



WHAM Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2010: Special Session	Time: 6:30 – 8:05pm
Location: U of M Classroom, St. Paul Campus	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	X								
Secretary: Sandi Wewerka	X	X								
Treasurer: Lori Jorgenson	X	X								
MN Hockey Dir: Nancy Wefler	X	X								
Vice-President A: Alison Hanson	X	X								
Vice-President B: Carrie Peterson	X	X								
Vice-President C: Terry Provo	X	Via phone								
Guests:										

Attachments: None

This is a special session to discuss issues related to the upcoming season: No reports from Board Members

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS/WHO
Discussion of Revised Rules for 2010-2011 Season	<p>1. Board members made many attempts to solicit volunteers to serve on the rules committee. Several WHAM members agreed to participate on this committee but then did not respond to e-mails or show up at the meeting to review/revise the current rules. Terry took the time to make revisions that the Board had discussed over the past season. She submitted the original rules and the revisions to the Board prior to the meeting in order to be ready for full Board discussion.</p> <p>Bylaw Changes (written by Sara) – The Board discussed three major changes to the Bylaws. Following the discussion, the Board was asked to further review the changes and to provide suggestions to help clarify the wording. Final changes will be presented at the Fall Meeting for vote of membership.</p>	<p>Board – Review changes and submit edits prior to next Board meeting so that we are in a good position to review edits at the August meeting and vote on final changes that are still pending.</p>



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Old Business/Previous Action Items		
A/B Level Stat Cat	Donna will not be returning this season as the A/B Level Stat Cat. Terry is working to find a replacement.	Terry – Email C managers to see if there is any interest.
B1 player penalty minutes	<p>B1 player had 150 minute penalty minutes during the 2009-2010 season. This player was never suspended and it was an oversight by the team manger to not to report the penalties and enforce the appropriate game suspension per WHAM rules. Given the rules clearly state the consequence of suspension for multiple penalties per game, the Board has the authority to go back and penalize her for the upcoming season.</p> <p>Nancy asked if there is a way to penalize the team manager for not tracking penalties and subsequent game suspensions. Given this type of penalty is not in the WHAM rules, there is no precedent to impose this type of rule. The rules committee and commissioners can remind managers prior to the start of the season that they should be tracking penalties and game suspensions.</p> <p>It was decided that the Board will vote on all handbook changes in August. All Board members are to review the revised handbook and submit changes to Sandi prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Carrie –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure out how many games this player needs to sit out based on last season's penalty minutes. 2. E-mail player, team manager and B1 Commissioner. <p>Rules Committee- Send reminder to all team managers to monitor penalties and game suspensions.</p>
New Business		
Registration	Beth met with Susan and Erika last week. It is the goal to open registration to returning teams in August. We still need to check with Susan regarding the dates for priority registration.	<p>Beth – Follow up with Susan to confirm dates.</p> <p>Terry – Follow up with Susan to get handbook changes regarding registration.</p>
Credentialing –	<p>Beth reviewed an e-mail sent to the registrar from Sue Sentieri regarding the rostering/credentialing process with USA Hockey. The Board continued to discuss options WHAM may have to roster without having the membership credential. The Board will continue to investigate options and to protect the interests of the broader membership.</p> <p>Nancy indicated that we could avoid credentialing all together if we joined the adult league. She stated that if we register as a recreational association (only play each other), then we would register with MN Hockey and USA Hockey but would not credential.</p>	<p>Beth – Follow up with Susan and Carol Carlson to explore other options for credentialing.</p> <p>Beth – Explore pros and cons of joining the adult league and declaring</p>



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		ourselves as a recreational association.
MN Hockey Women's Committee	<p>Nancy was asked to explain the objectives of the MN Hockey Women's Committee. She indicated that the goal is to bring people from MN Hockey and USA Hockey together on this committee to figure out how to change some of the verbiage in the rules, especially where the rules exclude women. Nancy explained a parallel that they just added a "disabled hockey committee" and had to change the rules for the disabled group. The charge of her new committee is to figure out how they can work better to utilize MN Hockey and figure out what they can do for us. Beth asked for clarification about what kind of influence MN Hockey has with USA Hockey and their rules. Nancy will get back to the Board about this. Nancy indicated that the rules get changed on an annual basis (typically in May or June at the Spring meeting).</p> <p>Currently, members of the Women's committee include Nancy, Lynn Olson, Dave Swenson (MN Hockey adult league director) and Tito Elumba (MN Hockey Girls' / Women's Section Representative). The Board expressed concern that the general membership of WHAM was not part of this committee and should have the opportunity to participate. Nancy agreed and will send an e-mail to all team managers inviting players to take part on this committee. Nancy will report back to the Board at the August meeting regarding the response. This Board has not yet met but plans to begin meetings just prior to the start of the upcoming season.</p>	<p>Nancy – Gather more details about the influence of MN Hockey to change the rules at USA Hockey.</p> <p>Nancy – e-mail all team managers with invitation to all players to join MN Hockey Women's committee and report back to Board about response.</p>
Clarification of the role of the MN Hockey Women's Director	Beth asked Nancy for a report from the MN Hockey June meeting. Nancy will bring a full report to the August meeting. Other responsibilities that were discussed include working at and helping to plan the State tournament and WHAM recruitment and retention (grants now available for specific programs). Nancy will check to see what other options are available from MN Hockey that can be utilized by WHAM.	Nancy – Bring report and summary of MN Hockey meeting to August Board meeting.
E-mail address change request	Beth requested that Nancy change her new e-mail address. It is currently whamdirector@yahoo.com and it is thought that this may generate confusion among the membership as Nancy is not the director of WHAM. Nancy agreed and will contact Erika to change her e-mail.	Nancy – Contact Erika regarding obtaining a different e-mail address.
Player request to move to C3	The Board heard a request on behalf of a player asking to move from C2 to C3 for the 2010-2011 season due to medical issues. The Board reviewed the medical documentation and voted to allow the move to C3.	Sandi – e-mail player and team manager regarding the decision and that the player will



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		be on probation for the 2010-2011 season.
Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be held on August 16 th at 6:30pm at ACSI (Advanced Circulatory Systems, Inc), 1905 W. County Road C, Roseville.	