



## WHAM Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> August 8, 2011	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
<b>Location:</b> Dunn Brothers, 6 <sup>th</sup> & University in Minneapolis	<b>Minutes by:</b> Erica Weiler

**Meeting Attendees:**

	1-10-11	2-07-11	3-07-11	4-11-11	5-16-11	7-11-11	8-8-11	9-6-11		
<b>President:</b> Beth Larson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Secretary:</b> Sandi Wewerka	X	X		X	X					
<b>Secretary:</b> Erica Weiler							X			
<b>Treasurer:</b> Lori Jorgenson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>Vice-President A:</b> Alison Hanson	X	X	X	excused	X	X	X			
<b>Vice-President B:</b> Carrie Peterson			X	X	X	X	excused			
<b>Vice-President C:</b> Terry Provo	X	X	X	X	X					
<b>Vice-President C:</b> Gina Ryan	X		X		X	X	X			
<b>MN Women's Hockey Dir:</b> Nancy Wefler					X					
<b>Guest:</b> Erica Weiler						x				

**Attachments:**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS/WHO
<b>Approval of Last Meeting Minutes</b>	Motion made to approve minutes from the 7/11/11. <b>Motion seconded and approved.</b> Motion made to approve minutes from 5/16/11. <b>Motion seconded and approved.</b>	EW will post both sets of minutes on the website.
<b>Previous Action Items:</b>	EW talked to Dennis Alm: Referee fees will stay the same this season as they were last season -- \$35 for games which start before 10 pm and \$40 for games which start at or after 10 p.m.	
<b>President's Report: Beth Larson</b>	None	
<b>Secretary's Report: Erica Weiler</b>	None	
<b>Treasurer's Report: Lori Jorgenson</b>	July reconciliation statements presented to Board.	



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<b>A Vice-President's Report: Alison Hanson</b>	None	
<b>B Vice-President's Report: Carrie Peterson</b>	N/A	
<b>C Vice-President's Report: Gina Ryan</b>	Volunteer for C1 Commissioner has been found; Terasa Bonifas will be taking over the position for this season.	
<b>MN Hockey Women's Director</b>	Nancy in attendance when meeting was called to order; objected to meeting because it was not appropriately called under Sections 5.05 of the league By-laws (waiver of notice).	
<b>Old Business/Previous Action Items</b>		
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Scheduling Meeting</b>	Confirm with Sandi & Terry that the scheduling meeting is ready to go. C division has all the volunteers necessary to input games for all subdivisions for the scheduling meeting. Need volunteers to enter for A & B1. Erika will coordinate the volunteers.	Erika check with Sandi/Terry before next meeting.  Gina to get list of C Division volunteers to Erika.
<b>Volunteer positions that need to be filled</b>	Still looking for A-level assessment folks (if needed). Still looking for B-level "Stat Cat" to take care of the C-level score sheets.	Erika check w/equipment manager to make sure position is filled for this year.
<b>Registration update</b>	Erika spoke to Sport NGIN about this year's registration. There will be a check box somewhere in the process where the players who register will agree to abide by WHAM's rules & By-laws.  Discussion was also had with Sport NGIN about how to eliminate the main glitch found in	



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	<p>the registration process last year: when a new player registering for the first time says it is not her first time through registration, she was able to bypass the requirement to pay for WHAM registration. This glitch will be rectified for the 2011-12 season registration.</p> <p>Registration is scheduled to open after September 24 Fall Meeting – like last year.</p>	
<b>Fall Meeting</b>	<p>Power point format was found to work well last year for Fall Meeting; something similar is planned for this year. Rather than handing out a packet with copies of slides from the presentation, commissioners will send out a summary of important information after the meeting to each of their divisions.</p> <p>To reduce paper usage (and administrative costs to the league) rather than handing out a single hard copy of the rulebook to each team manager at the Fall Meeting, an email will be sent to all registered players individually with a link the updated by-laws / rules as well as the Fall Meeting minutes after the meeting.</p> <p>Roll call &amp; signature forms will still need to be printed and signed in hard copy, for attendance purposes.</p>	<p>Erika will start Power Point file prior to next meeting since she has file used for fall meeting last year.</p> <p>EW will bring paper copies of the forms to the meeting.</p>
<b>WHAM Rules Changes</b>	<p>Several updates were suggested for the rules for the 2011-12 season. These updates include the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Board contact information in the handbook</li> <li>• Team declaration date will be August 15 rather than September 1 beginning in August of 2012</li> <li>• Outstanding fines must be paid prior to registration with the league</li> <li>• Addition of language expressly permitting the format for the spring meeting to be in-person or virtual at the Board's discretion</li> <li>• Clarification of the language regarding assessment of players over 40. These players are required to play an entire season at the level at which they are assessed before they may be permitted to move down the single level which is allowed of those participants over 40.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, there was a discussion of pay for officials—whether it should happen before the game or after it &amp; what to do in situations where only one official attends the game or where the second official arrives late to the game.</p>	<p>Gina will check with Dennis Alm about the official position from District 1 regarding payment discussion for late officials.</p>



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<b>By-laws Changes</b>	<p>Changes are needed for the MN Hockey Director's position description. Currently, the position references to responsibilities with "State Tournament" which has been changed to the End-of-Season tournament. These responsibilities have also been transitioned to the League Administrator and are no longer part of the MN Women's Hockey Director's role.</p> <p>Elsewhere in the By-laws, the references to "State Tournament" must be changed to "End of Season" tournament.</p> <p>Finally, verbiage must be added to allow for formats of the Spring meeting other than an in-person meeting.</p>	Gina will be working on exact By-laws verbiage changes prior to next meeting.
<b>Membership Survey</b>	<p>Will be coming out before Fall Meeting. Survey link will go to entire membership.</p> <p>The survey will be sent out to people in groups of 500 or fewer per day for a total of three (3) consecutive days, as Gmail caps the number of messages sent by a single email address at less than 500 per day or it shuts down the account under the assumption it is being used only for spamming.</p>	<p>Alison will read over Beth's draft of survey.</p> <p>Erika will send out to membership when ready.</p>
<b>End-of-Season Tournament</b>	<p>A reminder note will be sent by each Division VP to teams which have attended End-of-Season Tournament 2 out of the last 3 years or which have won their division 2 of the last 3 seasons. The current rules permit the Board to request teams who meet either of these criteria to move up for the 2012-13 season if said teams also attend the tournament again this season (2011-12).</p> <p>Erika working to get ice for End-of-Season Tournament; Thursday &amp; Friday games may have start times as early as 5:15 p.m. which shall be communicated to the league as early as possible so any early evening games will not come as a surprise in March.</p>	Division VPs need to determine if any teams in their divisions should receive a reminder notice regarding this move-up policy.
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	September 6, 2011 at Dunn Brothers, 530 University Ave in Minneapolis at 6:30 p.m.	