



## WHAM Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2009

Davanni's Riverside 6:30-10:45 p.m.

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### **Roll Call:**

Present: Sara Reisdorf, Beth Larson, Allison Hanson, Anne Woll, Terry Provo, Patt Ligman, Susan Welles.  
Guests: Nancy Wefler, Kris Russell.

### **Vacant Treasurer Role:**

Sara Reisdorf's election to President leaves a one year vacancy in her former role as Treasurer. The Board solicited interested from membership to fill the vacated role and heard presentations from Nancy Wefler and Kris Russell, who were in attendance. Board also considered written credentials from candidate Debbie McLaughlin who was unable to attend. Board discussed candidates. Motion made to appoint Nancy Wefler to fulfill the role of Treasurer. **Motion approved.**

### **President's Report-** Sara Reisdorf/Susan Welles

No new business to report.

### **Secretary's Report-** Beth Larson

No new business to report.

### **Treasurer's Report-** Sara Reisdorf

Motion to accept the 4/30/09 financial report (attached.) **Motion approved.**

Spring Meeting penalties (\$50.00 per team) assessed to the following teams:

A2: St. Cloud, Frozen Stiffs  
B1: Counselor Realty  
B2: Icy Hot, Synergy (paid)  
C1: Ice Dogs  
C2: Women on Edge, Ice Pack (paid,) Chicklets (paid)

Commissioners will follow up with teams in their divisions to collect outstanding fees.  
Team rebates for the State Tournament will be issued at the Fall Meeting.

### **A Vice President's Report-**Allison Hanson

The A Division reports that Amelia Steinkraus-Licht will be returning as A2 Commissioner, but is looking for a Commissioner for the A1 Division. Interested individuals should contact Allison Hanson.

### **B Vice President's Report-** Anne Woll

The B Division is looking for a Commissioner for B1 Division. Judy Jungworth has agreed to continue to serve as B2 Commissioner. Individuals interested in serving as B1 Commissioner should contact Ann Woll.

### **C Vice President's Report-**Terry Provo

The C Division has all Commissioners returning for this year. The first C assessment was held May 12, 2009 at Highland—at the time of the Board meeting, 12 skaters had registered. A second assessment for C-level players will be held in July.

### **MN Hockey Report-**Patt Ligman

- WHAM information/league rules for inclusion in annual Minnesota Hockey Handbook must be done and to Bob Halverson by July 1, 2009. The Board discussed revising the nature of information the league provides to this publication—specifically, shortening the information significantly and driving people to the



website for additional information. Action Item: Patt will check with Bob to ensure this type of approach would still comply with the needs of the Handbook.

- Lynn Olson has put in a bid for the Twin Cities to host the 2011 Girl's and Women's Nationals. WHAM will be the host association.
- Patt tendered her resignation from her role as MN Hockey Director, effective 5/11/09. The Board accepted Patt's resignation.

### **Old Business**

**League Handbook (Terry)**—A smaller sub-group of the Board will review the WHAM Handbook (Susan, Sara, Terry and Jan) and will provide insight to the full board before the June 25<sup>th</sup> deadline. The next Board meeting will be dedicated to reviewing and revising the Handbook.

**A & B Assessments (Jan Mohrfeld)**—There is still an opening for someone to help with running A & B skills assessments. Volunteers should contact Jan Mohrfeld.

**Website Update (Susan)**—WHAM website will be undergoing a redesign and a new hosting agreement. Details of the redesign were shared with membership at the Spring Meeting.

### **New Business**

**Important Registration Information (Susan/Patt)**—At the Spring meeting Susan Welles mentioned that USA Hockey was considering requiring birth certificates as part of next season's registration in WHAM. We have received more information from USA Hockey in this regard and it looks very likely that providing documentation of a **government-issued (as opposed to hospital-issued) birth certificate or passport** will be a required part of the WHAM registration process for next season. The Board will be getting this information out as early as possible so that players who do not have one of these documents can begin securing them now. Not providing one of these two documents as part of registration **will delay the registration process with WHAM** next fall. Also, a government-issued identification card (e.g. driver's license) will not be acceptable; it must be either a birth certificate or passport. As soon as more information becomes available from USA Hockey and MN Hockey the board will be sure to get it out to the membership and how the registration process will operate for the 2009/2010 season. In the mean time, please contact you commissioner with questions.

**WHAM Computer Purchase (Sara)**—Sara will investigate pricing of computers and bring a recommendation to the Board.

**Fine Donation Discussion**—To help provide a positive outcome from the fees assessed and collected from WHAM teams, several options were discussed. To date, WHAM fees have totaled \$2,300.00 and \$1,750.00 has been collected. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made to:

- Use \$550.00 to sponsor a hole for the Minnesota Hockey Benefit Golf Tournament, which provides funding for a post-high school scholarship for Junior Gold and U-19 boys and girls. WHAM will be able to field a foursome to play in the event.
- Use \$1,000.00 to contribute to Minnesota Sled Hockey Association, which is dedicated to promote societal awareness of the needs of persons with physical disabilities. Our donation will enable this organization to purchases two additional sleds.

**Treasurer Appointment**—See first agenda item above.

**MN Hockey Women's Director Appointment**—To replace Patt Ligman as MN Hockey Director, a motion was made to appoint Susan Welles to fill the remainder of her role. **Motion approved.**

**2009-2010 Board Meetings**—Board meetings established for the year, all times 6:30 p.m. at Davanni's Riverside.



Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

No Meeting in July

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

**2009-2010 WHAM Season Calendar**—Important dates for this year:

Tuesday, September 1, 2009, all teams must declare intent to play this year. Team name and division as well as two team contacts must be provided.

Priority Online Registration September 4<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting 9:00- 12:00 p.m. Schwan Center, Silver Room.

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> Scheduling Meeting 12:00-4:00 p.m. Schwan Center, Exhibition Hall.

Friday, October 23, 2009—First day of games.

Sunday, February 28, 2010—Last day of games.

State Tournament March 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

Nationals March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Green Bay, WI

Saturday, April 24, 2010 Spring Meeting 9:00- 12:00 p.m. Schwan Center, Silver Room.

**Open Position Update**

- Sara Cohn has volunteered to be Goalie Equipment Coordinator. Sarah can be reached at: [sconage@hotmail.com](mailto:sconage@hotmail.com) or (652)249-7862.
- Registrar position is still not filled. The Board will discuss options for this position—including the possibility of hiring a person to fill the role—at the next Board meeting.