

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL Jarry Rasmussen brought the meeting to order

Directors Present: All except: Central, ECHO, Enfield, Griffin, Hartford Jr WolfPack, Kent, Mid Fairfield, New Canaan, Northeast,, Northwestern, Putnam, Salisbury, Southern, West Hartford, West Haven, Whalers and Watertown. 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; Treasurer, Mike Federico

Other CHC officials (non-voting) present: Registrar, Mary Turner; Eligibility Chairperson and District-I Commissioner, Kathy Ludwig; District II Commissioner Brad Conlan, District-III Commissioner, Art Blakeslee; Tournament Chair, Chuck Wilkerson; Marketing/Grow the Game, Ken Dixon; Referee In Chief, Barry Zalzman; New England District Representative, Tom Regan.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES

The April minutes were approved. February is still pending.

REPORTS

President:

- Programs that charge credit card fees on payments may be violating CT law. Suggestion that each program review their policy both internally and with counsel.
- SafeSport is attracting significant attention at the national level. More issues are being brought u to National attention, more scrutiny is being emphasized on these reports. CT has had coaches removed from benches and teams for inadvisable conduct.
- Programs should have or create a Safe Sport policy and have it posted to their website in a prominent place. A sample should be available to distribute after the June Congress.
- Programs should have locker room monitors at all times and for all ages. This CANNOT be stressed enough. USA Hockey is exploring instituting significant monetary fines for programs with unmonitored locker rooms.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary:

- As part of an ongoing review, two programs were identified with extended absence from meetings, resulting in loss of Good Standing that has extended for over a year:
 - Kent Youth Hockey has not had a representative at a CHC Board of Directors meeting since December of 2016, missing 14 consecutive meetings since that date. There has been no communication from any Board Member to a member of the CHC Executive Board during that time. For the 2017/2018 season, they fielded a half year 14-U team and a small Learn to Skate program.
 - Salisbury Youth Hockey has also not had a representative at a meeting since the same December 2016 meeting. Their Board, however, has been communicating with the CHC Executive Board. They have been exploring alternatives to ensure that they are represented at meetings. Additionally, they have fielded teams at all age levels and participated fully in the CHC season and process.
- According to Article V, Section 1 of the CHC Bylaws as currently written, "All Members shall maintain "Good Standing" with CHC at all times or face disciplinary action up to and including revocation of membership from CHC."
- The Executive Committee therefore recommends that the Board of Directors consider the revocation of Kent Youth Hockey's membership in CHC. Notice of this proposal will be provided to the last known executives of Kent Youth Hockey, who will be afforded the opportunity to attend the June meeting and speak on behalf of the program prior to a vote by the membership on this proposal.

Treasurer: Mike presented the current financial reports for the affiliate. Tournament balances by program have been posted to the CHC website under documents. Programs should review this report and pay their outstanding balances. Grow the Game funds are still available for this season, and should be requested by 8/1/2018.

Bylaws Committee: The first meeting covered approximately 30% of the Bylaws. The next meeting will be on June 6 in Northford.

Tournament Committee: Nothing to report.

Referee in Chief: Barry has been selected to be the new Referee in Chief for the New England District. As such, this is his last meeting as CT RIC.

- So far, all but one of the referee seminars for next season have been scheduled. We are looking for ice and class space in the Hew Haven area for September, so that programs are spread throughout the state.
- Massachusetts is piloting a seminar series for June and July to kickstart the season.
- July 15, there will be a new format tested with a 2 hour new ref skating session, followed by a 2 hour intermediate skating session for more experienced refs, and then a 2 hour session for the top level refs. These sessions, to help keep skating skills up, will be held at Northford Ice Palace.

Disabled Hockey: Absent

Webmaster: The Volunteer form for the 2018-19 season is available on the website. Please have all volunteers for your programs complete the form so be properly identified. As in previous years, all 2017-18 information will be deleted, so even if you have the same position, it is important that you self-identify again.

New England District/Team Connecticut:

- Invitations for the 14 & 15 camps have started to go out and will continue.
- Spencer Knight, a product of this system, recently played as a 17-U on the 18-U US National team. The team made it to the World Championships final, where Spencer made 30 saves in a 3-2 loss.

Tier 1: The next meeting for the Tier 1 committee will be June 5 in West Haven.

Women's & Girls' Hockey: The meeting to discuss next season's procedures will be held soon.

Grow-the –Game / Marketing: They are looking to support other Learn to Play Hockey sessions similar to the ones being run at Newington Arena this spring. Additionally, they are still looking for programs to provide information regarding their Grow the Game representatives. As discussions continue with SNY, they will need support and input from all programs.

Coaching Education Program: There is a Level 4 session coming up that should be considered by those who will be coaching National Tournament bound teams and those whose Level 3 and renewals have all expired.

Registrar:

- Rosters for the Nutmeg Games must be submitted to Mary by the Registration deadline. Mary will not be available to approve rosters in the two weeks prior to the tournament.
- The form to request for a player to play down an age level is on the CHC website under documents. All requests must be submitted in writing, and require approval by the Eligibility Committee prior to allowing the player to participate in the lower level team activities.
- The Registrar's meeting will be held in July. Please let Mary know if your program has a new Registrar. Additionally, they should identify themselves as such through the Volunteer page on the CHC website.

District Commissioners: All has been relatively quiet.

Eligibility/Releases/Safe Sport:

- There is a new release form for 2018 on the website.
- Spring teams are at risk if no roster has been filed with USA Hockey. No insurance will apply to any participants, including players, coaches and referees.
- Releases are being posted to the website. The bulk of the transfers are for CT Roughrider players.
- Any suspected Safe Sport issue should be reported to Kathy, and should not be handled by the local program.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Brad Conlan suggested that, with increasing electronic communication available, the number of actual CHC Meetings should be reduced. The suggestion was referred to the Bylaws committee for consideration.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

NEXT MEETING:

June 26, 2018, 7:30pm
Italian American Club
35 Chase Lane, West Haven

YTD CHC ATTENDANCE 6/17-5/18

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, Polices 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 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**

	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	4/24/18	5/22/18	11 Consecutive Meetings Total Absences	Attendance Percentage
Avon												0	100.00%
Central		Good Standing Attendance			A				A	A	A	4	63.64%
CT Northern Lights	A			Good Standing Attendance								0	100.00%
CT Polar Bears		A			Good Standing Attendance							0	100.00%
CT Riverhawks						A			A		Good Standing Appeal	0	100.00%
Darien												0	100.00%
East Haven		A		A			Good Standing Attendance			A		1	90.91%
Echo		A				A			A		A	2	81.82%
Enfield				A	A						A	1	90.91%
Gr NH												0	100.00%
Greenwich Blues			A			Good Standing Attendance				A		1	90.91%
Greenwich Skate	A			Good Standing Attendance				A				1	90.91%
Griffin	A	A			Good Standing Attendance	A				A	A	3	72.73%
Hamden	A			Good Standing Attendance								0	100.00%
Hartford Jr. Wolfpack	A		A	A	A	A	Good Standing Appeal		A		A	2	81.82%
Kent	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	11	0.00%
Mid Fairfield			A				A				A	3	72.73%
New Canaan		Good Standing Attendance			A	A			A	A	A	5	54.55%
Northeast			Good Standing Attendance		A					A	A	3	72.73%
Northwestern					A						A	2	81.82%
Norwalk Roughriders												0	100.00%
Pawling						A						1	90.91%
Putnam		A		A		A	Good Standing Appeal				A	1	90.91%

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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			Good Standing Attendance									0	100.00%
Southeastern								A				2	81.82%
Southern	A							A			A	3	72.73%
Stamford			A			Good Standing Attendance				A		1	90.91%
Wallingford												1	90.91%
Watertown										A		1	90.91%
West Hartford				A			Good Standing Attendance				A	1	90.91%
West Haven	A				A						A	3	72.73%
Western									A			2	81.82%
Whalers	A			Good Standing Attendance		A			A		A	3	72.73%
Wizards	A											1	90.91%
Yale											A	1	90.91%