



WHAM Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
Advanced Circulatory Offices, Roseville, MN
6:30-10:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Sara Reisdorf, Beth Larson, Allison Hanson, Anne Woll, Terry Provo, Susan Welles, Nancy Wefler.
Guests: Sandi Wewerka, Kathy Kmetz.

Debrief on Assessments:

The Board asked Sandi and Kathy to join the meeting to debrief on the player assessments for this season. So far, assessments have gone very smoothly. Evaluators have been great and very consistent. To date, 95 players have assessed. With a few exceptions, players have been okay with their placement following assessment. Recommendations to consider for next year include:

- Make online payments for assessments available all the time and not turn off in summer. Having payment options will reduce the number of no-shows if people need to pay in advance. This year there were 120 assessments scheduled and 95 players assessed, so there were no-shows. Also if players register for an assessment and pay but don't show up, they forfeit payment. They would then need to reschedule and pay again. No-shows get no refunds.
- Consider combining A, B, and C assessments in December due to low numbers.
- Recommend moving the May session to June and moving the December assessment to earlier in the month due to the numbers attending this year.
- Recommend that goalies who are assessing at the A and B levels get assessed at "A" and "B" rather than getting more granular with the assessments, i.e. placing them at A1/A2 or B1/B2.
- Recommend making the question on the assessment form that asks if a player played college hockey a dependent question on the form. So, if a player says "yes" to that question, they would have to enter where they played, division, etc. to ensure accuracy of their personal data. Currently, that question can be skipped or not fully completed, which causes challenges.
- Recommend having a separate group meet to discuss changes to the assessment questions online—specifically the questions/criteria for playing experience.

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 11/09/09 Board meeting. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report- Review of November financials, which were deferred from the prior meeting. Additional changes need to be made to the financials before approvals can be made. Defer approvals to January meeting. Puck Hogs and River Heights have outstanding fines for not attending the Fall Meeting; invoices will be sent to Divisional VPs for distribution to teams.



A Vice President's Report- Allison Hanson

The A1 Wild team now has a full roster, which is good news for the division.

B Vice President's Report- Anne Woll

WHAM night at the Gophers women's hockey game will be Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 vs. Minnesota State Mankato. There will be free pizza, soda and discounted tickets for WHAM members. Check the website for details. Barb Bell from Synergy will represent the division on the State Tournament Committee.

C Vice President's Report-Terry Provo

Terry is still trying to confirm a volunteer to represent the division on the State Tournament Committee.

MN Hockey Report- Susan Welles

USA Hockey has reversed an earlier decision that would have moved registration to April from August. Due to the number of complaints received, registration will remain indefinitely at September 1.

New Business

League Administrator Position (Sara)—A committee of the Board will review and interview candidates with the intent of having finalists appear in front of the full Board at the January meeting.

Support of the Whitecaps (Sara)—Motion to advertise and promote women's hockey through support of the Whitecaps (spend \$2,000—a level consistent with the spend from previous years) in exchange for advertising in Whitecaps programs. **Motion approved.**

Stipends for Service to WHAM (All)—Motion to approve stipend for WHAM Registrar of \$1,450.00 (registration of 1,281 members and 149 coaches to date.) Friendly amendment to \$1 per participant registered with the organization. **Motion approved.** Motion to approve stipends for each A/B and C Assessment Coordinator as well as members of the Assessment Committee. Total of all stipends not to exceed \$500. **Motion approved.**

Old Business

State Tournament Committee (Susan)—Now that all members for the committee have been identified, Susan will get meetings scheduled.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:15. **Motion approved.**

Next meeting date: January 4th @ 6:30 p.m. at Advanced Circulatory Offices, Roseville, MN.