



WHAM Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2011	Time: 6:30 – 10:15 pm
Location: ACSI, Roseville, MN	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		X		
Secretary: Sandi Wewerka	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Treasurer: Lori Jorgenson	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Vice-President A: Alison Hanson	X	X	X	X		X - game		X		
Vice-President B: Carrie Peterson	X	X	X	X		X		Excused		
Vice-President C: Terry Provo	X	Via phone	X	X		X		X		
Guest: Erika Hockinson-Spande (league administrator)			X	X		X		X		
Guest: Tito Embula – MN Hockey								X		

Attachments: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS/WHO
President's Report : Beth Larson	Nothing to report.	N/A
Secretary's Report : Sandi Wewerka	Nothing to report.	N/A
Treasurer's Report: Lori Jorgenson	Handed out bank statement for November and December. Taxes are completed and have been submitted. Macalester has paid ref fees. Board has asked to get a balance sheet and ledger each month. Sixteen WILD tickets were sold!	Prepare balance sheet for monthly meetings - Lori
A Vice-President's Report: Alison Hanson	A1 v. A2 issues: What are the issues that can determine the difference between A1 and A2? We have had one complaint about an A2 player that is very good and should really be playing at the A1 level. There is the broader issue of where to place incoming Division 1 players. Discussed possibility of open A division and maybe make a rule of having a maximum number (2-3) of D1 players (4 years out) per team. The problem is that these players do not have a place to play given that the A1 division is so small.	Hold meeting late March, early April with A2 managers / players to ask them for suggestions as to how to resolve issues between A1 and A2- Alison & Erika



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B Vice-President's Report: Carrie Peterson	Not present.	
C Vice-President's Report: Terry Provo	Meet with commissioners to discuss C issues including teams traveling to Duluth, size of the divisions and teams that are going to be eligible for the end of the season tournament next year. Discussed C3 goalie eligibility issue.	Schedule meeting with commissioners and report back to Board – Terry Resolve with team - Sandi
Old Business/Previous Action Items		
New Business		
Turkey Tournament Update - Beth	WHAM will handle this like any other tournament. If it is USA Hockey sanctioned, they need to find a sanctioning association. WHAM will not sanction this in the future. If it is sanctioned, they will need to credential all players and we can help with that as long as it is at least 2 weeks in advance.	N/A
Approval of Prior Minutes	Beth made a motion to approve prior minutes. Terry requested change in verbiage on one item. Change was made. Motion approved.	N/A
Guest: Tito Embula – MN Hockey rep for Girls and Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Play Like a Girl</i> Newsletter: This is published three times per year and the next one is due In January 2011. Tito has requested to work with someone in WHAM to promote news in women's hockey in MN and in the USA Hockey World. Include key dates for tournaments. This goes to all USA Hockey registered girls and women in the country. Tito will get us samples of the newsletter. Erika will write information about our current registration numbers and the size of WHAM. Tito would like uis to reference website in paragraph. Erika will be the contact person for Tito to get him information and contribute articles. 2. Tito has requested a pre- and post-season update on various topics to include with his USA Hockey report. This can be the same information regarding registration, increase in numbers and division in age groups. Tito will work with Erika on this. Will have another report due in the summer as a season re-cap. This is all important information to share with MN and USA Hockey. 	<p>Write small paragraph about WHAM and include registration numbers, league tournament dates. – Erika</p> <p>Written contributions to Tito for USA Hockey report – next update in summer - Erika</p>



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	<p>3. MN Hockey and USA Hockey want to use Hockey Day in Minnesota to help gain interest in women's hockey. USA Hockey has asked us to come up with recruitment ideas. It is being held the weekend of February 18th. With this short notice, it is hard now to find time to do this or find ice for anything. Discussed starting something in the Spring and then summer sessions in June on Sunday evenings. Tito can ask about funding to the MN Hockey Recruitment and Retention program and ask about funding. It should not be "free" because people will not show up if they have no investment at all. Tito will follow-up with Nancy.</p> <p>4. 30+ Women: 30-40+ women are in the adult council for Nationals. There are discussions to put together a proposal that would be effective in 2012. They are assuming that 30+ women teams would participate in greater numbers if they did not have to credential and follow the 10/14 rule. They would participate as part of the adult council. Needs some feedback from us. Meeting is in two weekends. He can share our initial thoughts with the group and then will get other details to us based on what was discussed. If there is no catch, this seems OK.</p> <p>5. Girls and Womens group has 3 committees formed: volunteerism, recruiting, getting women to be more interested in participating in nationals. Reviewed and discussed proposals.</p>	NA
<p>C1 Teams Traveling to Duluth -</p>	<p>Teams are forfeiting games against Duluth because players do not want to travel to Duluth to play a game. It is a time and financial commitment that is hard for many players in recreational hockey. There is also a B1 team that plays games against Duluth. Most teams are not going up there with a full roster. They are having the same issues at the B Division but not as many forfeits. On the flip side, it is only once a year. Will be discussed with C Commissioners. Carrie will talk to B Commissioners.</p>	<p>VP's talk to B and C Commissioners about issues – Terry and Carrie</p>
<p>Fees for Unclaimed, Out of State and Non-Citizen Players</p>	<p>Sue Senteri is asking for fees for unclaimed and out-of-state players. It appears this has not been pursued before. If a player registers and lives out of state, they do not pay MN Hockey. Most players live in WI, just across the border. Others are college players. She is requesting that these players pay the MN Hockey fee. The Board will address this with Sue and MN Hockey. We have never had this enforced. We were not notified prior to registration and it is not fair to go back to players at this point in the season. MN Hockey is requesting \$550.00 to cover these fees.</p>	<p>Draft letter to Sue requesting that fees are waived for the 2010-2011 season - Beth</p>



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	Note to think about including this in the registration for next season. Erika is working on unclaimed players and non-citizen players. Coaches were not charged the \$10 fee this year so there will be no refunds to coaches this year.	
Hockeyfinder	WHAM has been contacted by Derrik Dyka about WHAM joining Hockeyfinder. They want to know if there is any interest in forming a WHAM specific Hockeyfinder ice time once a week. The fee would be \$10 per player. No financial risk to WHAM. One WHAM organizer would need to bring pucks and do a head count. Discussion that this sounds similar to Masters Division and might be a good way to pilot the Masters Division. Full Board approval allowing Hockeyfinder to advertise on our website with a link.	Follow up with Derrik - Terry
Registration Numbers	Erika tallied registration numbers. 1401 players are registered this year. That is an increase of 67 players this year from last year. We have 572 players that are age 40+!	N/A
Review of Erika's check on games v. Pam Loftus schedule	Erika is getting many emails to reschedule or forfeit games that were scheduled on 12/11/10. She is not charging for the rescheduled games due to severe weather. Pam Loftus will not schedule refs for a rescheduled game until the \$75.00 fee is received. Players should pay close attention to the website.	Continue to monitor schedules and communications with Pam Loftus. - Erika
Fee for game change	Pam Loftus expects teams to pay a \$75.00 fee when there is a game schedule change. This policy is explained on the WHAM website. However, in the future, Pam expects the team to pay the \$75.00 immediately upon making the change.	Commissioners notify team managers about the fee. Post fees on FAQ on WHAM website. Add the steps necessary to change / cancel a game.- Erika
10 minute penalty v. game misconduct clarification	10 minute misconduct is a player only penalty and is a personal penalty. It is usually with a 2 minute minor penalty coupled with a 10-minute major. Once the 10 minutes is up, the player can rejoin the game. A game misconduct means another player on the team serves the 2 minute penalty and the player that got the misconduct sits the rest of the game as well as the next game. With a game misconduct, the refs	N/A



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	should fill out an additional form with details and the form is sent to Dennis Alm and Dennis is to contact WHAM. The commissioners will contact the team manager to enforce that the player sits the next game.	
End of Season Tournament Preparations	A smaller team will work on the planning for the year-end tournament and will bring all information to the next Board meeting.	
Next Meeting Date:	Next meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 6:30pm.	