

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, CT Riverhawks, ECHO, Hartford Jr. Wolfpack, Kent, New Canaan, Salisbury, Western and the Whalers. Notwithstanding these absences, a Quorum is satisfied. The attendance log reflecting tonight's attendance is made as an attachment to these minutes.

Board Officers Present: President, Jarry Rasmussen; Vice President, Chuck Wilkerson; Secretary, Art Blakeslee

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Registrar, Mary Turner; Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Girls/Women's Director, Graham Gill; Marketing/Grow the Game, Ken Dixon; Coaching Director, Bruce Wolanin; New England District Representative, Tom Regan.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The January minutes were approved. February is still pending.

PRESENTATIONS

- Pat Fisher of the Nutmeg Games discussed the upcoming Hockey Tournament that is part of this event. Games will be held July 23 through July 29, 2018 at Newington Arena. These games have been growing each year. Programs are encouraged to form teams or have their fall '18 teams participate. This is a great opportunity to have teams begin bonding before the season and build camaraderie.

REPORTS

President:

- Steve Stapleton is currently representing CHC on some issues as our counsel. Steve has also represented Michigan, Texas and Utah affiliates on similar matters with good success.
- CHC has also been requested to release certain information related to a civil suit. We are reviewing the request with counsel to determine what our obligations are.
- CHC is reviewing and updating its Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules. This process is somewhat overdue, as we have several provisions that are no longer applicable, and the overall operating environment has changed significantly in recent years, and our governing documents need to reflect this fact. We are planning to present suggested changes at the April We are seeking volunteers to join the committee. All comments, edits and suggestions should be sent to Art Blakeslee as Secretary, by email at artblakeslee@chchockey.org.
- Tournament season has ended. The process seems to be getting better every year, with competitive play and few incidents. With over 600 teams playing, there were less than a half dozen issues. The Tournament Committee and all of the related volunteers are to be commended.
- The annual Player Registration fee will be increasing to \$8.50 for the coming season. This is still one of the lower fees for affiliates, and is still below levels previously charged in Connecticut. This increase is necessary to cover unfunded mandates from USA Hockey, such as the Goalie initiative, as well as unanticipated expenses.
- Three programs availed themselves of the Referee Mentoring program, where CHC paid for an "extra" referee to work selected games, to improve utilization and experience for these newer referees. While this was a good start, we are hopeful that more programs will utilize this benefit next season.
- Discussions continue with SNY as they move forward to the Constitution Cup with Sacred Heart, Yale, UConn and Quinnipiac. CHC participation may include pregame games, ticket packages, our own tournament run in conjunction, mite jamborees, etc.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Absent

Referee in Chief: Jarry reported for Barry that some issues with referee performance and discipline.

Disabled Hockey: Absent

Webmaster: 6-8 programs have yet to respond to requests for tryout dates and the Tier 2 opt-out option. 8 programs so far have opted out of Tier 2.

New England District/Team Connecticut: The 17 & 16 camps will be Easter weekend in Marlborough. The 14 & 13 evaluations will be in Northford 4/15-17. The girls camp in Northford March 23-25 went well. The crew on hand was efficient and effective.

Tier 1: CT will be represented by the following Tier 1 Boys teams: 14U – Mid Fairfield; 15 Only, Central Connecticut; 16U, Central Connecticut; 18U, Yale won the Regional to advance, but both Central Connecticut and Mid Fairfield received at large bids.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: The following teams will be representing Connecticut at Nationals: Tier 1 19U, CT Polar Bears, 16U Mid Fairfield, and 14U Mid Fairfield. At Tier 2 14U, the Wolfpack will represent Connecticut, while the Shoreline Sharks will do the same at 16U.

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: Tournament Central so far has seen a 9% increase over last season's total, with over 450,000 page views. Additionally, viewers are staying on pages longer than before. Additionally, we have been receiving positive feedback on programming from USA Hockey and our own GLCTH programs.

Coaching Education Program. Overall, the seminars were very effective. Specifically, the late Level 1 program was very well received. No shows are still a problem, resulting in empty chairs while others have been turned away due to a lack of available seats.

Registrar:

- All appropriate team books have been credentialed for the National tournament. Spring team rosters are also being submitted and processed.

District Commissioners: All has been relatively quiet.

Eligibility/Releases/Safe Sport: No screening for coaches, administrators or other volunteers should be processed before May 1. Any screening done before that date will be applied to the 2017-2018 season, meaning that one year of effectiveness will be lost.

Any sexually-related issues will be directed to the National office. Some actions are being handled in-state, primarily for actions on the part of players.

Tournament Committee: Thank you to all the volunteers, host programs, etc. who made things run so well this season.

Nominating Committee: The positions of President and Treasurer are up for election this year. Please contact Tom Regan with any nominations prior to the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A Motion to Adjourn (seconded) PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT MEETING:

April 24, 2018, 7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 4/17-3/18

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, Polices 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**

	4/25/17	5/23/17	6/27/17	8/22/17	9/26/17	10/24/17	11/28/17	12/19/17	1/23/18	2/27/18	3/27/18	11 Consecutive Meetings Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon												0	100.00%
Central	A			Good Standing Attendance			A				A	2	81.82%
CT Northern Lights	A		A			Good Standing Attendance						1	90.91%
CT Polar Bears				A			Good Standing Attendance					0	100.00%
CT Riverhawks		A						A			A	3	72.73%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven		A		A		A			Good Standing Attendance			0	100.00%
Echo		A		A				A	Good Standing Appeal		A	0	100.00%
Enfield	A					A	A		Good Standing Appeal			0	100.00%
Gr NH												0	100.00%
Greenwich Blues					A			Good Standing Attendance				0	100.00%
Greenwich Skate			A			Good Standing Attendance				A		1	90.91%
Griffin	A	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A				1	90.91%
Hamden			A			Good Standing Attendance						3	72.73%
Hartford Jr. Wolfpack	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	Good Standing Appeal		A	7	36.36%
Kent	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11	0.00%
Mid Fairfield					A				A			2	81.82%
New Canaan	A			Good Standing Attendance			A	A			A	3	72.73%
Northeast	A	A			Good Standing Attendance		A					1	90.91%
Northwestern							A					1	90.91%
Norwalk Roughriders												0	100.00%
Pawling								A				1	90.91%
Putnam				A		A		A	Good Standing Appeal			0	100.00%

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Ridgefield												0	100.00%
Salisbury	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11	0.00%
Shoreline Sharks			A									1	90.91%
Simsbury												0	100.00%
So Windsor		A			Good Standing Attendance							0	100.00%
Southeastern		A								A		2	81.82%
Southern			A							A		2	81.82%
Stamford		A			A			Good Standing Attendance				5	54.55%
Wallingford		A										1	90.91%
Watertown												1	90.91%
West Hartford						A			Good Standing Attendance			2	81.82%
West Haven			A				A					2	81.82%
Western		A									A	2	81.82%
Whalers	A	A	A			Good Standing Attendance		A			A	5	54.55%
Wizards			A									1	90.91%
Yale												0	100.00%