

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for being a part of Willmar Hockey Association. WHA is a volunteer organization. It takes dozens of people to make each season happen. One of our goals for the coming 2018-19 season is to get even more people involved, as many hands make light work. In the past, we've had too many seasons where just a few people do a majority of the work.

We have 5 people whose 3 year terms on the WHA Board expire this May. Sandy Schow, Matt Behm, Marty Gregory, Angie Michelson, and Ryan Koosman, we thank you for your service the last few years. All of them have the option to re run for another 3 year board term, or continue on a committee. Some are looking for apprentices to teach their duties to, and have them take over for the 2019-20 season.

As mentioned above, also would like to add to the number of people that help this season. We would like each of you to consider either serving on the WHA Board, or serving on a committee.

The WHA board meets the second Monday night of every month usually 6:30-8:00.

Committees meet on their own and at different times. The committee Director will schedule meetings as needed. They could be email meetings, phone calls, or meetings in person. Some committees only meeting a few times per season.

If you would be willing to serve (or can forward to someone you know that would like to get involved) please email, call, or text any board member your information no later than May 1st.

At the end of this letter, and also on the WHA Website under Board tab, you can find more details as to what each committee does each season. As you review that document, please pick an item or two you can handle, and join that committee. If everyone finds a task, no one will be overwhelmed with work.

We are excited to plan and prepare for the 2018-19 Hockey season. Thank you for your consideration!

Here is a list of committees, and their current directors. Please contact a Board member, or any committee director, if you have questions about getting on, or helping out with, a committee. Again, please make your choice known to the committee Director by May 1st.

Executive Committee: Matt Dawson, President, WHA

One Ice Committee: Ryan Koosman

Operations/Off Ice Committee: Joe Fischer

Tournament Committee: Nick Peterson

Public relations/Marketing Committee: Sandy Schow

In addition, each team level needs a Director. Here are the current serving level Directors. These, too, reset each spring.

Mary LaRue: Squirts

Sandy Schow: 10u/12u

Marty Gregory: PeeWee

Matt Behm: Bantam

Still interested? Keep reading, this next bit is quite important. If you want to make your voice known, this is the process:

What follows is typical process on how the WHA decisions are made. We will use the On Ice committee as an example. The On Ice committee has meetings. Those meetings will focus on the Hockey topics. Once the committee gets to a point where they have a majority consensus, and has agreed on the best option they think is best (for 12U, Bantam, Peewee, etc), they then present their recommendations to the WHA Board. The Board will put the committee's suggestions on the agenda. At the Board meeting, the committee presents, there is discussion, and the board votes yes or no to the recommendation from the committee. The decision is a Board decision, which is based off a committee recommendation. No decisions are made at the committee level, rather recommendations are sent to the WHA board, and decisions made at WHA board meetings. Agendas, especially when there will be votes, are to be sent to all WHA board members ahead of the Board meeting. Please ask if you do not understand this process. Specific questions must be sent to the Director of that specific committee.

Willmar Hockey Committees

This is a brief outline of the responsibilities of each of the WHA committees. Each committee will elect a Director each spring. The Director will serve the next hockey season. The best is if each committee has many members, and each handles a specific task.

Executive Committee

- Recruit new board members**
- Set new board/committee's**
- Review financials monthly**
- Review policies and update**
- Set budget and player fees**
- Have Insurance lined up**
- Contract Arena review/sign**
- Prepare for registration**

On Ice Committee (Hockey Committee)

- D5 Monthly meeting**
- Home Tournaments: Arena/Refs**
- Schedule Home tourneys CVB**
- Schedule Away tournaments**
- District tournament host**
- Coordinate and organize coaches**
- Practice planning sessions**
- Coordinate Tryouts 3 tryout directors.**
- Review try out policy**
- Coordinate and plan Goalie program**
- Have all team levels finalized**

Schedule D5 games

Operations/Off-Ice Committee

**Manage the WHA closet
Off ice shooting/Condition
Manage Locker room monitors
Off season program/options
Order Socks for all WHA players
Pond Hockey goals organized,
Coordinate the Jersey process**

Tournament Committee

**Ads coordinate with CVB
Tournays posted on Web
E-Mail WHA Parents T-Flyer
E-Mail associations T-Flyer
Fill our 4 weekend tournaments**

Public Relations/Marketing Committee

**Willmar Hockey clothing order
Coordinate with Willmar Hockey Boosters
Coordinate photos for all teams
Website updated/current
Coordinate the Parades/Flyers
Greens sales Stacy's Nursery
Coordinate beginning of the season kick off
meeting**

