



WHAM Meeting Minutes

Date: October 11, 2010	Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Food Science and Nutrition Building U of M Campus	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	X	X					
Secretary: Sandi Wewerka	X	X	X	X	X					
Treasurer: Lori Jorgenson	X	X	X	X	X					
MN Hockey Dir: Nancy Wefler	X	X	X	Absent	Absent					
Vice-President A: Alison Hanson	X	X	X	X	X					
Vice-President B: Carrie Peterson	X	X	X	X	X					
Vice-President C: Terry Provo	X	Via phone	X	X	Absent					
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>Beth would like to make the Spring Meeting virtual, with elections being done online. The intent would be to ensure greater turnout of voting and the possibility of having more people “opt-in” to run for the Board. Work will begin on this following the start of the current season.</p> <p>Additionally, there was a lot of energy around “pre-scheduling” at the most recent scheduling meeting. Beth would like to pilot electronic scheduling for next season. More to come on this after the start of the season.</p>	Flesh out details around the Spring Meeting - Beth
Secretary's Report : Sandi Wewerka	Sandi will be the point person for all game schedules that need to get to Pam Loftus for referee scheduling. Final game schedules need to get to Sandi by October 13 th .	
Treasurer's Report: Lori Jorgenson	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 on the website.	Lori will pick a date that works and work with Erika to get this offer on the website.—Lori



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	<p>Lori reviewed a high-level budget and her plans for separating out the tournament from the rest of the “run the league” finances. She will be sharing a final draft via e-mail for approval.</p> <p>Lori will connect with the auditor/tax accountant to get things started with that process for year-end.</p>	<p>Finalize league and tournament budgets; send via e-mail for approval from the Board.—Lori</p> <p>Meet with auditor/tax accountant to do year-end books.—Lori</p>
A Vice-President’s Report: Alison Hanson	Alison continues to work to get all A2 games scheduled—and to complete the roster for the Wild, who moved down to A2. She has contacted several skaters who have assessed at A2 to help complete the new team.	Alison to get final game schedule to Sandi as soon as possible.—Alison
B Vice-President’s Report: Carrie Peterson	Carrie had two teams/players who challenged where their players assessed. Dani will be appraised of the situations and will be asked to address the concerns, per standard policy.	Carrie will communicate with Dani to ensure she is prepared to address concerns - Carrie
C Vice-President’s Report: Terry Provo	Nothing new to report, with the exception of the letter for consideration from the Blue Diamonds.	None
MN Hockey Report: Nancy Wefler	Absent.	None
Old Business/Previous Action Items		
Stat Cat and Registration: All	Stat Cat should be ready to go in time for opening weekend. One challenge Erika has pointed out is the fact that many teams have several players/managers with “administrative rights” which enables editing of the team sites. The challenge is that, unlike in the past, where we essentially locked down rosters (when rosters were generated by USA Hockey upon approved credentialing,) we can no longer limit a team’s access to the sites. The issue is that, in theory, teams could add players who have no properly registered/rostered. Erika can monitor the teams from the back end. But, the Board also was in favor of limiting the number of people with administrative rights to one per team once the season begins, to help prevent “illegal” players from being added to the system. Penalties for illegal players will still apply. This decision needs to be communicated to Commissioners and team	<p>Craft e-mail to Commissioners and team managers; identify single individual per team.</p> <p>Reinforce policies around illegal players - All</p>



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	managers.	
Year-end Tournament	A sub-team of the Board met to review the budget and operating guidelines for the WHAM year-end tournament for the 2010-2011 season. The tournament will run under its own profit and loss category, separate from the rest of WHAM. Additional details are being finalized and will be shared at the next Board meeting.	Budget and procedural details around the WHAM season-end tournament—communicate at next Board meeting.—Beth
Team Penalty Money: All	Lori volunteered to lead a sub-team that will consider options for where to spend/donate team penalty money from last season.	Consider options and report back to the Board.—Lori
New Business		
Guest: Referee Liaison Dennis Alm	<p>The Board welcomed Dennis Alm to the meeting to provide a quick overview of the season. Dennis wanted to clarify that penalty minutes for the coming season for WHAM will still be two minutes, despite the fact that Minnesota Hockey is participating in a pilot that would reduce penalty minutes to 1:30. He will ensure that refs know, but there may be some questions from refs.</p> <p>The Annual Referee kick-off meeting for District #1, which covers WHAM, will be held Monday October 18th. At that meeting Dennis will be reviewing rules and ensuring that all refs are up to speed with changes. Dennis also brought up the fact that, in the past, WHAM did not allow refs who play in WHAM to referee games within their division. So, for example, if a ref plays in B2, she would not be allowed to ref any B games. The Board did not consider this a conflict of interest and would not prohibit refs from officiating games that are within their division, but not within their sub-division. So, refs who play in B2 would not be allowed to ref B2 games, but could ref B1 games.</p> <p>Dennis is conducting a level #1 and #2 referee clinic October 30th at Augsburg, with a start time of 8:00 a.m. WHAM is a sponsor of that clinic. Dennis will submit receipts for this clinic for reimbursement. The clinic will be promoted on the WHAM website.</p> <p>The C Division will be participating in the referee mentoring program this year. The purpose of the program is to help grow new refs that will be able to ref WHAM games. New refs are paired up with veteran refs. There should be no change in the game and/or how the game is played or officiated.</p> <p>Dennis just reminded all teams that there should be no kids in the penalty pox at any</p>	<p>Beth will check with Susan and Sara to determine the rationale behind not allowing refs to officiate within WHAM divisions.</p> <p>Place the referee clinic on the WHAM website (Erika.)</p>



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	time—no one under the age of 16.	
Request for Goalie Exemption from Blue Diamonds: Terry Provo	Jan Mohrfeld of the Blue Diamonds presented a special request to the Board. The Blue Diamonds primary goalie is pregnant and will be unable to play this season. Jenny Lenhart is assessed as a C3 goalie but has agreed to be the Blue Diamonds primary goalie this season. A motion was made to allow Jenny to roster as a C2 goalie this year and to allow the Blue Diamonds to use Jenny as their primary goalie provided she goaltends for the Blue Diamonds for a majority (more than half) of their games and at the league tournament at the end of the season, should the Blue Diamonds be eligible. Motion approved.	Inform Blue Diamonds of the approval to use Jenny Lenhart for their primary goalie this season. - Terry
Establish Marketing committee; determine how to use MN Hockey funds to promote WHAM	Deferred to after the start of the 2010 WHAM season.	Sandi and Alision
Next Meeting Date:	November 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m. ACSI, Roseville	All