



Hello WHAM Membership!

We hope you've all had a GREAT summer -- hard to believe it's August already!

Many thanks to those of you who gave time and energy to last spring's Town Hall WHAM meetings. We had great conversations and received thoughtful ideas and input. Several new initiatives came out of those sessions -- some of which we'll institute already this season! Still other ideas will be in the works for the future. (You'll hear more about all of this at the fall meeting!)

New WHAM programs for 2012-2013 include:

The **WHAM Development League -- Hockey101!** Please go to www.whamhockey.org and hit **Hockey101** for complete details. This league was designed to support all new players coming into WHAM. For a total of **\$65**, players are registered with USA/MN and WHAM hockey and participate in 6 on ice sessions as well as 2 chalk talks with instructor Rob Little. This beginner training gives new players a warm-up and overview of hockey and an assessment as part of their completed sessions. (This is designed to be an easy entry into WHAM, and a low-pressure alternative to our usual assessments.) After completion of Hockey 101, players have the option to either join an existing WHAM team or continue their beginner season playing controlled scrimmages with other new players and existing C3 players. Email hockey101@whamhockey.org for additional questions. If you have friends who've always wanted to try hockey, please spread the word!

The new B3 Division! Our middle divisions (C2, C1 and B2) have grown tremendously over the years, prompting the need to expand the B Division. (If you have questions about this new division, please contact the B Vice President, Beth Chaplin: B_vicepresident@whamhockey.org.)

Opportunity for individuals to skate on two teams: For 2012-2013, teams may roster a maximum of two players from a lower division. Skaters who are already rostered on an existing team may also join the roster of one upper division team as a sub skater. This is a great opportunity for skaters who want to skate more, and for those who would like to try an upper level. This will also allow teams greater roster flexibility with the option to add two skaters. (For example, a B1 team may roster two sub skaters who are currently rostered with a B2 team.) This will be discussed in more detail at the fall meeting.

We have many other exciting items to update you on at our **Fall 2012 WHAM Meeting to be held on 9/22/12 from 9:00-11:00am at the Roseville Skating Center, Rose Room**. Please ensure at least 1 team representative attends. There are new rules and division overviews that will be critical for your teams. See you there!

WHAM Board Openings are filled!

- President – There were no volunteers or nominations from the membership at large to fill the vacant President's position so **the Board asked Gina Wright to fill this vacancy. Gina accepted this appointment.** At the May Board meeting, a motion was made to appoint Gina to the President's role; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Gina will hold this position until Spring of 2014.



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- C Vice President – Because Gina accepted the President's role, her previous position of C Division Vice President would be for the remainder of Gina's term. **The Board appointed Julie Hokeness to fill the C Vice President's role for the remainder of Gina's term. Julie accepted this appointment.** At the May Board meeting, a motion was made to appoint Julie to the C VP role; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Julie will hold this position until Spring of 2013 at which time the C division will elect a new Vice President.
- A Vice President – Because Alison Hanson had resigned the role of A Division Vice President before her elected term had ended, **the Board appointed Michelle Morgan to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Alison's term. Michelle accepted this appointment.** At the May Board meeting, a motion was made to appoint Michelle to the A VP role; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Michelle will hold this position until Spring of 2013 at which time the A division will elect a new Vice President.
- B Vice President – There was a single volunteer to fill the B Vice President position. **Beth Chaplin, the previous B Division Vice President offered to retain this position for another term.** Beth was voted in to the position by the B Division membership during virtual vote at the spring meeting.
- Treasurer – There were no volunteers or nominations from the membership at large to fill the vacant Treasurer's position so **the Board asked Jan Mohrfeld to fill this vacancy. Jan accepted this appointment.** At the May Board meeting, a motion was made to appoint Jan to the Treasurer's role; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Jan will hold this position until Spring of 2014.

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The AHA announces a new Women's League to start 2012-2013 Season

As many of you know, the AHA will be launching a league for women, creating even more opportunities for women to play organized hockey! The AHA folks are sincere about providing a quality product. WHAM is, too. Costs are different, some rules are different, but when it comes right down to it, it's still hockey! Many of you already skate in the AHA coed leagues and have asked for an overview comparison between WHAM and AHA's Women's leagues. To see a detailed list comparing features of both leagues, please go to www.whamhockey.org and find the "WHAM vs. AHA overview" on the home page. (Our understanding is that the AHA is making some adjustments to their original program outline. Our comparison is based on information from the AHA meetings held earlier this spring.) We're sharing this objective comparison so everyone has the facts to make an informed decision. (Or skate in both leagues!) Of course, we want you to stay with WHAM! We're proud of our league that was created by women and for women, and run for over 30 years primarily through the work of volunteers. The women who started this league for all of us were visionary:



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the fact that WHAM is the largest women's hockey association in the world is a testament to their vision and commitment. The WHAM board is working hard to honor that WHAM tradition and vision! We will have more discussion on this topic at the WHAM Fall meeting on 9/22/12.

WHAM is now accepting nominations for the WHAM Hall of Fame

As previously announced this spring, WHAM is taking nominations for the WHAM Hall of Fame. Please email president@whamhockey.org for requirements and form! Winners to be announced at the WHAM Fall meeting on 9/22/12, **submissions are due by 9/7/12!**

Important Upcoming Dates

☞ **Assessments are posted on line! Please go to www.whamhockey.org for complete details!**

☞ **Managers – reserve your home ice!**

○ **Estimated # games (to be finalized by 8/30/12)**

- **A1= 6 A2= 24**
- **B1= 24 B2= 24 B3= 24**
- **C1= 26 C2= 26 C3= 24**

☞ **Team Confirmations due 8/15/12 to your division Commissioners**

☞ **Team/Player Registration opens 8/18/12. The final date to roster on a team is 12/20/12.**

- USA Hockey fee increased to \$45
- MN Hockey fee remains \$15
- WHAM Hockey fee remains \$10

☞ **Mandatory Fall Meeting 9/22/12 9:00am-11:00am Roseville Skating Center, Rose Room**

☞ **Scheduling Update: You wanted less meetings WHAM, we listened! The 2012-2013 *scheduling will be done via email this year!* B2 successfully piloted an online email process last year that we will roll out to all divisions this season, complete details to come from your commissioners by 8/30/12!**

☞ **Wham Season 2012-2013 dates: 10/22/12 – 2/28/13**

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