. Traditional tournaments. Tier 4 Tournament bid packages will be going out shortly.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig): Releases at this point must be approved by CHC prior to joining a new team. Split Season Midget and Bantam transfers still need releases to move to programs for full-season play.

District Commissioners: The focus at this point is on the increasing number of Major penalties being called at the lower age levels. This is a concern, as it represents a trend in the wrong direction for player discipline being taught by coaches.

ADM: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Behavior:** The new rules are in place and will be enforced. Please be sure all program members are aware.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mites:** A request was made to review the possibility of full teams of Mite players playing up at the Squirt level to avoid the full-ice restriction. The Eligibility Chair stated that USA Hockey rules, while they allow for one-off players playing up, preclude any full team play-ups, as they do not allow multiple players applying at once. However, this will be reviewed and considered for future discussion.
- Any new proposals for rule changes, declaration process changes or other issues that might affect team selection or other program issues should be brought before the membership at the January meeting, so that discussions can be held and rules implemented prior to team selections.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

January 26, 2016, 7:30 pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 1/15-12/15

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 it 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**

	2/3/2015	2/24/2015	3/24/2015	4/28/2015	5/26/2015	6/23/2015	8/25/2015	9/22/2015	10/27/2015	11/17/2015	12/15/2015	11 Rolling Meeting Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon											A	1	90.91%
Central		A	A		A			A			Good Standing Attendance	4	63.64%
Ct Barons												0	100.00%
CT Northern Lights				A		A			Good Standing Attendance	A		3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears	A			Good Standing Attendance			A	A				3	72.73%
CT Riverhawks												0	100.00%
CT Wolfpack								A		A		2	81.82%
Darien										A		1	90.91%
East Haven	A			Good Standing Attendance	A							2	81.82%
Echo								A	A			2	81.82%
Enfield												0	100.00%
Gr NH										A		1	90.91%
Greenwich Blues			A			Good Standing Attendance						1	90.91%

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Greenwich Skate				A						A		2	81.82%
Griffin	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A	8	27.27%
Hamden												0	100.00%
Kent			Good Standing by Appeal	A	A				A	A		4	63.64%
Mid Fairfield												0	100.00%
New Canaan			A	Good Standing by Appeal						A		2	81.82%
Northeast			A		A							2	81.82%
Northwestern			A			A	Good Standing by Appeal					2	81.82%
Pawling	A		A		A			Good Standing Attendance		A		4	63.64%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield				A						A		2	81.82%
Salisbury	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance					A	4	63.64%
Simsbury	A			A	A			Good Standing Attendance				3	72.73%
So Windsor		A		A								2	81.82%
Southeastern										A		1	90.91%
Southern					A	Good Standing Attendance						1	90.91%
Stamford	A	A			A			Good Standing Attendance				3	72.73%
Wallingford												0	100.00%

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Watertown	A		A			Good Standing Attendance						2	81.82%
West Hartford												0	100.00%
West Haven												0	100.00%
Western		A			Good Standing Attendance	A						2	81.82%
Whalers												0	100.00%
Wizards			A		A							2	81.82%
Yale	A											1	90.91%