



WHAM Meeting Minutes

Date: August 16, 2010	Time: 6:30 – 9:45pm
Location: ACSI, Roseville	Minutes by: Sandi Wewerka

Meeting Attendees:

	6-12-10	7-xx-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	X							
Secretary: Sandi Wewerka	X	X	X							
Treasurer: Lori Jorgenson	X	X	X							
MN Hockey Dir: Nancy Wefler	X	X	X							
Vice-President A: Alison Hanson	X	X	X							
Vice-President B: Carrie Peterson	X	X	X							
Vice-President C: Terry Provo	X	Via phone	X							
Guest: Tito Elumba, MN Hockey			X							
Guest: Susan Welles, WHAM registrar			X							

Attachments: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS/WHO
President's Report : Beth Larson	<p>Credentialing and Registration discussion – Susan Welles is going to serve as the WHAM registrar this year. Erika and Rebecca will help her. Beth proposed posting a position for a registrar “trainee” that will include a stipend so that the person can train this year. WHAM is only issued one license with Cyber Sport. Erika and one additional individual will be trained this year.</p> <p>It was suggested that we would build funds into budget to pay registrar and to bring someone in to be trained. The trainer will be paid 50 cents per head or a flat fee. Beth has a job description and we will post the trainee position in the newsletter and post it on the WHAM website.</p>	<p>Job description to Terry to include in all membership newsletter and to Erika for posting on the website. - Beth</p>
Secretary's Report : Sandi Wewerka	<p>Tables, chairs and screen are confirmed for Fall Meeting. Connect with Erika about making team folders with division and team name. Each folder should contain ballot for president, ballot for voting on bylaw changes.</p>	<p>Follow-up with Erika to prep for Fall Meeting. – Sandi</p>



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Treasurer's Report: Lori Jorgenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group tickets are available for WHAM night at the Wild games. Tickets will be discounted. Lori will coordinate this for teams/groups that are interested. We will also advertise this opportunity in the newsletter. • Lori will purchase QuickBook 2010 for online account reconciliation. • Lori has completely reconciled the budget. There was one small discrepancy that has been resolved. A full draft of the budget will be provided to teams at the Fall Meeting. 	<p>Give Terry information about Wild group tickets for newsletter. – Lori</p> <p>Give Erika the budget to put in folders for the Fall meeting. - Lori</p>
A Vice-President's Report: Alison Hanson	<p>All A2 teams have declared for the upcoming season. The A2 division will have the same number of teams as last year but not the same teams. They will play 27 games (play everyone 3 times). A1 has three teams and are really working on the fourth team. The fourth team is looking for a goalie. There is a new D1 goalie and so more people might want to play.</p> <p>Kelly Holland has agreed to serve as the A1/A2 commissioner.</p>	
B Vice-President's Report: Carrie Peterson	<p>Leah Hiniker has agreed to serve as the B1 commissioner. Judy Jungwirth will remain as the B2 commissioner.</p> <p>Super Feet rep has inserts that are made specifically for hockey skates. We will put a link on the web and potentially invite him to be a vendor at the end of the season tournament.</p>	<p>Ask Erika to re-route B1 email to Leah. - Carrie</p>
C Vice-President's Report: Terry Provo	<p>Thank you note from Kimm Deline to the Board for sponsoring players at the MN Hockey Golf tournament was shared.</p> <p>Teams for the upcoming season are still in the process of declaring. We are projected to have 18 teams at the C1 level (if Cold Fusion moves down), 18 teams at the C2 level (includes one team moving up and 2-3 new teams) and 6 teams at the C3 level.</p>	<p>None</p>
MN Hockey Report: Nancy Wefler	<p>Nancy sent MN Hockey meeting report to Board members. Budget numbers in report were the numbers that were approved. Lynn's report from USA Hockey Summer Annual Congress meeting talks about Nationals and Elite girls and Nancy will forward Lynn's report to the Board.</p>	<p>Forward Lynn's notes from the meeting to the Board. - Nancy</p>



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Old Business/Previous Action Items		
Stat Cat: All	Jeanne Vestel will serve as the Stat Cat from the A/B Division. We still need to find someone from the C Division.	Send e-mail to C commissioners to ask for a representative from the C Division. - Terry
Review of Recommended Changes to Rules and Bylaws: All	The Board reviewed the changes that were suggested at the July Board meeting to both the new rules and the revised bylaws. A motion was made to incorporate the revised rule changes with some minor grammatical changes requested by the Board. Motion approved. A motion was made to approve each bylaw change. Again the Board made some minor changes to the bylaws. The motion was approved for all bylaw changes. Bylaw changes will be provided to the full membership prior to the Fall Meeting for their review. The full membership will vote on the bylaw changes at the Fall meeting.	Final rule changes to Board for review by 8/31. – Terry Final Board vote for final approval by 9/3. – Board Submission of bylaws to teams for review prior to Fall Meeting by 9/4. - VPs
Credentialing and Status Change within USA Hockey: Susan Welles / Beth Larson	Susan reported that she and Erika had a meeting to discuss WHAM moving to a recreational classification within USA Hockey. This classification was approved by USA Hockey at the Spring Congress meeting. Susan put together a summary and proposal of this meeting for Carol's review. Susan discussed the fact that no other womens team in the nation has the classification of recreational however because we are still under the "girls" classification we are allowed to register under the recreational classification. The downfall is that for teams that want to have their games count towards nationals, they will still have to credential. This mostly applies to the A1 players who are used to credentialing and are familiar with the rules regarding nationals. In addition, any teams that want to play in a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament will have to credential with Sue Sentieri at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament. If we move to a recreational classification, we will not be allowed to have a "State" tournament at the end of the season. We will be allowed to host a "league" tournament that will be open only to teams registered within the WHAM league. All Board members agreed that we should move forward with the best interests of the entire membership as opposed to 1-2 teams that would be affected by this classification change.	Schedule meeting with Carol Carlson and Sue Sentieri to discuss specifics of changing WHAM's classification to recreational. Beth and the VPs will attend this meeting. – Susan Check on how this classification change would affect international players. - Susan



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Registration: Susan Welles	<p>Registration will open on September 11th and priority registration will take place for two weeks (until 9/23).</p> <p>Players will still register with USA Hockey, MN Hockey and WHAM. We will ask if we can use the automatic TST rostering.</p> <p>A check box will be added to the registration so a player is required to verify that they are over age 18.</p> <p>All rosters will still be generated in Cyber Space and Carol Carlson will receive a copy of all rosters.</p> <p>There will be no registration for “managers” this year. Only players and coaches that appear on the roster can be on the bench/ice. A non-player manager/coach cannot be on the bench or ice during any game or practice.</p>	<p>Check with Carol on how to handle international players and coaches. - Susan</p>
New Business		
Guest: MN Hockey representative for Girls and Womens Hockey: Tito Elumba	<p>The Board welcomed Tito Elumba who will serve as WHAM's liaison representative between MN Hockey and USA Hockey. He hopes to solicit feedback from his representative areas to bring forward to MN and USA Hockey regarding key issues and concerns. He attends three meetings for USA Hockey and brings that information back to MN Hockey and associations.</p> <p>Tito asked for the Board to give him ideas of promotional strategies that he can bring to MN Hockey and potentially expose at the national level to promote womens hockey. He will work closely with Nancy and requested that he have one key person on the Board that he can communicate with. That Board member will be Sandi.</p> <p>Tito has extensive experience in the hockey community and is currently serving as the District 8 coordinator. He served 5 years as the Cottage Grove girls hockey representative, has run the advanced 15, 16 and 17 programs and serves on the MN Hockey rules committee.</p> <p>Discussion was generated about ways to market women's hockey and increase membership especially at the A1 and C3 levels. Alison and Sandi will follow-up with Tito in the Spring to discuss.</p>	<p>Forward information on who will be going to Nationals so Tito can take that to the next USA Hockey meeting. Deadline is September 19th. - Nancy</p>



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Cold Fusion request to move down from B2 to C1: Terry Provo	Cold Fusion has requested to move down a level from B2 to C1 for the 2010-2011 season. Team and player stats from the prior year were reviewed. They won one game last year. Gina Ryan (C1 Commissioner) is fully supportive of this request and agrees that they need to move down. If they move to C1, they will need to pick up players because they have lost so many. They will not have 85% of their team returning for the upcoming season. Motion made to allow them to move to the C1 division for the 2010-2011 season. Motion approved.	Inform Cold Fusion manager of Board's decision. CC Gina Ryan and Carrie Peterson on email. - Terry
Next Meeting Date:	September 13, 2010, St. Paul Campus, Food and Nutrition Building, 1334 Eckles Ave, St. Paul.	