

Minutes of the CHC Board of Directors Meeting, April 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Chuck Wilkerson brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, CT Northern Lights, CT WolfPack, Enfield, Griffin, Kent, New Canaan, Northeast, Salisbury, 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, Chuck 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; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Grow the Game Co-Director, Leslie O'Brien; Referee in Chief, Barry Zalzman; New England District, Tom Regan

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The March minutes were approved.

REPORTS

President: Absent

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer:

- Ice bills from tournament hosts are being received, and payments will be forthcoming. If you have not heard after a reasonable time, please resubmit, as it is possible emails were lost in the tax season jumble. 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.
- Quick Change Goalie equipment reimbursement is also available for one set per program.

Website: The email distribution list will be deleted soon, and all program volunteers will need to re-identify themselves on the CHC website.

Disabled Hockey: No report

Grow-the-Game / Marketing: We are planning several Meet the Coach and ADM programs over the summer to keep interest up.

Referee in Chief:

- There will be a blast email in the near future regarding three open, one-hour sessions that will be held in June on How to Become an Official, to provide an overview to the process and benefits of becoming a ref.
- There will be three summer skates designed to keep referees on skates and conditioning, preparing for the next level of referee classification. High level referees will skate and work with each group (beginner, intermediate and high level) to help them prepare for the increased skating demands.
- Fall seminars will have a stronger focus on rule changes that are approved at this summer's USA Hockey meetings. Seminars have been scheduled for August 20 in Newington and November 12 in Shelton. Two more are yet to be scheduled, one at Canterbury and the other hopefully at Choate.
- Spring hockey is in full swing, and so are the resulting penalties.

Girls: No report

Registrar:

- New proposals are being voted on at the June National meeting that would impact all Connecticut affiliate programs. Potential changes include requirements for all USA Hockey-rostered programs to be approved by the Affiliate (Connecticut) prior to beginning operation; all teams must be registered under the name of a recognized program; aliases will not be approved; Co-ops must have a declared lead program, that program must roster the team, and the team must play under that program's name; any games played under a name other than that of the affiliate-approved program will not count towards team/player game requirements, and will not be insured; the full proposal will be circulated to presidents and reps in the near future.
- Patches are available for individual awards.

New England District/Team Connecticut:

- All boys' tryouts are complete, and invitations will be going out.
- 16 & 17 boys' camp will be in Northford May 4
- For the NE District, Nationals were very successful. There were three boys team champions from CT, the Shoreline Sharks won in the Girls brackets, and Maine claimed a Tier 2 championship.

Tournament Director: We are in the early stages of drafting the rules for 2017-18, and will have something to discuss shortly.

Eligibility (Kathy Ludwig): Dealing with USA Hockey Eligibility issues. Presidents and Reps just received the spring newsletter and fact package. Please forward to any new individuals in these positions for your programs. Programs looking for players can post to the website. For individuals needing to be screened, please wait until May 1, as any screening completed before that date will count for the 2016-17 season.

District Commissioners:

- Kathy Ludwig: Ongoing issues are still being addressed as the season ends.
- Art Blakeslee: Spring Hockey does not mean the end of discipline issues.

OLD BUSINESS

- A proposal for a rule change was brought to the membership in March regarding in-state composition of teams at the Tier 1 level. The rule was passed and is attached to these minutes.
- Tom Regan, as Past President, presented the following candidates for election:
 - Chuck Wilkerson as Vice President – With no other nominations, a single vote was cast in favor
 - Art Blakeslee as Secretary – With no other nominations, a single vote was cast in favor
 - Scheduled two year terms

NEW BUSINESS

- Chase Assist and the Rangers will be cooperating with two events in CT:
 - o May 6 @ 5 pm at Ridgefield to assist the CT Storm
 - o May 20 at Terry Connors, with an alumni game, auctions
- Additionally, on April 29, the Wizards are hosting an event to benefit Charlie Capalbo, a student & goalie who was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer partway through the season.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

May 23, 2017, 7:30 pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

Rule Change Approved 4/25/17

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).”

In order 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 4/16-4/17

These are the rules regarding meeting attendance & good standing:

Article III Meetings

- 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.
- 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.
- The Annual Meeting shall be held in April, place and date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 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**

	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	4/25/2017	11 Consecutive Meetings Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon													1	90.91%
Central							A	A			A	A	3	72.73%
Ct Barons													0	100.00%
CT Northern Lights					A		A			Excused		A	3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears	Good Standing by Appeal												0	100.00%
CT Riverhawks			A										1	90.91%
CT Wolfpack	Good Standing by Appeal					A						A	2	81.82%
Darien													1	90.91%
East Haven													0	100.00%
Echo													0	100.00%
Enfield			A									A	2	81.82%
Gr NH	A			Good Standing Attendance									0	100.00%
Greenwich Blues							A	A					2	81.82%
Greenwich Skate					A		A						2	81.82%
Griffin	A			Good Standing Attendance	A			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	A	3	72.73%
Northeast							A	A				A	3	72.73%
Northwestern								A					1	90.91%
Pawling			A								A		2	81.82%
Putnam													0	100.00%
Ridgefield													0	100.00%
Salisbury					A	A				A	A	A	5	54.55%
Shoreline Sharks													0	100.00%
Simsbury								A					1	90.91%
Shoreline Sharks													0	100.00%
So Windsor								A			A		2	81.82%
Southeastern													1	90.91%
Southern						A							1	90.91%
Stamford	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%