

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, March 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Art Blakeslee brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Avon, Central, Polar Bears, Wolfpack, Darien, Enfield, Greater New Haven, Griffin, Kent, Northeast, Southeastern, Southern and The Whalers. 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: 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 Director, Joe Dymarczyk; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; New England District, Tom Regan

GUEST PRESENTATION: Pat Fisher, speaking for the Nutmeg Games. Statewide games run in 22 different sports during the summer. There is an ice hockey tournament, from mites through midgets, being run July 26-31 at Newington Arena, and a Girls tournament for U-12 & U-14 August 4-7. Teams will get a three game guarantee. Handouts were provided for teams that wish to participate.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The January minutes as published had minor technical corrections incorporated and were then approved. The February minutes also had minor items discussed and incorporated and were then approved.

REPORTS

President: Absent

Vice President: Absent

Secretary: Attendance for several programs required Board Appeal to reinstate good standing. The following programs requested and were granted Good Standing by vote of the Membership:
Central, Northern Lights, Pawling, Salisbury, Simsbury

Treasurer:

- A reminder that tournament fee amounts are pending and will be posted to the website shortly.
- Host programs are instructed to review and are encouraged to use the ice fee invoice template that has been posted to the Documents section of the Website. Invoices presented without the required information, as well as invoices directly from rinks, will not be honored.
- Funds are still available for programs for their Grow the Game efforts, with a match of \$1 for \$1.
- The RefPay system is operating as expected. Referee payments were current through the bulk of the tournament weekends paid to date.

Website: No report

Disabled Hockey: No report

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: Tournament Central has been extremely popular, with the most hits ever on the website. With 42 days of tournaments run, there have been approximately 344,000 views. There will be an episode in the next week about sled hockey to help spread the news and give viewers an idea of what it is about. If programs (not rinks) have Learn to Skate or Learn to Play sessions coming up, send Ken the information and he will get it onto the site.

Referee in Chief: Absent

Girls: Camp invitations are going out for all age groups this week.
Tier 1 Regionals were swept by Mid Fairfield
Tier 2 Regionals, U-14 won by Casco, ME, U-16 by NH Capitals & U-19 by CT Northern Lights

Registrar:

- Patches are available for individual awards.

Coaching Education Program. Amy Landino, speaking for Bruce Wolanin: Level 4 clinics in CT and NH have been posted to the USAH site.

New England District/Team Connecticut:

- All tournaments have been completed and the representatives for CT and New England have been determined.
- The new Director of Player Development for New England is Reid Cashman.
- The Boys Development Camp will be held at Keene State. For the 2003 birth year only, a player must be registered on a CHC team and a state resident in order to try out.

Tournament Director: Tournaments are over.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig): Releases will not be granted without a destination program. There are no “wildcard” releases, and no second releases without CHC approvals. Preliminary lists of releases for next season will be sent to programs in the next week.

District Commissioners:

- Kathy Ludwig: Parent Behavior has been very problematic in recent weeks during the tournaments. Citations of instances of players using social media to taunt or bully other players is a SafeSport violation and will be handled accordingly if presented with supporting evidence.
- Brad Conlan: CHC will use video to review incidents that have been already identified by the on-ice officials. We will not take unsolicited video of events that were not called by officials and try to impose penalties based solely on those videos.
- Discussion was also held about programs following appropriate protocol for escalating issues up through their president and/or CHC Rep to bring to the appropriate CHC party, and that CHC officials would not accept complaints, observations, videos, etc. directly from parents, coaches or other non-officials of a program.
- Discussion was also held that if a team or program has specific, documentable issues with a particular referee, then that information should be sent up the program command structure and then given to Barry Zalcman to address. Issues that can be documented are definitely reviewed and taken seriously, and discipline can result if appropriate.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Shoreline Sharks:** The vote for full membership was in favor, and the Shoreline Sharks are our newest member.
- **Mites:** Connecticut has received approval for a limited schedule, beginning after December 25, 2016, allowing six full ice games plus a tournament. Jarry will be sending a letter to all Presidents with the full details from the letter from USA Hockey’s Competition Committee.
- **Putnam Youth Hockey Declaration Proposal:** Discussion was held, and it was clarified as to the level of membership of Pawling Youth Hockey, as well as the ability of Pawling and Putnam to declare at any level, based on their status as full members.
- **2017 Tournament Formats:** A discussion was held regarding the proposed implementation of CT Hockey Ratings to determine tiers. The on-line survey of the membership results were announced. Of eligible members, 7 programs voted for the Status Quo; 13 programs voted for utilizing CHR for Tier 2 and below, except for Bantam Tier 2; and 7 programs voted to utilize CHR for Tier 3 and

below, with all Tier 2 by declaration. A proposal was made by Yale to eliminate the requirement of Bantam to declare Tier 2. The Eligibility Chair noted that USA Hockey rules require National-bound teams, which includes Bantam Tier 2, to declare Tier 2. At that point, the motion was tabled without discussion. Yale then requested that the rule regarding declaration be circulated to the Presidents, and the Eligibility Chair agreed. Programs selecting option 3 were then asked whether they would support 1 or 2 if 3 was not an option, and the majority of those present and voting indicated 2. The Tournament Committee will be working to put together their proposal based on this information, with the hopes that a proposal can be presented to the membership not less than 10 days prior to the April meeting. This will allow discussion and potential action on the proposal at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Regan, as Past President, chairs the Nominating Committee, and is looking for nominations to fill the following posts:

President and Treasurer – Scheduled end of two year terms

Vice President – Special election to complete the term of Mike McCullough, who must step down as he is the new New England District Registrar.

Please contact Tom if you are interested in any of the positions.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

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

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 4/15-3/16 **** REVISED As Of 4/25/16**

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**

	4/28/2015	5/26/2015	6/23/2015	8/25/2015	9/22/2015	10/27/2015	11/17/2015	12/15/2015	1/26/2016	3/1/2016 *	3/22/2016	11 Rolling Meeting Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon								A			A	2	81.82%
Central		A			A			Good Standing Attendance		A*	A - Good Standing by Appeal	1	90.91%
Ct Barons												0	100.00%
CT Northern Lights	A		A				Good Standing Attendance	A		A*	Good Standing by Appeal	0	100.00%
CT Polar Bears	Good Standing Attendance			A	A				A	A*	A	4	63.64%
CT Riverhawks									A			1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack					A		A		A	A*	A	4	63.64%
Darien							A				A	2	81.82%
East Haven	Good Standing Attendance	A										1	90.91%
Echo					A	A						2	81.82%
Enfield											A	1	90.91%
Gr NH							A			A*	A	2	81.82%
Greenwich Blues			Good Standing Attendance							A*		0	100.00%
Greenwich Skate	A						A			Good Standing Attendance		0	100.00%

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Griffin	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A	A	A*	A	3	72.73%
Hamden												0	100.00%
Kent	A	A				A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A	1	90.91%
Mid Fairfield												0	100.00%
New Canaan	Good Standing by Appeal						A			A*		1	90.91%
Northeast		A									A	2	81.82%
Northwestern			A	Good Standing by Appeal								0	100.00%
Pawling		A			Good Standing Attendance		A				Good Standing by Appeal	0	100.00%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield	A						A					2	81.82%
Salisbury			Good Standing Attendance					A		A*	Good Standing by Appeal	0	100.00%
Simsbury	A	A			Good Standing Attendance					A*	Good Standing by Appeal	0	100.00%
Shoreline Sharks												0	100.00%
So Windsor	A											1	90.91%
Southeastern							A				A	2	81.82%
Southern		A	Good Standing Attendance									1	90.91%
Stamford		A			Good Standing Attendance						A	1	90.91%
Wallingford												0	100.00%

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