

CHC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2025, 7:30 In Person Only

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

Directors present: All except Central, Greenwich Cardinals, MidFairfield, New Canaan Winter Club, Northwestern, Salisbury, Simsbury, Stamford.

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

Other CHC Officials (non-voting) present: Website Admin, Eligibility, Mike McCullough; Tournament Director, Matt Dutton; Girls Hockey, Ed Rodham; Registrar, Mary Turner, Kendra Tompkins; NED, Chuck Wilkerson; Growth Coordinator, Dave Fritz; Player Safety, Mitch Beck; Coaching Director, Marisa Berti; Marketing, Ken Dixon,

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: Dawn Bryson – Welcome to the 2025-2026 season

Vice President: Stephanie Secreto

Secretary:

Treasurer: Michael Federico: If you have NTB team T1 or T2 deposits are due Sept 15. If a deposit (\$1,500) is not received, teams will be undeclared. Regular season (not NTB) deposits of \$500 per team are due. Check website for ODL and guidelines on how to handle.

Guest: Jason Guerriero, USA Hockey Player Development Manager New England District: Jason gave presentation to all on USA Hockey Player Development coaching strategies discussing ADM model. Please reach out to Jason for additional support.

Guest: Anthony Capalbo: Presentation in support and awareness of pediatric leukemia cancer research and bone marrow registry in honor of the life of his son, a CT hockey goalie, Charlie Capalbo. On Sunday, October 5th, 2025 there is an opportunity to help raise funds at the Boston Marathon Walk where proceeds go to Dana–Farber.

Guest: Larry Rocha, USA Hockey New England District Coach-in-Chief: Marisa Berti was introduced as the new CT Associate Coach-in-Chief. Congratulations on your well-deserved appointment . We look forward to working with Marisa this season. Mark Knapp will stay on as a coach developer for the clinics. There is a new system to get on to the new LMS (Learning Management System) for coaches and they will need Single Sign On (SSO). If a coach is staying at 8u only they can stay at same certification level.

Guest: Tye Mill, Mark Havira, Bridgeport Islanders: Fundraisers at the Arena with intermission skates. Other on ice experiences include playing games on ice before a game at Bridgeport. Mite Jamborees that include tickets to a game. Please reach out to Tye and Mark for more information.

Tournament Committee: Matt Dutton – Declarations were sent out. Season starts September 1st. The season ends on Feb 8, 2026. Please email Matt with any questions.

Referee in Chief:

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

Webmaster: Mike McCullough- NTB declarations, most teams are now registered. We have over 400 teams registered, scheduling has begun. If you change a declaration, please let Matt Dutton and Mike M know. T1 schedules are loaded into game sheets. T2 is almost finished. Only league games get posted on the website.

New England District/Team Connecticut: Mike McCullough reporting for Sarah. Regionals for T1 start Thursday, November 6 through November 9th. T2 no regionals. Player Development 15, 16, 17s will be held the week between Christmas and New Year, December 27-29, not the week of Thanksgiving as in the past. Futures tryouts are January 12-13. Registrations will open shortly. The 14s tryouts are April 20-21.

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

Growth Coordinator: Dave Fritz, Try hockey for free date is Sept 13th.

Goaltending Development: Matt Allatin – Goalie development numbers are up 10%. Held successful clinic with D1 guest speakers. A few events planned for the fall. Please reach out for any quick-change equipment that is needed.

Marketing: – Ken Dixon – Gotta Love CT Hockey was started to provide education and entertainment through videos. Please reach out with anything going on in your organizations for highlights. Will be looking Learn to skate programs.

Coaching Education Program: Marisa Berti- Dates set for coaching clinics this fall. There will be one in September, two in October, one in November, and two in December. You will receive reminder emails for your sessions. Please reach out to Marisa with any questions.

Registrar: Mary Turner – Reminder if a player or coach is not on a roster they cannot be on the bench or ice. Coaches need to manage the accuracy of their rosters to avoid problems when credentialling. Safe sport needs to be done on time or coaches and players will be automatically redlined. A new requirement from USAH is board of directors rosters are needed before approval of team rosters. Credentialling is October 20 & 22.

District Commissioners: Mary T reporting for Stefanie. Reminder if game misconduct on scoresheet and suspension is due. Please submit presidents contact information on your website.

Eligibility Committee:

Safe Sport:

Player Safety Coordinator: Mitch Beck- Concussion information was sent to all. Please send the name and number of the organization's player safety rep to Mitch.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Rodham discussed the new CHC rules document. This document was sent to all. Steve Stapleton, Legal Counsel USA Hockey, further discussed this document presented at this meeting to be voted on next meeting. Email went out for New England District Risk Management position, if anyone is interested, please let Dawn Bryson know.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: At 9:40pm, with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 7pm Zoom Only

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