



WHAM Meeting Minutes

Date: June 12, 2010	Time: 6:30 – 9:45pm
Location: U of M Classroom	Minutes by: Sandi Wewerka

Meeting Attendees:

	6-12-10	7-19-10	8-16-10	9-13-10	10-11-10	11-8-10	12-13-10	1-10-11	2-07-11	3-07-11
President: Beth Larson	X									
Secretary: Sandi Wewerka	X									
Treasurer: Lori Jorgenson	X									
MN Hockey Dir: Nancy Wefler	X									
Vice-President A: Alison Hanson	X									
Vice-President B: Carrie Peterson	X									
Vice-President C: Terry Provo	X									
Guests: Judy Jungwirth, Dani Larson, Jill Pettiford, Kirsten Holmlund, Dennis Alm	X									

Attachments: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS/WHO
President's Report : Beth Larson	Nothing to report at this time	
Secretary's Report : Sandi Wewerka	Nothing to report at this time	
Treasurer's Report: Lori Jorgenson	Nothing to report at this time. Treasurer position is mostly final. Need to meet with Sara to help prepare year end tax information and transition budget matters. Steve Anseth will provide engagement letter for the 990 return.	Meet with Sara Reisdorf to transition Treasurer role. – Beth and Lori Get in touch with Steve to get the tax return properly filed. – Sara and Lori



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A Vice-President's Report: Alison Hanson	<p><u>Issue #1:</u> Discussed concerns about the small number of A1 teams and potential ideas for recruiting new teams/players for this division. College coaches were e-mailed and asked to pass along WHAM A1 information. WHAM league administrator is participating in a summer college league and will talk to players about participation in the A1 division. Erika and Sandi will address this in marketing discussions for the summer.</p> <p><u>Issue #2:</u> Kelly Holland will take over as the A2 commissioner. No one has volunteered for the A1 commissioner position. Alison will talk to Kelly about acting as the A1 and A2 commissioner given the small number of teams in the A1 division.</p>	<p>Follow-up with players in collegiate summer league. – Erika</p> <p>Ask Kelly to serve as A1/A2 commissioner.– Alison</p>
B Vice-President's Report: Carrie Peterson	<p>Carrie will talk to Lyndsi Harworth to see if she is willing to continue as the B1 commissioner. If not, Carrie will solicit volunteers to take over this position.</p>	<p>Check with Lyndsi to be sure she will continue as B1 commissioner. - Carrie</p>
C Vice-President's Report: Terry Provo	<p>All C Division commissioners will be returning for the upcoming season. VP and commissioners had a recent season debriefing meeting. There are at least two C3 teams that will be moving to C2. Discussion about small size of C3 division and marketing ideas to recruit new players and teams.</p>	<p>NA</p>
MN Hockey Women's Dir. Report: Nancy Wefler	<p>Susan Welles attended the MN Hockey Spring meeting as the WHAM representative and gave a report about the meeting at the May Board meeting. The USA Hockey Women's representative election was declared invalid and a new election will be held the weekend of June 27th. Nancy was unable to comment on the candidates but indicated that one of them has had experience with youth girls programs. The other candidate does not have experience with girls or womens hockey. Nancy will receive an email this weekend with more information about the candidates and will report back about the meeting being held the weekend of June 27th.</p>	<p>Report back to Board about candidates. - Nancy</p>
Old Business/Previous Action Items		
Request by Puck Hogs to move from B2 to B1	<p>Puck Hogs representatives Dani Larson and Jill Pettiford were invited to the meeting to discuss their request to move down from the B1 to the B2 level for the 2010-2011 season. They explained that their first season (08-09), they won 2 games at the B1 level and during the 09-10 season, they won one game. They do not feel that they have the skill level to compete at B1. The Board discussed the WHAM rules for a team requesting to move down</p>	<p>Report back to Dani Larson that the Puck Hogs will be permitted to move to B2 for the 2010-2011 season. – Carrie.</p>



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	and made a motion to approve the Puck Hogs moving to B2 as long as the following stipulations are met: 1) the team must be comprised of 90% of the same players from the 2009-2010 season and 2) the team will be on probation through the 2010-2011 season. The Board will reassess the team at the end next season and determine if they will stay at B2 or be asked to move back to B1. The Board also warned them to make a concerted effort to reduce their number of penalties in the upcoming season. Motion approved. Board members Carrie Peterson and Nancy Wefler abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.	
New Business		
Additions/ Changes to Web Site	<p>Kirsten was invited to the meeting to discuss utilizing her expertise to make additions and updates to the website. She has agreed to assist with this. Ideas for additions to the website included 1) intro to hockey 101 (definitions, basic rules of hockey), 2) managers page and 3) a “learn more” page to discuss how to organize a team, how to get started, equipment needs, etc... Kirsten will work with Erika to get these pages ready for the upcoming season.</p> <p>Terry asked that Kirsten get the classifieds web site up and running and to see if we can enhance the bulletin board for new players to make it stand out.</p> <p>Add section to website for “suggestions” and/or “technical difficulties” that is linked to Erika’s e-mail address</p> <p>Two administrative recommendations were made regarding web access for the upcoming season: 1) managers should not be allowed to populate their own rosters and 2) Beth and Erika will be responsible for granting permission to a manger to access the team page.</p>	<p>Meet with Erika to discuss and implement changes. – Kirsten</p> <p>Get team book from Frozen Stiffs to see example. – Kirsten</p> <p>Kirsten</p> <p>Kirsten</p> <p>NA</p>
Dennis Alm – Referee Issues and WHAM	<p>Dennis was invited to the meeting by the Board to discuss referees and expectations for the upcoming season. Dennis is currently the Supervisor of Officials and will act as the primary liaison for WHAM. His WHAM point of contact will be Sandi Wewerka. The following topics were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dennis will assume responsibility for scheduling refs for all regular season and State Tournament games. Game schedules need to be sent to Kevin Loftus by October 8th to insure that refs are scheduled for the start of the season on October 	<p>Get Dennis contact information for WHAM President, VPs and Commissioners. – Sandi</p> <p>Get game schedule to Kevin Loftus no later than</p>



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	<p>22nd. The game scheduling fee is \$6.00 per game (compared to \$5.00 per game last season). There is no charge for rescheduling.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Referee fees for the 2010-2011 season will remain at \$35.00 /game/ref and \$40.00 / game/ ref for all games starting at 10:00pm or after. 3. Dennis will review all complaints about referees and will follow through with the President and the Division VPs regarding penalties. Players or teams making a complaint should use the form on the WHAM website and forward the form to their commissioner. The form needs to be very specific. Dennis will review all game misconducts and can authorize that the game misconduct warrants a match penalty (5 game suspension). He can also rescind a game misconduct. 4. Dennis introduced the referee training seminar that he will conduct at Augsburg College in late fall 2010. This seminar is open to Level 1 and Level 2 refs and does not discriminate to only include WHAM refs. The goal is to introduce new refs and review with current refs the rules and basics of refereeing a game via classroom discussion and on-ice demonstrations. Anyone interested in participating should contact Dennis Alm at dennisalm@live.com. To register for this program, you must be 16 years of age and register with USA Hockey and MN hockey and then select a specific seminar. 5. Dennis also discussed a mentoring program that he would like to pilot in the C Division. This mentoring program matches up newly trained officials with an experienced mentor who attends the game with the new referee and provides on-ice feedback and guidance. If the C Division participated, then it's possible that a small percentage of games maybe attended by three certified officials: one experienced/certified referee, one newly trained/certified referee, and a non-uniformed, experienced mentor who also skates on the ice. The non-uniformed mentor/official does not make calls, but rather coaches and mentors the new referee during the game. There is no extra charge to the home team for this third official. 6. WHAM rules will be reviewed with the refs by Dennis at the referee fall meeting. Dennis will send a representative to the WHAM Fall Meeting. 	<p>October 8th. - Beth</p> <p>Inquire with C Division about implementing mentoring program in the upcoming season. – Terry</p> <p>Get list of penalties and descriptions with video from Dennis to consider posting on WHAM website. - Sandi</p>
Creation of WHAM	We need a central location for all WHAM documents. Nancy has buckets with information that she will get to Sandi. Beth and Sandi will figure out what needs to be saved and the	Make list of and collect WHAM documents that



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Repository	length of time we need to save and archive documents. Anyone with WHAM documents should get them to Sandi via thumb drive or CD. We will purchase an external hard drive for backup.	belong in repository. – Beth and Sandi
Stat Cat Update	Ginny Anderson will be returning to head the Stat Cat. Board decided to remain with a single stat cat each for the A/B and C Divisions.	Contact Donna Leicach about returning. – Terry Contact Jeanne Vestel about returning. - Beth
Registration	Susan Welles is contacting Rebecca Clotts to be sure she wants to remain as the registrar. We discussed posting this position if Rebecca does not want to return. Erika needs to be trained as a backup registrar.	Get update from Susan and arrange training for Erika. - Beth
Credentialing	Susan is waiting to hear from Sue Sentieri about credentialing dates.	Schedule sessions and post on WHAM website. – Beth and Susan
Masters Division	The Board is considering the possibility of offering a WHAM Master's Division for skaters/goalies over the age of 40. More work needs to be done to determine the need/want and feasibility for this type of Division.	Draft a proposal to the B teams to inquire about interest and participation levels. – Beth and Carrie
Rules Committee	The rules committee will meet June 28 th to discuss rules changing for next year. The Board discussed the emphasis of consequences for 3+ penalties during a single game. Dennis Alm commented that WHAM had the most “fighting” last year compared to any other year while other programs were reducing penalties related to fighting and poor sportsmanship. The Board consensus was that the rules surrounding this topic need to be more stringent.	Report back to Board regarding changes to rules for the 2010-2011 season. - Terry
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be held at 1334 Eckles Avenue on the St. Paul Campus at 6:30pm	