

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024, 7:00 pm Zoom only

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except: Elite, Enfield, Norwich Hockey Club, Salisbury, Watertown.

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

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Girls Player Development, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner; Player Safety Rep, Mitch Beck; District Commissioners, Stefanie Mount, Bob Walker, Brian Flemming; Referee in Chief NED, Barry Zalcman; Website Admin, Mike McCullough; New England District, Sarah Fraser, Chuck Wilkerson; 12U Director, Sarah Waddle;

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

REPORTS

President: Dawn Bryson

Vice President: Vacant

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

Treasurer: Michael Federico – Financial report provided via email. Any questions please reach out to Mike.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton- Report provided. Tournament matrix completed. Rankings need to be updated still.

Referee in Chief: Kevin Redding – Barry Zalcman provided report. Certification requirements close on 12/31. Registration closed on 10/30. There are 802 registered, 337/802 are brand new level ones. Full-ice mites' games are a good opportunity to get the new level one officials on the ice. Attended T2 boys and girls in New Haven and Newington. The coaches, players and parents were fantastic. Thank you to all the organizations for helping to keep the calm, even during lopsided games. The officiating groups as recognized by CHC (Barry Zalcman RIC NED and Kevin Redding RIC CT) are Southeastern, HRACT, IHONC, Stripes, CCHRA, and CT Statewide.

Disabled Hockey: Vacant

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- Dawn Bryson provided report. Will be using GameSheet for all the state games. We have acquired 13 iPads to be set up for the CHC state tournaments. Tournament Central will be on the website. Please email Mike with any questions.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Sara Fraser – Completed tryouts for '08,'09, and '10s. Next up will be '12 and '13s. Those dates are Sunday January 12th for 2013 birthyear and Monday January 13th for the 2012 birthyear. Monday January 20th will be for both birth years. These dates will be posted on the CHC website as well. Registration invitations will go out to everyone registered in the appropriate zip codes through the USA Hockey system. Reminder email will go out through the CHC system via Mike McCullough. As CHC representatives please pass this information on to your organizations.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: Ed Rodham – CT Futures (2012s and 2013s) will take place at Northford this weekend. Group information and scheduling will go out to all the players tomorrow. Congratulations to the girls' winners, MFF u16, CT Northern lights u19, Congratulations to CT PB and MFF at 16T2 for advancing to Regionals as well as Northern lights and MFF at 19T2. Congratulations to the Shoreline Sharks as the first girls' T3 winner.

Growth Coordinator: No report

Goaltending Development: No report.

Marketing: – vacant

Coaching Education Program: Get coaches signed up for classes before 12/31. Direct any questions to Mark Knapp.

Registrar: Mary Turner – Rosters freeze on 12/31. Any coaches whose certifications expire before the end of year will be redlined. Mite coaches can still coach with expired CEP. First year coaches can stay on mite roster without a CEP but not any other age level. We have a serious shortage of goalies in the state. There will be goalies participating in more than one state tournament to enable the kids to play. We won't have any goalies playing down. Full ice mites are for 2016 birth year only. Registrars will need to complete a new roster for the full ice mites so that there is only 2016 birth year on that roster. Dave Fritz will reach out to organizations. Question on if full-ice mites' program will be conducted again this year, yes, Dave Fritz will be coordinating.

District Commissioners: Bob Walker - A fight is a two-game suspension, automatic. A game misconduct is a one game suspension, automatic, whether you receive an email from a commissioner or not. It is up to the organization to police this. If a player plays when he is suspended, he is an ineligible player and there are serious consequences. If a coach is not at a game, please draw a line on sheet and state "not present". When someone is subject of disciplinary hearing each organization needs to have a representative present to guide their player and parents through the hearing process.

Safe Sport: No report

Player Safety Coordinator: Mitch Beck- Three teams picked up concussion protocol items. All organizations need to contact Mitch to pick up these important items for their head coaches. Coaches should wear neck lacerations guards as an example and a good message for their players. Mitch reminded everyone that he does not handle disciplinary items and that they should go through their organizations first.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Proposal submitted by Michael Serricchio and distributed to all regarding non-national bound team tryouts. Proposal summary: All CHC Youth and Girls Non-National Bound teams (squirrels, peewees, bantams) cannot hold tryouts for next season until 4pm Eastern one day after the conclusion of youth and girls state tournaments. This allows state tournaments to conclude, and players do not have to run to tryouts during tournaments. This would allow for fair and equitable tryouts. i.e. this year, March 17th 4pm. Discussion was had regarding concern for outlying programs that skate out of private rinks and prep schools as they pull up ice early (not available after state tournaments). Also, a concern for border states that would have tryouts earlier. Discussion on having this apply as an affiliate rule and not just a league rule so that all teams in CT would have same tryout date. Tryout ice is booked already for some organizations making this proposal not feasible for this March, but perhaps for the 2026/2027 season. This may allow for organizations to obtain later/different ice. CHC reps please bring this proposal information back to your organizations for discussion. Michael Serricchio to gather the notes and information from today's discussion and review proposal details and feasibility for '26/27 season.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 7:53 pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 28, 2024, zoom only 7:00pm

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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**

	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	11/26/2024	12/17/2024	11 Consecutive Meetings	Attendance
												Total Absences	Percentage
Avon			A	A			A					3	72.73%
Central			A	A								2	81.82%
CT Chiefs		A	A			A	A					4	63.64%
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					3	72.73%
CT Polar Bears			A									1	90.91%
CT Riverhawks			A	A		A	A				Good Standing	0	100.00%
Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks (Jr Whalers)	Good Standing											0	100.00%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven		A		A					A			3	72.73%
Echo							A					1	90.91%
Elite	A	A	A	Voted back in good standing	A	A				A	A	4	63.64%
Enfield		A									A	2	81.82%
Greater New Haven						A		A				2	81.82%
Greenwich Cardinals	Voted In Good Standing	A	A	A			A		A	A		7	36.36%
Greenwich Skating Club	Voted In Good Standing			A			A					2	81.82%
Hamden	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			6	45.45%
Northern CT Hockey	A											1	90.91%
Northwestern		A			A							2	81.82%
Norwich HC											A	1	90.91%
Pawling		A		A	A			Good Standing				0	100.00%
Putnam												0	100.00%
Ridgefield		A	A				A	A		Voted in Good Standing		0	100.00%
Salisbury		A		A			A			Voted in Good Standing	A	1	90.91%
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%

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