

## CHL Spring 2010 Meeting Notes

Meeting: May 15, 2010 – XI Center, Charlotte, NC

Attendees: see attached list for meeting attendees

### 1. Introductions:

- a. Note: Upstate and Greenville (SC) Hockey Association have now merged into 1 organization: Greater Greenville.

### 2. New Membership:

#### a. Lynchburg (VA)

- i. Facility used – Liberty University Ice Center
- ii. Started up 3 years ago with learn to play focus
- iii. Members USAHockey & PVHA
- iv. Potential teams for CHL – Squirt & PeeWee Rec, possibly Bantam as well
- v. Have been coordinated efforts with other nearby programs to minimize overlap

#### b. Richmond Rage (VA)

- i. Handout from program attached
- ii. Focus is to fill gap between Richmond Royals Travel Program (CBHL program) and new Richmond Royals Select program.
- iii. Rink affiliation – Lil Rink for development, due to this rink size, would play at other rinks @ IcePlex in Yorktown VA
- iv. Teams at Rec and/or A level
- v. A lot of discussion about fit of program vs other programs in the Richmond area.

#### c. Richmond Royals Select Program

- i. House based program in Richmond rink. Different program than Richmond Royals Travel program, using the same name due to jersey availability in area.
- ii. Would field teams at House Select/Rec level

- d. After much discussion, the member associations voted to approve the membership of these 3 programs contingent on the following:

- i. Submittal of membership application & payment of fee
- ii. Provide documentation of these 3 criteria at the next meeting
  1. Contract with ice supplier to documentation availability of ice to support league games
  2. Proof of sufficient teams for membership (must have 3 rostered teams, although these teams do not have to all play in CHL).
  3. USAHockey membership # of association.

### 3. Treasurer Report

- a. See attached for revised report from Wayne Stella
- b. Budget proposal for 2010-11 season presented by Wayne
  - i. Member associations voted to increase game fees to \$10 (\$5 per team – (Carolina Lightning motion, Raleigh second).
- c. Wayne will investigate financial support from PVAHA for our league championships due to several members of PVAHA playing in the CHL.
- d. Wayne noted that we are still awaiting the promised \$2000 from the Carolina Hurricanes for CHL Championship Tournaments (Note: Carolina Hurricanes logo on the championship banners).
- e. Discussion about allowing advertisements on our league website occurred but was decided to not pursue at this time.
- f. A motion was made to include CHL banners for the AA champions (Note: there is no CHL Championship tournament for AA levels). Raleigh made the motion, Carolina Lightning 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried.
- g. The budget, with the changes, was passed & Wayne will make the changes as noted (new budget attached).

### 4. Board of Directors 2010-11 Elections

- a. Glen Widmer in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of term as president.
- b. Steve Henley was re-elected as Vice president
- c. Wayne Stella will continue as treasurer (position appointed by CAHA)
- d. Betsy Blair elected as new secretary (Brian Cronin retired from board).
- e. George Wilkerson was re-elected as Rec League Commissioner.
- f. Rob Thomas was elected as the new Travel Commissioner (replacing Steve Henley).

## 5. 2009-10 Season Recap

- a. 82 teams participated in the CHL (20-AA, 44-A, 24- Rec, 4 Mites), facilitating the enjoyment of over 1000 youth players.
- b. Concerns
  - i. Penalties – Associations need to work with their teams to address fair play & respect issues of their players/coaches. This will mitigate escalation of issues that end up with the CHL & CAHA having to address player & coach conduct issues.
  - ii. Reporting of infractions – teams need to coach their scorekeepers & teams on reporting game misconducts & match penalties & understanding the league requirements on suspensions.
  - iii. Officiating – understand that the local (host) associations are responsible to work with the officials to ensure CHL rules are followed (e.g. curfew time). In addition, the completion of post-game reports (documentation) when game misconducts, match penalties & related infractions are completed & submitted to the league (submittal by the host association).
  - iv. There was a discussion about following USAHockey & CHL rules for games. One example is the 15 penalty rule for a coach suspension. Even if the officials do not record this on the game report, this rule still applies. Associations are responsible to ensure their teams are aware & follow the rules.
  - v. Rostering – a lot of discussion about roster requirements. Current CHL rules require teams to submit their USAHockey roster prior to the start of league play, submit changes prior to affected player participation & freeze rosters (for CHL game purposes) by 12/31. There was discussion about does this limit the opportunity for new players (to the area) to join teams.  
**Steve Henley has followup to develop recommendation on roster rules at the next meeting.**
  - vi. Statistics – a significant amount of league correspondence from member teams & parents center around individual player stats. The difficulty is the quality of scoresheet completion submitted to

the league, mostly at the lower age & competition levels. A recommendation was made to eliminate individual player stats at these levels (e.g. Mite-PeeWee at the A and HS levels for example). This topic will be included in the next CHL meeting.

- vii. Game Scoresheets – As noted in a couple of sections above, the game scoresheet is a critical component in several areas, including: analysis by the league for suspensions & other punishment; recording team/player statistics; determining tie-breakers for league standings & playoff seeding; etc. The quality of the scoresheets submitted to the league is not nearly what it needs to be. The league needs its associations to work with its scorekeepers to improve the quality of the scoresheet completion. Please include items such as: legibility, proper infraction reporting, any referee post-game notes/reports, goalie time in net (especially if time is split); consistent player name vs player number, etc. The league's information is only as good as the information submitted to the league.
- viii. Post Season Tournaments (EOS). Overall feedback was very positive, for both the games themselves & related skills competitions. Associations are encourage to help promote these events & contact local media for coverage. There was discussion on the # of teams in the tournaments (do we have too many teams?) and committed by teams to attend (a couple of teams had requested to be excused last year based on season performance). **League commissioners (Rob & George) were assigned to develop proposals on these items at the next meeting.**

6. CAHA (Kevin Universal)

- a. Annual CAHA meeting will coincide with CHL summer meeting (tentative date August 7/8 at XI Center – Charlotte NC)
- b. ADM
  - i. Plan to discuss ADM at CAHA meeting (hope to get Scott Paluch – USAHockey Regional Director for ADM to attend).

- ii. ADM's focus is to encourage player development at the younger age levels & eliminate segmentation/specialized training of select younger players at the exclusion of others.
- iii. ADM also suggests de-emphasizing travel focus at the younger age level to promote overall player development.
- iv. A great video to watch is the ADM workshop recently at the XI Center (go to the [www.xicenter.com](http://www.xicenter.com) & look for the link to the webcast, then cross-mite program video).
- c. CAHA grants – Applications are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the CAHA website for more information.
- d. Both the ADM program and the degree program offer free house league jerseys. Contact CAHA if you have any questions.
- e. The One Goal program offers great deals on starter equipment packages.
- f. USAHockey is considering eliminating PeeWee National Championship program.
- g. Make sure that your coaches at the AA level are level 4.
- h. David Laszlo is the region's ACE (coaching coordinator). Changes are forthcoming on coaching level training.
- i. CAHA is asking the CHL to review the tie-breaker process for the AA level. **Rob Thomas (new CHL travel commissioner) has the followup to develop a proposal for the Summer CHL meeting.**
- j. CAHA is asking the CHL member associations focus on Cross-ice programs for Mites. The format of mite travel in the CHL will need to be discussed at the next CHL meeting.

## 7. Next Meeting

- a. The next CHL meeting will be August 7-8<sup>th</sup> at the XI Center in Charlotte NC.
- b. Tentative schedule of the meeting:
  - i. August 7<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2pm CHL Meeting
  - ii. August 7<sup>th</sup> – 2pm - ?? CAHA Meeting
  - iii. August 8<sup>th</sup> – CHL scheduling meeting. (please come prepared with team participation plans & ice schedules)

# Carolinas Hockey League Profit & Loss Budget Overview

September 2009 through August 2010 TOTAL

	<u>Sep 2010 - Aug 2011</u>
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Program Income</b>	
Membership Dues (512 Games x \$10/Game-\$5.00/Team)	5,120.00
End of Season Tournament Fees	40,265.00
League Patches	200.00
CAHA Corporate Sponsorship (We Hope)	10,000.00
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<u>55,585.00</u>
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<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Contract Services</b>	
Scheduler	1,000.00
Webmaster	2,000.00
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Operations</b>	
Web Hosting	600.00
Postage, Mailing Service (Banners & Taxes)	175.00
Conference Calls (3 x \$50)	150.00
Championship Banners	2,800.00
Championship Medals	3,500.00
EOS Tournament Ice, Referees, Scorekeepers	46,775.00
<b>Total Operations</b>	<u>54,000.00</u>
<b>Travel and Meetings</b>	
Meetings (Travel & Meals)	500.00
<b>Total Travel and Meetings</b>	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>57,500.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-1,915.00</u></u>

# Carolinas Hockey League Reconciliation Detail

Carolinas Hockey League, Period Ending 05/28/2010

	Type	Date	Num	Name
<b>Beginning Balance</b>				
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>				
<b>Checks and Payments - 3 items</b>				
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2010	1056	Greensboro Youth Hockey
	Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2010	1059	Winston Salem Youth Hockey
	General Journal	05/28/2010	1	
Total Checks and Payments				
<b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b>				
	Payment	05/25/2010	2606	Richmond Rage
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Total Cleared Transactions				
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Register Balance as of 05/28/2010				
<b>Ending Balance</b>				

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	Clr	Amount	Balance
<b>Beginning Balance</b>			<b>11,855.46</b>
<b>Cleared Transactions</b>			
<b>Checks and Payments - 3 items</b>			
?		-4,690.00	-4,690.00
?		-2,453.50	-7,143.50
?		-100.00	-7,243.50
Total Checks and Payments		-7,243.50	-7,243.50
<b>Deposits and Credits - 1 item</b>			
?		50.00	50.00
Total Deposits and Credits		50.00	50.00
Total Cleared Transactions		-7,193.50	-7,193.50
Cleared Balance		-7,193.50	4,661.96
Register Balance as of 05/28/2010		-7,193.50	4,661.96
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>-7,193.50</b>	<b>4,661.96</b>

### Carolinas Hockey League Spring 2010 Meeting

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## **OPTIONS FOR DETERMINING STATE CHAMPIONS TO ADVANCE TO NATIONALS**

**PURPOSE:** This year, the North Carolina 16U division was tied going into the last game of the league season. Had that game tied and based on earlier games played, tiebreakers, a., b., c., and d. could not determine the winner. The teams remained tied through those tiebreak formulas. The next tiebreak was most periods won. I did not have access to the scoresheets nor does the website provide game details, so I could not advise the teams where they stood prior to game start time. Luckily, the game ended with one team winning. I still do not know if e. could have broken the tie and if not, we could have come down to quickest first goal to determine a state champion.

With the low number of teams in the AA divisions, this scenario can reoccur with frequency.

Before any changes are made by CAHA in the method to advance teams to the National Championship Tournament, we would like CHL members to review and provide feedback as to which option would be best for the CHL AA division.

Option 1 was suggested by a member association in response to the low number of teams in the division. Option 2 is written in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for District Playoffs and National Championships in the 2009-2010 USA Hockey Annual Guide.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jessica Westphal and Wayne Stella

# OPTIONS FOR DETERMING STATE CHAMPIONS TO ADVANCE TO NATIONALS

## OPTION 1

Eliminate the AA division in the league and move to a tournament playdown in March. All teams that register as Tier II will be considered tournament bound as per USA Hockey and Southeastern District Policy. Each Tier II team must include a check for their tournament fee at the time the roster is submitted for certification. The roster certification date will be the date the check is received if the check is not included with the roster. A team may amend their category and drop from the year-end tournament with a full refund by December 1. After December 1, all teams are committed to the year-end tournament and the tournament fee is non-refundable.

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- A shootout is defined as a player attempting to score a goal and the opposing goalkeeper attempting to stop the shooter from scoring the goal.
- The referee shall call the two captains to the referee's crease to flip a coin to determine which team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether his/her team will shoot first or second.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- The shootout procedure shall begin with five different individual shooters from each team taking alternate shots. The players do not need to be named beforehand.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The players of both teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.
- If after the shootout, the shootout score is still tied, there will be a sudden death shootout.

### **Sudden Death Shootout**

The sudden death shootout will be conducted as follows:

- A sudden death shootout is defined as each team attempting a shot. Should one team be successful and the other team not, the successful team shall win the shootout.
- Teams will select their shooters to participate in sudden death shootout, whether or not they shot in the previous round.
- All goalkeepers and all players from both teams listed on the official game sheet shall be eligible to participate in the shootout.
- Any player whose penalty had not been completed when the overtime period ended or who receives a penalty during a shootout procedure is not eligible to be one of the players selected to participate in any portion of the shootout procedure(s).
- Players in a sudden death shootout shall not be allowed to take another shot until four additional shooters have completed their attempts.
- The goalkeepers from each team may be changed after each shot.
- The official scorekeeper shall record all shots taken indicating the players, goalkeepers and goals scored.

### **Tie Breaking Rules to Determine Standings Position**

If two or more teams have an equal number of points, their position in the standings shall be determined by the following tiebreaking format. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in the applicable position. Once a team is placed, the remaining tied teams shall start the tiebreaking process over again at step 1. *(If all tied teams have not played each other, then proceed to step 2. Note: a team may go into the tiebreaking process having defeated another of the tied teams and still not advance).*

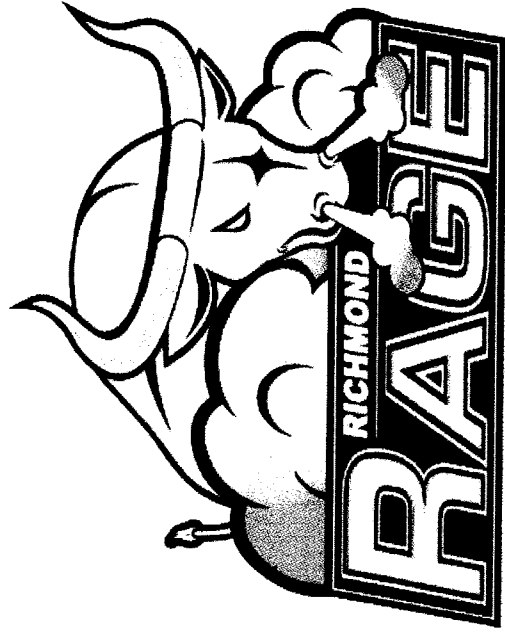
The tie-breaker formulas are as follows:

1. The results of the head-to-head games played between the tied teams in the following order:

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- a. Standings — Most points.
  - b. Most wins.
  - c. Differential — Subtracting goals scored against from goals scored in these games, the positions being determined in order of the greatest surplus.
  - d. Quotient — Dividing the goals scored in these games by the goals scored against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has higher standing than a quotient from dividing by any number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tiebreaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of “goals for.”
  - e. Most periods won — In the games played by each tied team, points will be awarded for each regulation period won (2 points) and for each regulation period tied (1 point). Positions shall be in the order of highest point total.
  - f. Quickest first goal — The team that scored the quickest goal in their applicable preliminary round games shall be ranked highest.
2. If after applying the formulas of 1 a, b, c, d, e or f the tie still exists, the results of all the games played by the teams tied in the following order.
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3. If the above procedure does not break the tie, the teams shall use a shootout procedure as previously described.

**Note:** *Forfeits - If a team forfeits any of its games, and becomes involved in any tie-breaking formula to determine its eligibility to advance to the next level of play, the team forfeits all games in the round robin play and the games are recorded as 1-0 victories for the non-offending team.*



# **Richmond Rage**

## **CHL Proposal**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

# Richmond Rage Profile

- Club founded in Spring of 2009 for post season tournament play at the squirt and peewee levels.
- 2009-2010 season saw the expansion to support a mite and squirt team for full season independent play.
- Plans for the 2010-2011 season are to offer a mite, squirt, peewee and a girl's U16 team. We see from one to three of these teams playing in the CHL this season. We project higher participation in 2011-2012 and beyond as further needs are seen.
- Our affiliation with the Lil Rink ([www.lilrink.com](http://www.lilrink.com)) and their YMCA program to grow hockey in Richmond, VA has had a favorable impact on hockey in our area and is what is driving the need to further expand our club offerings.
- 501c3 filing for non-profit status under "Keep it on Ice" banner is in process.
- Richmond Rage is registered with USA Hockey

# Our Mission

- To grow hockey participation within our area. We accomplish this by offering introductory skating and hockey clinics at an affordable price directed at established youth groups, along with an equipment loan/deposit program.
- Create an environment where players can learn and learn to love the game that we all dedicate so much time to. We do this by promotion of small games play, and the assistance of a number of qualified coaches (levels 3-5)
- To encourage players whom we develop to look at other clubs' offerings as they consider our programs.
- We choose not to compete in the same space as other clubs in our area (different league and playing levels) to ensure each can deliver a superior product without fostering unhealthy competition.

# Results

- Our effort to grow hockey in our area has shown an influx of 50-70 new skaters at the 4-7 year age group this past season alone.
- Our retention rate for our early skaters is significantly higher than prior efforts of other area groups in the last 4-5 years. Some estimates show 300-400% higher.
- This increase in participation has begun to show benefits outside our club as increases have been seen in house hockey and other travel clubs.
- Our teams have experience playing many of the CHL member clubs at the younger age levels and have shown to be competitive. We believe the continued growth of hockey in our area can only lead to better teams and positive relationships with your member clubs.

# Vital Information

- Games to be played at the IcePlex located about mile off I64 in Yorktown, VA
- Home game location is proximate to established member clubs
- In association with the Rage, clinics are planned to foster the development of both players and referees/off ice officials
- Volunteers/Staff include former players and coaches with college, minor league and professional backgrounds and affiliations
- Our website can be found at [www.richmondrage.com](http://www.richmondrage.com)
- Any questions or comments can be sent to [info@richmondrage.com](mailto:info@richmondrage.com)