

CHC Board of Directors Presidents Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2024, In-Person 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: Avon, CT Chiefs, CT Jr. Rangers, CT Riverhawks, Echo, Greenwich Cardinals, Greenwich Skating Club, Mid Fairfield, Norwich Hockey Club, Ridgefield, Salisbury, Simsbury, Stamford, West Hartford, West Haven.

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; Asst. Safe Sport Coordinator, James Carney; T2 Director, Dave Fritz; 12U Director, Sarah Waddle; Girls Player Development, Ed Rodham; Referee in Chief, Kevin Redding; Registrar, Mary Turner; Coach in Chief, Mark Knapp; Discipline Commissioner, Stefanie Mount;

Guests present: Mick Arena, Hockey Development Coordinator- Hartford Wolfpack; Tye Mill, Noah Decaminada, Ticket Sales Manager, Bridgeport Islanders

ACCEPT THE MINUTES A motion was made to accept the June meeting minutes, seconded, all in favor. The June meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORTS

President: Chuck Wilkerson – Welcome to the 2024/2025 season, thank you to all the volunteers your efforts are appreciated. Continued discussion of tryout rule. There may not be a one-size fits all solution and we welcome all suggestions to keep this conversation going to be able to implement next season.

Vice President: Dawn Bryson-No report

Secretary: Stephanie Secreto – Please sign in on provided attendance sheets to record attendance. PDFs of Coaching requirements are located on the table and a link was emailed to all Presidents and Reps. The coaching requirements and all associated links to USA Hockey can be found on the CHC Website under the Resources tab, For Coaches.

Treasurer: Michael Federico – Fiscal year ends August 31st. Financials handout provided to all. Discussed predicted shortfall, largely based on teams pulling out of tournaments at the last minute due to varying reasons. Going forward if a team backs out at the last minute, the billing will still go out. If you think your team is not able to attend, please notify Matt Dutton, admin@chchockey.org and the executive board early so we can plan accordingly. The deadline is in October. The reimbursement ice fee has been increased to \$525 in recognition of the ice prices going up. USA Hockey requires trainers at Regionals, the cost was over 20K for this.

Guest: Mick Arena, Hockey Development Coordinator- Hartford Wolfpack – Preliminary experiences offered for all levels and groups. Handed out flyers. Please reach out to Mick with interest for your organization.

Guest: Tye Mill, Noah Decaminada, Ticket Sales Manager, Bridgeport Islanders- Offers intermission skates and preliminary games at Total Mortgage Arena. Will help with referees. Enter to win 14-person suite, can bring team. Mite jamboree on October 6th, looking for a few more mites' teams. The package comes with home opener tickets for Oct 12th. Schedule is on the back of the packet handed out. Please reach out to Tye for further information.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton- Discussion of regional requirements and possible changes as some teams mentioned concerns in meeting them. There are currently 10 regions, we can look at consolidating into fewer regions, or other suggestions that could help. The committee will continue to review throughout this season to come up with different possibilities as this season's schedules have been completed. Already. Discussed why the requirements were put in place for the benefit of all, the cancellation policy and the possibility to revisit the requirements for next season. If anyone is having trouble scheduling games, please reach out.

Referee in Chief: Kevin Redding - Discussed retention of young officials and why some are getting only a few games per month. Discussed parent behavior issues, yelling at officials. Please email Kevin at ctric@chchockey.org with escalated issues. To help officiating schedules please use block scheduling. Will be setting up meetings with the

five officiating organizations within the state to discuss issues. Neck laceration guards are required for everyone, all levels, all players, all states. Registration date to become an official closes Oct 31st, must complete all requirements by Dec 31st. Seminars are on zoom, on-ice requirement sessions with mentors will be handled by the five regional officiating families. To date we have 500 registered officials, up 30% over last year. Need to avoid conflict of interest officiating when also a coach at same level.

Disabled Hockey: Vacant

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- Updated list of missing contacts on the CHC website. Still missing names for a few organizations. Please get the information in to Mike ASAP. Declarations, all NTB teams have been declared, 95% finished. Need to get all the rest registered on the CHC website by end of this week. For NTB 14u and older teams the league games will be using Gamesheet. The goal is for all state tournaments to be done in Gamesheet and tournament central be hosted on CHC website. Currently we don't have bracket view but that is the goal.

Deposits of \$1,500 due for T1, T2, youth by Sept 15 per declared TB team at ages: 18,16,15,14. If deposit isn't received the team will no longer be T1, T2 TB.

New England District/Team Connecticut: No report

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Ed Rodham – Committee meeting last night. This committee is open to all organizations. 16 programs, 80 teams this year. T3 has 17 teams across all age groups. T3 will fall under CGHL. Still taking declarations if anyone else is interested in T3. Goalie shortage seems to be getting worse.

Growth Coordinator: Dave Fritz _ Developing a training program for parents of u6, u8. This program will cover volunteerism, training, expectations of what comes next, parent managers, and more for youth hockey. Learn to play programs, 20% retention. Deck hockey in Leominster in July had 63 teams. Mylec is willing to help promote this in CT. East Haven has deck hockey. Can now look at forming leagues and tournaments. Getting the kids to be active during the summer with other activities is beneficial. The goal for USA Hockey in 2030 is to have 50% of goalies in NHL be from USA. We need training for Gamesheet. At U14, 16, 18 games sometimes Gamesheet isn't filled out correctly. The u8 is still half ice until further notice. Chuck will request a waiver for this season, like last season, in the hopes it will be approved for another 10-game exception after January 1st

Goaltending Development: Matt Allatin- report provided. Successful completion of the goalie clinic August 5th at Newington with 25 goalies. Coordinating with Vaughn again this year for quick change goalie gear. Planning zoom call to discuss goaltender development with CHC organizations. Planning zoom call with goalie parents to provide symposium feedback. Please reach out to Matt with any goalie questions.

Marketing: – no report

Coaching Education Program: Mark Knapp- All coaches need to complete their age modules before they get on the ice this year. Coaching Requirement check list PDFs were provided, a link was sent to all organizations and all coaching requirements can be found on the CHC website under Resources, For Coaches. There are deadlines that need to be met for each requirement, this information needs to be forwarded to all coaches early. Please email Mark.KnappUSAH@gmail.com with any questions.

Registrar: Mary Turner –The Registrars' meeting was held last month. They are up to date on all the regulations and procedures. For 14u and older T1, T2 youth and girls the Gamesheets must be printed alphabetically by last name (not by jersey number). Game sheet label stickers on paper must also be alphabetical by last name (not jersey numbers). If a player or coach is not on a roster they cannot be on the bench or ice for a game. Suspension can be up to a year. Please include the coaches' CEP number on the printed score sheets, officials check these.

District Commissioners: Stefanie Mount-Two new commissioners are welcomed, Bryan Flemming and Chris Pimental. Their information will be added to the CHC website. There were about 10 hearings 2 seasons ago. Last season there were about 20 hearings. If a player is tossed from a game, at the very least they are suspended from the next game. For fighting USA Hockey assesses a 1 game penalty, CT imposes an additional game penalty. Please reach out to your president if you have any questions. Undeclared teams are still required to provide a scoresheet, your manager should be keeping all scoresheets. Abuse of officials is not tolerated by parents, coaches, players. ID skates are not allowed per USA Hockey rules, please forward any information to Commissioners.

Eligibility/Releases: Mike Federico – Discussed the ODL (Outstanding Debt List). If player/parent signed a commitment letter they will have to pay the program or a settlement payment. If you are a program that has a player that owes money you must follow the guidelines and policy on the CHC website. There is an intake form that needs to be filled out as well. Programs need to check the ODL list on the website to make sure they don't roster a player that is on that list.

Safe Sport: James Carney – Issues with locker-room monitors discussed as well as cell phones. If you have any issues, please contact Traci or James. Contact for advice or help in determining if it's SafeSport or code of conduct issues.

Player Safety Coordinator: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 9:44 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 24, 2024, zoom-only, 7pm

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 9/26/23 - 8/27/24

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, Policies 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												11 Consecutive Meetings	Attendance
	9/26/2023	10/24/2023	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	Total Absences	Percentage
Avon	A						A	A			A	4	63.64%
Central							A	A				2	81.82%
CT Chiefs						A	A			A	A	4	63.64%
CT Gamechange						A	Voted in Good Standing					0	100.00%
CT Hat Tricks												0	100.00%
CT Jr. Huskies												0	100.00%
CT Jr. Rangers							A		A		A	3	72.73%
CT Northern Lights					A							1	90.91%
CT Polar Bears				A			A					2	81.82%
CT Riverhawks							A	A		A	A	4	63.64%
Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks (Jr Whalers)		A			Good Standing							0	100.00%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven	A			Good Standing		A		A				2	81.82%
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		1	90.91%
Greenwich Cardinals				A	Voted In Good Standing	A	A	A			A	4	63.64%
Greenwich Skating Club		A	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			5	54.55%
Northwestern						A			A			2	81.82%
Norwich HC											A	1	90.91%
Pawling	A					A		A	A			4	63.64%
Putnam				A								1	90.91%
Ridgefield	Good Standing					A	A				A	3	72.73%
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					A					2	81.82%
Stamford		A			Good Standing		A				A	2	81.82%
Wallingford												0	100.00%
Watertown												0	100.00%
West Hartford			A	A			A				A	4	63.64%
West Haven								A			A	2	81.82%

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