

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025, 7:00 pm Zoom only

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: CT Chiefs, ECHO, Greenwich Cardinals, Southern

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

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Website Admin, Mike McCullough; District Commissioners, Stefanie Mount, Bob Walker; Grow the Game Director, Dave Fritz; Tournament Director, Matt Dutton; Girls Player Development, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner; Goaltender Development, Matthew Allatin; Referee in Chief, Kevin Redding; New England District, Sarah Fraser; Safe Sport, James Carney; NED, Chuck Wilkerson

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

REPORTS

President: Dawn Bryson - The roles of Secretary and Vice President are up for election in April. Please email Chuck Wilkerson (Nominating Chair) if you are interested or to nominate someone.

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Stephanie Secreto – Please sign in zoom chat to be recorded as present at the meeting.

Treasurer: Michael Federico – Gearing up for tournaments. Billing will be done based on allocations provided. If you are hosting a tournament, send in an invoice or use the template on CHC website. Please keep different tournaments separated.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton- Appreciation for all the volunteers at the tournaments. Organizations need to remind parents to be respectful of the officials and display proper behavior at games. This past weekend at 10 u tournaments there were reports of egregious adult behavior.

Referee in Chief: Kevin Redding - USA Hockey does not allow the use of video replay for anything other than determining suspensions under supplementary discipline. Throughout the tournaments we are covering 496 games, 992 official assignments. There will be young officials. We expect parents and players to behave appropriately. There were reports of parents verbally accosting officials at 8 u jamborees. Officials have the authority to clear out the stands if there is inappropriate behavior. This can be found in the Rule Book, zero tolerance section, under parents/spectators. Organizations need to manage their parents' behaviors and expectations at games. Coaches need to inform players to keep their helmets on when going on the ice at the end of the game for any celebrations. Organizations, please pass this information along to all your teams.

Disabled Hockey: Vacant – If you are interested, please email the Executive Board.

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- If your teams already have iPads they can use them, CHC has a few. GameSheets require players to have numbers. At the start of tournament each team will need to go into their roster and update all players with a number. If you are a tournament director and see an issue with gamesheets please let Mike know what needs to be changed/updated.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Sarah Fraser – Registration is open for 2011 birthyear on website. The 12 and 13 futures camp selections have been notified. The 08,09,10 birth years are still awaiting invitations, they haven't been sent out yet.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Ed Rodham - Congratulations to MFF 12uT1 and CTPB 12uT2 on State Titles. Hamden will also advance to 12uT2 Regionals. Finals were well officiated, thank you to Kevin and Barry. Invites sent for 2012/2013 birth years, camp will be in NH March 21-23. National camp tryouts will be in Marlboro, April 18-20 for birth years 2008,09,10,11.

Growth Coordinator: Dave Fritz – Try Hockey for Free was this past weekend. Overall, it was a fair experience. Kids posted wearing their hockey jerseys to school to promote the event. Instruction for parents should happen when kids start at 6u with expectations for behavior.

Goaltending Development: Matt Allatin not present– Report forwarded to Stephanie Secreto. We had a Try Goalie Event with 28 kids. Organizations, please review tryout registration, if you know you will have a goalie shortage at specific age levels please let Matt know so he can reach out to goalie parents.

Marketing: – vacant

Coaching Education Program: Mark Knapp - no report.

Registrar: Mary Turner - Appreciation for Sarah Fraser, Kendra Tompkins, Pat Gore, Ed Rodham for assisting with credentialing girls' books. Received multiple emails from parents, there will be goalie shortage and dual rostered goalies. If there is a USA Hockey approved roster with an emergency goalie listed, Mary has reviewed and approved.

District Commissioners: Stefanie Mount - There were 5 match penalties this past weekend and assaults on officials, as well as adults fighting. USA Hockey has a zero-tolerance policy. Everyone was asked to sign a code of conduct. There were several physical altercations at a 10u hockey game involving adults. All organizations need to remind their teams this behavior will not be tolerated. Bob Walker announced this would be his last season. He thanked all the organizations for working with him and being very cooperative over the years.

Eligibility Committee: No report

Safe Sport: James Carney – Training needed to recognize difference between safe sport and code of conduct issues.

Player Safety Coordinator: Mitch Beck- No report

OLD BUSINESS: Riverhawks proposal is off the agenda for this evening. Brandon Johnson and Anthony Guisto discussed and forwarded a proposal to the Rules Committee regarding a U16/U18 below T2 State Tournament Division. This will be addressed within the tournament committee declarations. Organizations, please poll programs for interest.

NEW BUSINESS: Yale Girls' Proposal – The T1 rule can't be less strict than USA Hockey rules, therefore it can't be modified at the CHC level. The T2 language is to be reviewed and restructured by Mike McCullough and Ed Rodham. Once complete, it will be sent to Yale for approval and circulated to all for review to lead to discussion at the next meeting. The Hat Tricks proposal is for girls to follow the same rule as youth whereas you can't declare both T1 and T2 in the same age category for 2026/2027 season. The Rules Committee has reviewed and will put language together for circulation. Mike McCullough to pull and review data reviewing T2 to T1 movement at 14,16 and 19 age level Tournament Bound over several years to look at development. Mike to forward proposal for circulation to membership.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 8:43pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 25, 2025, zoom only 7:00pm

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 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**

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11 Consecutive Meetings	Attendance
Total Absences	Percentage
1	90.91%
2	81.82%
2	81.82%
1	90.91%
0	100.00%
1	90.91%