



WHAM Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9, 2009
Advanced Circulatory Systems Offices, Roseville, MN
6:15-11:30 p.m.

Player who played in WHAM last year presented themselves to the Board for reinstatement to the league; after meeting with Board, player was granted reinstatement at the level deemed appropriate given player skills and experience.

Roll Call:

Present: Sara Reisdorf, Beth Larson, Allison Hanson, Anne Woll, Terry Provo, Susan Welles, Absent: Nancy Wefler. Guest: Kirsten Holmlund.

WHAM Website:

The Board asked Kirsten Holmlund to join the meeting for a discussion around any suggested changes and/or improvements to the new website. During that discussion, the following changes/improvements were recommended:

- There is a need to populate the FAQs on the website to ensure those looking for information can be effectively directed for the right information. Specifically, some of the FAQs to be included are:
 - A category of questions relative to people who are new to the league:
 - How to get started in WHAM: Learn more
 - How does rostering work?
 - How much does it cost to play?
 - Where do teams play? Do teams travel?
 - A category of questions relative to use of the website (i.e. Why don't I have access to the "Edit" button?)
- For added convenience, Kirsten will add links to the rinks games are played at within the WHAM calendar, so in one step it's easy to see when and where a game is played.
- Some of the tabs along the top of the website should be reordered to provide more continuity from a user-perspective. Sara will rework order of tabs.
- Stat instruction will be a quick link on the home page, with links also added to each divisional home page. The comprehensive document created by Ginny Anderson will be linked to and will include FAQs for easy reference. Sara will work on new guidelines for how to reference Sub Goalies and Empty Net Goals on score sheets and in the stats program as well as making a notation about getting stats entered within 7 days of a game as a courtesy for all teams involved.
- The "Contacts" tab on the web will also be updated to include specific people to contact for issues/questions around web content.
- The "Learn More" link will be revised/updated to better describe the process for a new player to joining WHAM. Terry will do this.

President's Report- Sara Reisdorf
Nothing new to report.

Secretary's Report- Beth Larson
No new business to report. Motion to accept the minutes from the 10/12/09 Board meeting. **Motion approved.**



Treasurer's Report- Hold approvals for revised financials until the December meeting. All of the eight teams that declared for nationals have sent in their deposits.

A Vice President's Report- Allison Hanson
Nothing new to report.

B Vice President's Report- Anne Woll
Minnesota Maroons will be fined \$250.00 and will forfeit their game vs. Arctic Wildcats on 11/1/09 for a roster infraction. One of the Minnesota Maroons players (Lucia Bonacci) was not properly rostered yet played in the game.

C Vice President's Report-Terry Provo
The Breakaways in C3 will be fined \$250.00 for a roster infraction on 11/1/09. One of the Breakaways players (#78 Shelly Owen) played in the game despite not being on the official roster. Because the Breakaways lost the game in question the requisite forfeit will not apply. C1 Division is still looking for a State Tournament Committee Representative.

MN Hockey Report- Susan Welles
Due to ongoing issues with liability insurance required by the State of Minnesota, all WHAM teams are advised NOT to purchase ice at the Coliseum next year. The issue is that, through USA Hockey, WHAM is covered up to \$1 million for liability, however the State of Minnesota requires proof of insurance of \$2 million. If WHAM teams choose to buy ice at the Coliseum next year, they do so at their own expense—in that they must have additional liability coverage to bring their total to the requisite \$2 million. With regard to Nationals, there will no longer be a 30+ team coming out of WHAM. However, there are three C-level teams, 3 B-level teams and 2 A-level teams and one 50+ for nationals. Also, to date, there are 1,285 rostered players in WHAM for this season.

New Business

Gopher Night for WHAM (Anne)—There is interest in doing a WHAM Night at the Gophers again this year. Judy Jungwirth is the point person for this event. Next month, the expenses associated with this event will need to be approved. Anne will coordinate with Judy.

Booth for Women's Sports Day (All)—Decline opportunity; interest by WHAM members deemed to be limited, at best.

USA Hockey Donation (Sara)—Sara will follow up to determine whether there is a way to link sales to specific associations to enable the "challenge grant" type of initiative. More discussion at the next meeting about the potential to identify a more targeted recipient of funds.

Goalie Equipment Purchase (Sara)—There is a need to purchase small/medium size goalie pads and equipment to have on hand. The current inventory is comprised mostly of large equipment, which doesn't fit many of the players requesting it. Motion to allow WHAM goalie equipment manager to spend up to \$750.00 to buy equipment in the appropriate sizes. **Motion approved.**

WHAM Advertising Policy (Beth)—Policy around website advertising presented. Motion to accept policy with proposed edits. **Motion approved.**

Director and Officer Insurance (Sara)—Currently covered up to \$1 million by USA Hockey. No need to self insure.

Executive Director Position (Sara)—Revise to be "League Administrator" role. Board discussed and will move forward with RFP to fill this new role. Applicants will be reviewed and approved by the Board. The position will be



advertised on the website and other low-cost vehicles, as appropriate. Position will be a contracted role, beginning January 1, 2010 and running through August 31, 2010.

Next meeting date: December 1st @ 6:30 p.m. at Advanced Circulatory Systems Offices, Roseville, MN.