

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2024, 7:00 pm Zoom only

## CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: CT Chiefs, CT Jr. Huskies, CT Jr. Rangers, East Haven, Greenwich Cardinals, New Canaan Winter Club.

Board Officers present: President, Chuck Wilkerson; Vice President, Dawn Bryson; Secretary, Stephanie Secreto; Treasurer, Mike Federico

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Website Admin, Mike McCullough; Tournament Chair, Matt Dutton; T2 Director, Dave Fritz; Girls Player Development, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner; Player Safety Rep, Mitch Beck; District Commissioners, Stefanie Mount, Bob Walker; Referee in Chief, Kevin Redding; Safe Sport Coordinator, Traci Lacoseglio; Website Admin, Mike McCullough.

**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:** Chuck Wilkerson – Mr. Tom Regan, our T1 Director, Head of our Development Camp, involved in legal counsel and many additional areas, has retired his position within USA Hockey and the New England District. He was a New England District Director and since his retirement this seat needs to be filled from Connecticut. CT represents the largest member of the district. Mr. Chuck Wilkerson has accepted this position as New England District Director representing CT and the District. As per our bylaws, in Chuck's absence, our Vice President (Dawn Bryson) will assume all duties and responsibilities of the President effective immediately. Chuck will still be available for meetings and discussions. Congratulations to Dawn Bryson on her new position. The Vice President seat will remain vacant until new elections. Both the Vice President and Secretary seats are up for election in April 2025. Chuck turned the meeting over to Dawn Bryson. He thanked all the volunteers who continue to help advance the sport year after year.

**Vice President:** Dawn Bryson- We all have the same sentiments of gratitude towards Chuck and all he has done for CHC. Dawn quoted Elizabeth Andrew "Volunteers do not always have the time; they just have the heart." This is true for all of us, but especially Chuck. We all wish Chuck well in his new position as the New England District Director. Dawn looks forward to serving in her new position as President. A few board members and CHC staff attended the New England District meeting last weekend in Vermont, reports will be discussed in each area during this meeting.

**Secretary:** Stephanie Secreto – Congratulations to both Chuck and Dawn in their new positions. Wishing them both the best in their new roles. It is important to put your name and organization in the zoom chat for attendance. It is difficult to look through pictures and guess phone numbers for attendance. If you are calling in to the meeting, please text or email me with your phone number so I can record that you are present. To receive the email for the meeting zoom links you need to be registered on the CHC website as a President or CHC representative. All organizations have access to register directly on the CHC website.

**Treasurer:** Michael Federico – Mike echoed all sentiments for Tom and Chuck. Posting new financial report. Collected \$79,839 in USA Hockey registration fees to date. Collected New England district grant of \$33K. Fee of \$500 per declared team 8u to 14u non NTB. Sent checks of \$7,679 to Vaughn for quick change goalie equipment utilizing some of the New England grant money for this. ODL information: please adhere to the 30-day notification procedure.

**Tournament Committee:** Matt Dutton- Congratulations to Chuck. If a team will be undeclared, please let Matt and Admin know as soon as possible if they are not participating in the end of season tournament. November is the deadline. We are using the list on the CHC website to put all the tournaments together in January. The CHC website needs to be accurate, please check that your teams are listed correctly on the drop-down list as declared or undeclared. Your team will be charged a tournament fee based on how they are listed on the website.

**Referee in Chief:** Kevin Redding – Congratulations to Chuck and Dawn. Recently there have been incident reports for penalties for aggressive plays not related to hockey play. These will be penalized appropriately and have no place in hockey. Please have general feedback run through reps and presidents and they can relay back to Kevin.

Considering the fact, we may not have access to video please make sure the penalties are very articulate and narrative for incident reports.

**Disabled Hockey:** Vacant

**Webmaster:** Mike McCullough- Please ensure that your teams are listed accurately on the CHC website. If a team is not listed correctly, please reach out asap. For T1 and T2 states, we may be removing some non-league games from website. The CHC website should only be used for league games. Non-league games should be posted on the organization's website. We are in year two of a two-year contract with Crossbar and it will be renewed yearly after the first contract ends. The website reflects changes within several hours, if after that you don't see your changes please reach out to Mike. Email [admin@chchockey.org](mailto:admin@chchockey.org) for any corrections regarding scores.

**New England District/Team Connecticut:** Sara Fraser – Expressed gratitude for Tom's work. Team CT tryout dates for 2008, 09, 10 will be Nov 24-26<sup>th</sup>, registration opens shortly. Will be emailed out. 2011 tryouts in April. 2012 and 2013 birth years will be January 12,13 and 20<sup>th</sup>. New England camps will be in Simsbury this year April 17-20.

**Women's & Girls' Hockey:** Ed Rodham – Sent up date via email to girls committee with all State playoff dates. Any questions please reach out.

**Growth Coordinator:** Dave Fritz – Uptick in Learn to Play as we have Try Hockey for Free day coming up in the first week in November. Will send out all marketing and advertising for this event. We are looking to do an event with professional franchises in January at a Try Hockey for Free Day sponsored by both the Wolfpack and Bridgeport Islanders. Good turnout at various rinks for the Learn to Skate programs. Our numbers are where they were pre-covid. Some mite parents have let us know they have kids playing goalie the entire season. USA Hockey would like all the players to try the goalie position and for those interested in goalie position to skate out as well. Discussion regarding level playing at T2 level. To avoid large goal differentials leading to problems on the ice.

**Goaltending Development:** No report

**Marketing:** – no report

**Coaching Education Program:** No report.

**Registrar:** Mary Turner – Book credentialling 6-9pm T1 Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, for 15o, 16u, 18u. For T2 16 and 18 the book credentialling is Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> 7-9. These meetings are at the IA club in West Haven.

**District Commissioners:** Reminder to all organizations/coaches/managers that you are required to maintain all scoresheets regardless of declared or undeclared status of teams. Coaches, please manage your players and parents. This year we have seen a record number of hearings, especially at the Midget level. For clarification, for fighting USA Hockey assesses a one game suspension, CHC assesses another game suspension. There is a two-game suspension for fighting regardless of where (in or out of state) or who (league or non-league) your team is playing. Discussion on need for Black Bear TV video access to review penalties since Live Barn was turned off Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe Sport:** Traci Lacoseglio – Congratulations to Chuck and Dawn. Eight active cases. Four of which are code of conduct issues, not safe sport. Please review your code of conduct policies with your coaches, players and parents. Make sure to document any warnings given for code of conduct violations and any disciplinary actions. Pleased with how programs are responding to these issues (impressed with proactive response at Central).

**Player Safety Coordinator:** Mitch Beck- Please post placards of concussion protocols in all rinks. Please send email to Mitch on anyone that has been concussed, just including their ages. All coaches should have a concussion protocol card to carry with them. Please email [coachmitchbeck@gmail.com](mailto:coachmitchbeck@gmail.com) to let Mitch know how many you need.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** At 8:09 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in-person only, 7:30pm

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 11/28/23 - 10/22/24

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, Policies 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												11 Consecutive Meetings	Attendance
	11/28/2023	12/19/2023	1/23/2024	2/27/2024	3/26/2024	4/23/2024	5/28/2024	6/25/2024	8/27/2024	9/24/2024	10/22/2024	Total Absences	Percentage
Avon					A	A			A			3	72.73%
Central					A	A						2	81.82%
CT Chiefs				A	A			A	A		A	5	54.55%
CT Clippers (Whalers)			A				A					2	81.82%
CT Gamechange				A	Voted in Good Standing							0	100.00%
CT Hat Tricks												0	100.00%
CT Jr. Huskies										A	A	2	81.82%
CT Jr. Rangers					A		A		A		A	4	63.64%
CT Polar Bears		A			A							2	81.82%
CT Riverhawks					A	A		A	A			4	63.64%
Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks (Jr Whalers)			Good Standing									0	100.00%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven		Good Standing		A		A					A	3	72.73%
Echo									A			1	90.91%
Elite	A	A	A	A	A	Voted back in good standing	A	A				2	81.82%
Enfield		A		A								2	81.82%
Greater New Haven								A		A		2	81.82%
Greenwich Cardinals		A	Voted In Good Standing	A	A	A			A		A	5	54.55%
Greenwich Skating Club	A		Voted In Good Standing			A			A			2	81.82%
Hamden	A		Voted In Good Standing		A							1	90.91%
Hartford Jr. Wolfpack												0	100.00%
Mid Fairfield								A	A			2	81.82%
New Canaan		A	A		A	A	A			A	A	7	36.36%
Northern CT Hockey			A									1	90.91%
Northwestern				A			A					2	81.82%
Norwich HC												0	100.00%
Pawling				A		A	A			Good Standing		0	100.00%
Putnam		A										1	90.91%
Ridgefield				A	A				A	A		4	63.64%
Salisbury	Good Standing	A		A		A			A			4	63.64%
Shoreline Sharks						A						1	90.91%
Simsbury			A						A			2	81.82%
South Windsor												0	100.00%
Southeastern												0	100.00%
Southern					A							1	90.91%
Stamford			Good Standing		A				A			2	81.82%
Wallingford												0	100.00%
Watertown												0	100.00%
West Hartford	A	A			A			Good Standing	A			1	90.91%

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