

**CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2025, 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order** 7:00 PM

**Roll Call**

Directors present: All except Western

Board Officers present: President, Dawn Bryson; Vice President, Stephanie Secreto; Treasurer, Michael Federico;

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Girls Hockey, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner, Kendra Tompkins; NED, Chuck Wilkerson; Coaching Director, Marisa Berti; Marketing, Ken Dixon,

**Accept the minutes** A motion was made to accept the September meeting minutes, seconded, all in favor; the September meeting minutes are accepted.

**Reports**

**President:** Dawn Bryson –

New England District meeting was held on October 17th in Rhode Island.

All of the affiliate presidents all gave an update what's going on in their state.

Joseph Barbera was appointed risk manager by USA Hockey two weeks ago for our district.

Richard Oliver spoke about the tournaments and the nationals event dates being moved a week earlier than usual to accommodate the Easter holiday. New England district voted to keep the allocations tight, increase competitiveness, and this is only going to be a one-year switch to the schedule.

**Vice President:** Stephanie Secreto

**Secretary:** Vacant

Appointment of an secretary to serve the remainder of the unexpired term through April of 2027. The Executive Committee met with Shawn Conner via Zoom as he expressed interest in the position.

Motion Made to appoint Shawn Conner as Interim Secretary, Seconded and motion carries with no objection.

**Treasurer:** Michael Federico:

Thank you to all of the programs who've already sent in their tournament deposits for the 2025/2026 season. If you have not sent in your deposit, please have your treasurer send in a deposit check for \$500 per declared team. Last year's tournament cost range was 8U at \$675 and the highest was 14U \$2375.

Please ensure your deposit is received by December 15, 2025

I received our 2025/26 district grant check from the district \$30,361.00.

**Guest:**

Shelby Cios Fleming UConn Athletics shellycios@uconn.edu –

Spoke about group ticket opportunities for UConn games at Peoples Bank Arena in Hartford

**Guest:**

Joe DiMarino, Danbury HatTricks (NAHL) joedimarino@danburyhatricks.com (856) 655-3461 -

Spoke about opportunities for tickets and player appearance with the NAHL team in Danbury.

**Tournament Committee:** Matt Dutton – Not available. His report states that the tentative tournament matrix and bid packets have been sent.

**Referee in Chief:** Kevin Redding – Not Available,

State and district tournaments are upon us.

From a scheduling perspective, these are our top priority. We may have to pull officials from lower level games to make sure the playoff games are covered.

Please, get the word out to your organization that if there are concerns with officiating, they should be brought forward to your organization's CHC Rep or President. We are getting too many emails and text messages directly from parents.

There has been an abnormally high number of penalties for grabbing the face mask. The minimum penalty is a major plus game misconduct; a match penalty is warranted because that is a reckless injury potential action.

Similarly, there have been some penalties for causing an opponent's helmet to come off during an altercation. If the action is deliberate, it is a match penalty. If it is determined to be accidental, then it is a major plus a game misconduct.

**Disabled Hockey:**

Trevor Doyon expressed an interest in the role, met with the executive committee, and we welcomed him aboard.

Chuck Gridley is going to be running a disabled hockey clinic on the 17th and 18th, virtual clinic that is from 7:00 to 10:00 PM through USA Hockey.

Our goal is to gather enough youth numbers to build a youth program going forward and adult level.

**Webmaster:** Mike McCullough- Not Available No Report

**New England District/Team Connecticut:** Sarah Fraser

Traditional Dates were moved to accommodate our staff of evaluators who will be participating in tournaments at that time. CIAC Board of Control has given permission for players to participate.

Player Development Tryouts

2009/2010/2011 will be held December 27-29,

2013/2014 will be held January 12-13

2012 will be held April 20-21

**Women's & Girls' Hockey:** Vacant – please email the executive committee if interested.

**Growth Coordinator:** Dave Fritz, Not Available No Report

**Goaltending Development:** Matt Allatin – Not Available No Report

**Marketing:** – Ken Dixon – Not Available Ken is looking for videographer and photographers to provide content. Working with Anthony Capalbo on CHC project to support pediatric cancer research and treatment.

**Coaching Education Program: Marisa Berti-**

We have new coach developers, Sophia Augustinelli and Elena Orlando.

Last week we had a level 2 clinic and 58 coaches attended.

This week we are running a Level 3 clinic, and 54 coaches are registered.

On November 1st I will be posting a Level 4 clinic which will be November 17th and 19th.

On December 1st and 2nd, we will be hosting a level 1 clinic and then December 9th and 10th a level 2 clinic.

Just a reminder that all coaching clinics will need to be completed by the end of December.

Coaches will need to enter the coaching clinics through the new learning management system, not a separate Zoom Link.

**Registrar:** Mary Turner – USA Hockey will redlining on 12/31 this year.

We held two credential sessions last week on Monday and Thursday, Tier 1 15,16 and 18 and Tier 1 and Tier 2 girls 16 and 18. We certainly could not have gone through all of the books without the help of Pat Gore, Chuck, Mike McCullough, Mike Federico and Ed Rodham.

On 11/10/2025 we will be credentialing Tier 2 16 and 18 at the West Haven Italian American Club beginning at 6:00 PM.

And just one quick reminder that I say every month of every year at every CHC meeting. If a coach or a player is not on your roster, they cannot be on the bench or on the ice.

Coaches you receive a roster link for your team if you have not, please contact your program registrar, you are responsible for your roster and will be held accountable for roster issues.

**District Commissioners:** Stefanie.

Coaches you are responsible for your roster, please ensure players are serving appropriate suspensions and are indicated on scoresheets/gamesheets. Match Penalties continue to be an issue. Also please reign in your coaches and parents when appropriate as game reports indicate an increase in abuse of official.

**Eligibility Committee:** No Report

**Safe Sport:** No Report

**Player Safety Coordinator:** Mitch Beck- Not Available No Report

**Old Business:**

We're looking for three or four people to be on a bylaws draft review committee, so reach out to the executive board if you're interested in being on that.

**New Business:**

Dave Fritz was trying to get together a tryout committee, and it would be a committee that would work on setting guidelines and standards for creating uniform policies during tryouts.

**Motion to Adjourn:** At 7:50pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 7pm Zoom Only**

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<b>** 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</b>												13 Meetings	Attendance
	11/26/2024	12/17/2024	1/28/2025	2/25/2025	3/25/2025	4/22/2025	5/27/2025	6/24/2025	8/26/2025	9/23/2025	10/28/2025	Total Absences	Percentage
Watertown		A										1	92.31%
West Hartford			A		A	A	A					4	69.23%
West Haven												0	100.00%
Western											A	1	92.31%
Wonderland Wizards												0	100.00%
Yale										A		1	90.91%