



Connecticut Girls Hockey League

September 29, 2014

Attendees: Danbury (Nicole), Hamden (Carl) Shoreline (Bill), West Hartford (Arroll), Pawling (Steve), Yale (Peter), Ridgefield (Kathy), Greenwich Panthers (Katy) CT Oilers (Steve), Greenwich Wings (Griff), Gary LaChance, Lou Cassella, Kevin Sandor, Nicole Barksdale and Carl Sargolini

Absent: Western Mass, Southern, CT Ice Cats, Simsbury, Wallingford, Northern Lights, CT Polar Bears, Brewster and Don Lockyer

Meeting Began: 8:00pm

Minutes read by Nicole Barksdale from August meeting.

Treasurers Report: Balance of \$11, 891.

Team Fees for the 2014-2015 Season will be \$800.00 per team. Carl(Hamden) motion to accept, Bill (Shoreline) 2nd, All approved

Checks to be made out to CGHL and sent to:

Gary LaChance
3 The Meadow Lands
Guildford, CT 06437

Invoices can be found under documents on the CGHL website.

Payments must be made no later than 12/31/14 or there will be a \$100 late fee added to team missing payment.

10U jamboree fee will be tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

*Kevin Sandor is still looking into D&O insurance coverage for the CGHL. Received a quote from Philadelphia Insurance Co. \$1,036 for million dollar coverage policy. Recommendation to ask them to remove the "Absolute Body" portion and receive new quote. Tabled this until more quotes from other companies comes in.

*U10 division going to put together a season ending jamboree. Shoreline and committee will keep us updated. This will be approximately a 6 team jamboree tentatively held the 3rd weekend in February. Cost and rink to be determined at a later date.

Players petitioning to play down:

Shoreline Sharks

Nicole Lemieux, beginner, no previous hockey experience, 1st year skater/player, age 13 to play u12.

Lou motioned to accept, Kathy 2nd, all approved

Shannon Siclari, birth year 1999, played down last season u12, this will be her 2nd year, assesses bottom 1/3 of Shorelines u14 teams and they expect to be middle of u14 teams this season. Lou motioned to accept, Kathy 2nd, all approved.

Greenwich Panthers

Mari Bischoff, birth year 2001 (13 in Nov) beginner, 1st year

Athena Corroon, birth year 2001, (13 in May) 2nd year, played Greenwich house 1st year

Theresa Marciano, 2001 (13 in Oct) Beginner 1st year
Carl motioned to accept, Bill 2nd, all approved

New Business:

*West Hartford looking to cross roster Eileen McGowen from u14 A to B team. She is bottom level player in the A division. She will only play with the A team in the tournament. Bill motioned to accept, Kathy 2nd, all approved

*Greenwich Panthers request 6 squirt and peewee b players to on u12 team. All girls played on team last season except one. Panthers will keep check on 60% play rule with these girls. Names of these girls are on file. Gary motioned to accept, Carl 2nd, all approved.

*Danbury Ice Arena will make a proposal to host the 14u and 19u tournament at the October meeting.

*Brainstorming for the CGHL 10th Anniversary celebration includes working with Quinnipiac. An event on 1/24/15 CWHL Boston Blades vs Montreal Stars at Northford Ice at 7:30pm, Jessica Koizumi from Yale will be in attendance, Digit Murphy is the Blades Head Coach, Aronda Kirby will be in attendance and 12-14 Olympians will be playing from Team USA and Team Canada. Our girls could get involved by showing players to the locker rooms, passing out Gator-aid, working the door, snacks after the game, bring a dish for a meal after the game for pot luck get together.

2nd event could be Quinnipiac University women's team game on 2/7/15 and this game supports an event called Women In Sports Celebration.

The CGHL Tournament committee is going to be put together to discuss the CGHL celebration in further detail.

*Yale brought to the boards attention that there are some issues within their organization with parents not accepting players playing down. Example: a family signs daughter up to play on a U14 team and finds out a 15 year old is playing against their daughter. They want a refund because they did not sign their daughter up to play against 15 year olds. Several CGHL board members expressed it is each board member's job to report back to their organization on CGHL rules, policies and matters that have been voted upon at monthly board meetings. CGHL rules allow for players new to hockey and less skilled to play down. Others commented that age often does not determine a player's size, skill, or how aggressive a player may play. CGHL rules also provide it may be appropriate for some younger players to 'play up'. For example, last season, a competitive U12 age girls team played in the U14 division. Even though the players were younger and some smaller, they were more aggressive and with skating and hockey skill levels appropriate for the U14 level (the U12 Skyliners ended up runners up last season). Play down rules are designed to allow newer players to acclimate to the sport in an environment that is more closely suited to a beginner's level of play. One member mentioned even in the U14 level, after January 1st many teams will include 15 year olds as at the U14 level (and all age levels) the ordinary cutoff date is January 1st, 2014. Players born January to March will turn, e.g. 15 and still be eligible for U14 (without prior CGHL BOD approval).

Meeting Ended 10:30 PM

Next Meeting:

Monday October 27, 2014

Milford Ice Pavilion @ 7:30 PM