



Fall Meeting

September 24, 2011



Team Roll Call

- A1
- A2
- B1
- B2
- C1
- C2
- C3



Introductions: Board

- President: Open
- Treasurer: Open
- Secretary: Erica Weiler
- A Division Vice-President: Alison Hanson
- B Division Vice-President: Open
- C Division Vice-President: Gina Wright
- MN Hockey Women's Director: Nancy Wefler



Commissioners

- Please stand...
 - A1/A2: Alex Clark
 - B1: Jenna Bluhm
 - B2: Gina Magstadt
 - C1: Terasa Bonifas
 - C2: Jenna Sawicki
 - C3: Sandi Wewerka (not present)
- League Administrator: Erika Hockinson-Spande



Board Overview

- Statement regarding recent challenges and resignations
- Next Steps



Board Overview Cont.

- Open Positions (until Spring 2012 voting)
 - Interim President
 - Interim B-VP
 - Interim Treasurer
- Parties interested in running please send your name and a short summary of why you are qualified to leagueadmin@whamhockey.org by 10/1/11, board will fill the interim vacancies per the WHAM Handbook

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Treasurer's Report

- as of 8/31/11
 - Operating Account Balance: \$28,132.82
 - Money Market Savings Account: \$11,336.53
 - Total Current Assets: \$40,975.35
- Fiscal Year Sept 1, 2010 to Aug 31, 2011
 - Total Income: \$40,977.59
 - Total Expenses: \$44,996.79
 - Net Loss: (\$4,019.20)
 - Net loss mainly due to change in End of the Year Tournament format. Was expected in proposed budget last season.
 - *A full P&L Statement as well as budget information will be posted to the website along with Fall Meeting power point following the meeting*



Survey Results

- Sent to 1480 members via email
- 387 participated in the survey (26%)

Question 1 - **19.4%** who took the survey were managers

Question 2 – Members of WHAM for:

0-3 years: 26.1%

4-6 years: 28.9%

7-9 years: 20.9%

10 or more: 24.3%

Survey Results

Question 3

Perspective of Hockey is:

- I play just for the love of the game and exercise. Winning isn't everything – 79.6%
- I want to continue to improve my skills and move up in WHAM - 19.9%
- It is important to win and be on a winning team – 9.6%

Question 4

Ideal Number of Games:

- Less than 20 – 1.0%
- 16 – 20 games – 35.7%
- 20 – 25 games – 50.1%
- More than 30 games – 17.6%

Survey Results

Question 5

Year End Tournament

- It is fun but not the end of the world if we don't make it – 47.8%
- My team makes it a goal and is very disappointed if we don't make it – 32.3%
- Doesn't matter much to me – 21.4%

Question 6

Masters Division

- Very likely, seems like a great idea – 19.5%
- Not sure, need to learn more – 46.7%
- Not at all interested – 33.9%

Survey Results

#7 Suggestions to make WHAM easier/more efficient:

- *Virtual Meeting - awesome!!!*
- *Registration - Overall - Easy and Great*
- *Website – can be difficult to navigate*
- *No assessments for A division*
- *No Credentialing = Awesome*
- *Online Scheduling*
- *Cost - needs to be cheaper*
- *New Format for Tournament = Great*

#8 What you most enjoy about WHAM

- *Skating and socializing with friends*
- *Camaraderie and creation of healthy rivalries*
- *Rec, fun hockey*
- *Exercise*
- *Off-the-charts FUN!!!*

Survey Results

#9 Suggestions to make WHAM better:

- Less games in December
- Assessments need to be better
- Online grading for refs for each game...track responses
- Stricter evaluation of levels, standout players should be reviewed
- Expand the number of teams for state
- Summer league run by WHAM
- Top 2 finishing team in division move up
- Longer game times...1.25 hours each

#10 I play in this division:

- A1 – 2.1%
- A2 – 14.0% A = 16.1%
- B1 – 10.3%
- B2 – 18.6 % B = 28.9%
- C1 – 23.0%
- C2 – 26.1% C = 57.9%
- C3 – 8.8%



A DIVISION UPDATE



A1 Division Update

- The A1 Division will play 8 games.
- Teams:
 1. Blue J's
 2. McGovern's
 3. Ring Stars



A2 Division Update

- The A2 Division will play 24 games.
- Top four teams will advance to league tournament at end of season.
- Teams:
 1. Eagles
 2. Lions
 3. Frozen Stiffs
 4. Ligers
 5. Mean Muggers
 6. Mn Extreme
 7. Outer Edge
 8. Storm
 9. Glory Days
 10. TC Shatter
 11. Badenovs
 12. MN Maroons
 13. Shenanigans



B DIVISION UPDATE



B1 Division Update

- The B1 Division will play 24 games
- Top four teams will advance to league tournament based on total regular season points



B1 Division Teams

- Blizzard
- Flyers
- Wildcats
- Cluster Pack
- Hinote's Heroes
- E-Train
- Northland Thunder
- Five Holes
- Riveters



B2 Division Update

- B2 Division will play 28 games.
- Each team to play twice Home/Away
- Top six teams advance to Wham Tournament by overall points, regardless of division
- New for 2011-12, B2 division piloting virtual scheduling, to be organized by the B2 Commissioner

B2 Division Teams

- Blue Chill
- Puck Hogs
- Renegades
- Cougars
- Top Shelf
- Blast
- Mystics
- Synergy
- Sharpshooters
- Lightning II
- Shooting Stars
- Icy Hot
- Arrows
- Surly Misfits
- MCM

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C DIVISION UPDATE



C Division Update

- C Division Leadership Goals
 - We will communicate as needed, always trying to summarize messages so that its pertinent and relevant
 - Managers please be sure to forward to your team or have locker room updates so that everyone is informed, a common complaint among the membership
 - We will solicit information as needed in order to ensure C division managers have a voice when challenges arise
 - Your Commissioners and the WHAM website are your direct resources, please use them! 50% of inquiries are typically questions relating to rules or processes that are outlined online



C1 Division Update

- Grew by 3 teams (19 to 22)
- Will play 28 games, 14 home, 14 away.
- Will split into 3 subdivisions (Black, White and Red)
 - Commissioner creating worksheets for all managers with games/teams home/away for ease in scheduling
- Teams will advance to the league tournament as outlined:
 - Top six teams (last year 4 attended)
 - Advance based on overall regular season points regardless of division

C1 Division Teams

Black Division (7)

- River Heights
- Power Play
- Kodiaks
- Northern Stars
- Lightening
- Inside Edge
- Thunderbirds (*NEW*)

White Division (8)

- Tracy's
- Jets
- Mustangs
- Chicklets
- Trainwreck
- Foxes
- Rockets
- The Cardinal (*NEW*)

Red Division (7)

- Zamboni's
- Billy's
- Blue Diamonds
- Cold Fusion
- Last Shot
- Anarchy
- Warriors (*NEW*)



C2 Division Update

- Number of teams went down from 19 to 17 with shifts to C1
- Will play 23 games
- Will reduce from 3 to 2 subdivisions (Blue & Red)
 - Play teams in subdivision twice (home/away) and all other teams once (home/away to be outlined at scheduling)
 - Commissioner creating worksheets for all managers with games/teams home/away for ease in scheduling
- Teams will advance to the league tournament as outlined:
 - Top six teams (last year 4 attended)
 - Advance based on overall regular season points regardless of division

C2 Division Teams

Blue Division (8)

- Ice Pirates
- Golden Stars
- CWS
- Bombers
- Voyaguers
- Hot Shots
- Chaos
- Macalaster

Red Division (9)

- Surge
- Crew
- Xplosion
- Yetis
- Icebreakers
- Galaxy
- Hot Tamales
- Hot Flash
- Carlton College



C3 Division Update

- Division increased from 6 to 8 teams
- C3 to confirm # of games
- Top four teams will advance to the league tournament at the end of the season
 - Based on total overall regular season points



C3 Division Teams

- Breakaways
- Black Eyed Pucks (*NEW*)
- Fine Lines
- Goal Diggers
- Lucky Pucks (*NEW*)
- Penalty Box
- Stickin' Around
- Victorious Secret



Referees

- Dennis Alm, Referee Liaison to WHAM
- All grievances need to be communicated using the grievance form on the website, please cc your Division VP when sending reports to Dennis



Registration Fees

- WHAM fee \$15
- USA Hockey fee \$30
- Minnesota Hockey fee \$10

Note – Wisconsin residents pay an additional \$10 to Minnesota Hockey for registration

- All additional team fees are based on the individual teams' discretion.



Registration

- Registration will be done online at www.whamhockey.org
- Registration will open 9/28/11
- Click on REGISTER tab at the top of homepage
- Skater or Goalies “click here” link to register
- You will be prompted to sign into Sport NGIN using your previous username and password or if you are new you will need to create an account.



Registration

- Follow the registration for USA Hockey.
- Once you have completed the USA Hockey registration make sure you continue on and register with WHAM.
- ****Make sure you register with both USA Hockey and WHAM****
- Once registered with WHAM, your name will appear on your team roster and you will be ready to play. The exception is A1 teams!



Credentialing

- A1 teams and National-bound teams
- Need to credential
- Team managers will be responsible for collecting BC's or passport copies and submitting them to MN Hockey Registrar
- National-bound teams will be required to play 14 games as a team, with at least 10 played by each participant planning on participating in nationals



Credentialing

- Games to qualify toward the 14/10 can be played against any registered team within the teams division (A, B or C) Outside WHAM USA sanctioned teams, and tournaments can also count toward games played
- All teams attending a USA Hockey sanctioned tournament must obtain an official roster by credentialing 2 wks prior to the first game



Key Rules

- Referees for all games throughout the state (exception Duluth) will be coordinated through WHAM with the Referee Liaison
- Intent to declare for nationals is October 1st.
- Game stats must be entered into website stat program within 7 days



Key Rule Changes

- New players over 40 – required to play for 1 year at the level assessed, option to move down 1 level after one year of play if desired
- Team declaration date moving to 8/15 from 9/1 in order to allow for planning and scheduling
- Stat Cat is now Stat Coordinator
- Divisions with 15+ teams will now be allowed 6 teams at the year end tournament
- League Handbook for 2011-2012 to be posted by the 10/11 Scheduling Meeting
- Team's that have outstanding financial obligations will not be allowed to register until paid in full. Teams with outstanding fees have information in their team envelope distributed today



Key Reminders

- Penalty minutes last season
 - 40+ players had ≥ 20 penalty minutes (max 90 min)
 - B1 highest average penalty min per game
- Any player who gets 3 penalties per game is ejected and will serve a one game suspension
 - Responsibility for this rests with team manager
 - Must be reported to the commissioner
 - May carry over to the next season



Gettin' Along

- WHAM is a RECREATIONAL hockey league
- No game is worth a severe injury
- There is no place in this league for swearing, taunting, fighting and intentionally injuring another player



Bylaw Change Proposal

- Change the name of the WHAM End of Season Tournament – currently referred to as the “State Tournament” – membership to vote today
- Clarification of the language regarding WHAM semi annual meeting venue, option to conduct virtual meetings and elections – membership to vote today



Scheduling Meeting

- Tuesday, October 11th; 6:30pm – 9:00pm; Schwan Center
- Must send one team representative to avoid fine; two are recommended
- Wear your team apparel or jersey to easily ID teams
- Bring enough ice hours to cover home games with 1-2 extra to permit flexibility
- Recommend min 2 people attend to help coordinate for each team
- WHAM will provide teams with scheduling worksheets
- Handouts: WHAM will supply score sheets



Important Dates

- September 28, 2011 – Registration Opens www.whamhockey.org
- October 11, 2011; 6:30pm – 9:00pm
 - Scheduling meeting @ Schwan Center
 - Must send representative to avoid fine
- October 28, 2011
 - First day regular season games may be played
- December 20, 2011
 - Last day to register for league play
- February 29, 2012
 - Last day regular season games may be played
- March 15 – 18, 2012: league championship tournament
- April TBD, 2012 : Spring meeting
 - Must send representative from each team



Grievance Committee

Volunteers needed!!

- Need Reps at all division levels
- In the past 3 seasons only 1 meeting required
- Please see Erica Weiler at the end of the meeting if you are interested



MN Hockey Report



Conclusion

Questions & Open
Discussion



Thank you!

Commissioner Break-Outs