

Minutes of the CHC Presidents' Meeting, September 27, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Directors Present: All organizations represented except Northern Lights, Greenwich Skating Club, Griffin, Kent, Salisbury and Stamford. Despite the 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, Chuck Wilkinson, Secretary, Art Blakeslee, Treasurer, Michael Federico

Absent: None

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: State Registrar, Mary Turner; Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; District IV Commissioner, Bob Walker; Girls & Women's Director, Joe Dymarczyk; New England District Representative, Tom Regan; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalcman

**ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

Tabled.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A presentation was made by Josh Lastarza of SI Play, which purchased League Athletics about a year ago. SI expects that as they move forward, their focus for League Athletics will be on supporting the product as it was, developing new features and tools to make it a more powerful engine for the teams and the league.

A second presentation was made by LiveBarn. This company is installing cameras in several rinks across the state. These cameras will provide both live and on-demand feeds of hockey games in this area. Free, limited access is available for people to try out the service, and subscriptions are going to be sold for seasonal coverage.

**REPORTS**

**President:** It is critically important that all players and coaches be properly rostered, and that teams are sure that they are playing against USA Hockey compliant programs. If not, USA Hockey surplus insurance will not cover any expenses, as one program has already found out. A player was injured who was not rostered to the team on which he was playing. Due to the lack of insurance, it is likely that the program may be expected to cover excess costs and medical expenses. Programs must ensure that they are abiding by all USA Hockey rules and regulations to ensure that they are not exposing themselves to liability and their players to uninsured injury.

**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.

**Registrar:** If a player or coach is not on the roster, they are not to be on the bench or on the ice.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Women's & Girls' Hockey:** 2000 and 2003 Festival tryouts will be in Hooksett, NH October 23. The deadline for registration is October 1.

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

- Reid will remain with the New England District while coaching with the Hershey Bears.
- Tryouts for the 2000 & 2001 teams will be Sunday through Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving in Northford. Tryouts for the 2002 & 2003 teams will be in April.
- There is a Presidents and Directors meeting of the District October 16 in Portsmouth, NH
- The 18U & 16U National tournaments will be in Pittsburgh. The 14 & 15 tournament will be in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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**Webmaster:** No report.

**Disabled Hockey:** There will be a USA Hockey event in Shelton in November showcasing these inspirational players.

**Coaching Education Program:** See report attached as an addendum.

**Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig):** As usual, transfers have slowed down as the season has begun, but still are coming in. SafeSport and background checks remain a point of concern as coaches and volunteers must complete these steps in order to be eligible to work with the players.

**Referee in Chief:** Eight seminars have been held so far, with seven more remaining. The numbers for referees this year are down 13% from last year, and needs to be addressed by encouraging participation in the seminars.

November 1 is the deadline for submitting suggestions for rules changes on the USA Hockey website.

**District Commissioners:** Penalties are pouring in as usual. Fighting majors, matches and hearings are all taking up too much of the commissioners' time.

**Grow-the –Game / Marketing:** The USA Hockey 2&2 Challenge remains open for programs to participate. Gotta Love CT Hockey is asking programs to let them know if there are specific teams that want to be part of their ongoing programming.

**Tournament Committee:** The schedule for the State Tournaments has not yet been completed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The proposal to modify the language in CHC's rule regarding neck guards remains under review and was tabled until a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

The Northeast Huskies discussed a proposal to modify the Tournament Declaration rules to include another level of State Tournament beyond the Tier 4 level currently in place. Their proposal was not presented in a complete form, and they were afforded the opportunity to put their proposal into a formal document that could then be shared with the membership for consideration. That action was required to occur within two weeks after the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**October 25, 2016**

7:30pm

Italian American Club  
35 Chase Lane, West Haven