

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, March 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Chuck Wilkerson brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, Hamden, Kent, New Canaan, Pawling, Salisbury, South Windsor, Watertown, West Hartford 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: Vice President, Chick Wilkerson; 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/Women's Director, Graham Gill; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Director, Ken Dixon; Coaching Director, Bruce Wolanin; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalcman; New England District, Tom Regan

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The February minutes were approved.

REPORTS

President: Absent

Vice President: Thanks to all for all the help both during the season and throughout tournament season.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer:

- Ice bills from tournament hosts are being received, and payments will be forthcoming as tax season winds down. Please be patient. Reminder that reimbursement rate for this season is \$450/hour, and invoices must have specific information as to location, age level and total hours used.
- Grow the Game money is still available. Reimbursement of \$1 for every \$2 spent, up to \$500 to your program.

Website: No report

Disabled Hockey: No report

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: Thank you for the support all year. The Referee series was well-received and supported

- Looking for feedback and ideas for next season.
- Tournament Central has been extremely popular, with the most hits ever on the website. So far there have been approximately 410,000 page views, compared to 344,000 views in 2016 and 270,000 in 2015.
- 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:

- There have been approximately 600 games played this tournament season. There have been a few minor bumps, but for the most part, games have been played without disruption.
- Five Connecticut officials are going to Nationals to work games, evidence that our referee program is developing high quality personnel.
- Barry is preparing for summer skates designed to keep referees on skates and conditioning, preparing for the next level of referee classification.

- Fall seminars will have a stronger focus on rule changes that are approved at this summer's USA Hockey meetings.
- There will be a blast email in the near future regarding two open, one-hour sessions that will be held on How to Become an Official, to provide an overview to the process and benefits of becoming a ref.
- House Leagues, cross-ice games are the best place for young referees to learn. If a new referee is starting in Squirt B&C games, as is currently the norm given no full-ice mites, they are subject to a higher likelihood of flak and even downright abuse from coaches and parents during games.
- Level 1, 2 & 3 referees must renew their certifications. Each level has a one-year window after expiration. If it is not renewed in that time period, the individual must start over again at Level 1.
- When a referee is coming into USA Hockey, there is an effort to balance the level of their assignment with their experience as a referee in other areas of the sport.

Girls: Tier 1 Regionals were swept by Mid Fairfield
Tier 2 Regionals, U-14 won by Darien, U-16 by the Shoreline Sharks & U-19 by CT Northern Lights

Registrar:

- Patches are available for individual awards.

New England District/Team Connecticut:

- The Girls camp for '00 through '03 in Northford went well.
- The Boys '00 & '01 will be the first weekend in May in Northford.
- Boys '02 & '03 April 17-20 in Northford
- Boys' Camps in New Hampshire in June/July.
- Nationals allocations are set, with Mid Fairfield defeating the New Hampshire Monarchs at 14U, Central obtaining an at large bid at 15's, and Yale being granted an at large bid and 18U.
- The Women's National team is threatening a boycott of the Worlds in Michigan unless the issues they have brought forth to the congress can be addressed. Before the meeting ended, Tom announced that a tentative agreement had been reached and the women would play.

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. The new form for 2017-18 releases is not yet available, so please use the current 2016-17 form until the new one has been loaded to the website.

District Commissioners:

- Kathy Ludwig: Ongoing issues are still being addressed as the season ends.
- Districts 2, 3 & 4 – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2018 Tournament Formats:** A working committee will be assembled, and volunteers are sought, to prepare for the 17-18 tournament season and optional formats.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Vice President and Secretary – Scheduled end of two year terms

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

A proposal for a rule change was brought to the membership that is required to cause CHC to be in compliance with USA Hockey rules on composition of teams at the Tier 1 level. The rule proposal is attached to these minutes and will be voted on at the April meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

April 25, 2017, 7:30 pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

Rule Change Proposal 3/28/2017

USA Hockey's current rules regarding out-of-Affiliate players reads as follows:

“A sanctioned USA Hockey Member Program, as determined by the applicable Affiliate, must register all of its teams in the USA Hockey Affiliate in which the greatest percentage of the Member Program's players reside (as defined below). In addition, unless approved by the applicable Affiliates, all Teams registered within a Member Program must have the greatest percentage of team members that reside in the Affiliate where the Member Program is registered and shall comply with all applicable Affiliate Rules regarding Team Registration. An Affiliate may require that teams registered within its Affiliate have a minimum percentage of players that reside in the Affiliate (or similarly, an Affiliate may place a limitation on out-of-Affiliate or non-resident players).”

To align with USA Hockey's rules regarding out of state players on a team, we must adopt the following rule change, which will become effective with the successful vote at the April Annual Meeting:

“All Teams registered within a CHC Member Program must have the greatest percentage of team members that reside in the State of Connecticut and shall comply with all applicable Affiliate Rules regarding Team Registration. When determining residency, players who are resident at educational facilities in the State are to be considered Residents, while those attending such schools but not at resident students are not.”

As an example, a team has eight CT players, seven NY players, one NH, one RI and two international players. Since the largest number of players for any specific residency is 8 CT players, even though that is not a majority (42%), this team is considered a CT team for all purposes within USA Hockey and CHC.

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 3/16-3/17

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**

	3/22/2016	4/26/2016	5/24/2016	6/28/2016	8/23/2016	9/27/2016	10/25/2016	11/15/2016	12/13/2016	1/24/2017	2/28/2017	3/28/2017	11 Consecutive Meetings Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon	A												1	90.91%
Central	A - Good Standing by Appeal							A	A			A	3	72.73%
Ct Barons													0	100.00%
CT Northern Lights	Good Standing by Appeal					A		A			Excused		2	81.82%
CT Polar Bears	A	Good Standing by Appeal											0	100.00%
CT Riverhawks				A									1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack	A	Good Standing by Appeal					A						1	90.91%
Darien	A												1	90.91%
East Haven													0	100.00%
Echo													0	100.00%
Enfield	A			A									2	81.82%
Gr NH	A	A			Good Standing Attendance								0	100.00%
Greenwich Blues								A	A				2	81.82%
Greenwich Skate						A		A					2	81.82%
Griffin	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A			A				2	81.82%
Hamden											A	A	2	81.82%
Kent	A	A				A		A			A	A	6	45.45%

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Mid Fairfield													0	100.00%
New Canaan									A			A	2	81.82%
Northeast	A							A	A				3	72.73%
Northwestern									A				1	90.91%
Pawling	Good Standing by Appeal			A								A	2	81.82%
Putnam													0	100.00%
Ridgefield													0	100.00%
Salisbury	Good Standing by Appeal					A	A				A	A	4	63.64%
Shoreline Sharks													0	100.00%
Simsbury	Good Standing by Appeal								A				1	90.91%
Shoreline Sharks													0	100.00%
So Windsor									A			A	2	81.82%
Southeastern	A												1	90.91%
Southern							A						1	90.91%
Stamford	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A		A			A		3	72.73%
Wallingford													0	100.00%
Watertown		A										A	2	81.82%
West Hartford									A			A	2	81.82%
West Haven													0	100.00%
Western				A									1	90.91%
Whalers	A								A			A	3	72.73%
Wizards													0	100.00%
Yale							A						1	90.91%