

WHAM Officials Board Jan 2026 Meeting:

Meeting:	WOA Board Jan 2026 Meeting
Date/Time:	January 5, 2026 6:30 PM
Location:	Augsburg Ice Arena
Invitees:	Tom O'Brian, Paul Kill, Rachel Nyquist, Chelsea Ray, Carlye Veer, Nancy Wefler
Attendees:	Tom, Paul, Rachel, Chelsea, Carlye, Nancy

Meeting Minutes:

A. Call to order, talk about Sauna

B. Previous Minutes Approval: [December Meeting Summary](#)

C. Old Business:

- **Advanced mentorship: Chelsea to reach out to officials to gauge interest**
 - Opportunity for 3-person officials: B1/A3/A2 games → start in February
 - **Goal:** All female crew for 12U-A State Tournament
 - B1 & A3 Games
 - \$50/\$55 game; \$20 if evaluated/mentored
 - Schedule based on interest expressed in survey
- **Officials Apparel: -- Table**
 - Apparel by Laura is in works.
 - SquadLocker: 2 officiating logos being added to the [website](#).
 - Will send site link to general members once confirmed that it is ready for apparel orders.
 - This site open year round and officials can choose what they want with the logo
- **Game Time Recommendations:**
 - How is this going? No complaints. -- Table

D. New Business:

- Buffalo - WHAM voted to let the team forgo paying a distance fee this season and just pay the solo game fee. Good news though - WHAM is going to pay that fee for another season so refs still get \$60/game at Buffalo! **Win/Win for everyone.**
 - Working on a proposal for implementation next year to include a premium rink fee for determined rinks... more to come.

E. Supervisor Updates:

- Complaints/Kudos
- Incident Reports: None!
- **WHAM League:**
 - Split the Pot Successful
- **General USAH:**
 - State/National Tournament Selection underway - selection due by 2/15

F. Scheduler Updates:

- December Scheduling Report:
 - 209 games; \$21,060 paid in referee game fees
 - 5 mentored games; \$250 from Mentor Budget
 - \$20,810 - passthrough to home teams
 - \$1,045 assigning fee paid to Carlye
 - 97 singles (46.4%)
 - 58 game declines; 18 (31%) were auto-declines for being after accept-by date
 - 45 turnbacks by refs after being accepted – illness/injury/change of plans
 - 37 games (17.7%) started at 845pm or later
 - 11 games d/t weather; all but one cancelled early enough to avoid ref fees.
 - 3 forfeits d/t not enough players; no goalie. All <48 hours before gametime so refs got paid.
 - 0 missed game by officials
 - 1 C3 game added to schedule – C3 Robins had an intended game that was not on the MASTER schedule for WHAM and therefore not on website or Ref schedules. Rescheduled to 1/3/26.

G. Mentor Program:

- **7 Completed mentees:**

H. Roster Discussion

- **Roster Review:** 70 officials; all complete
 - 25 (36%) of officials have been members in the WHAM mentor program
 - 10 officials are new to WHAM this season
 - 7 of those being brand new officials!
 - No roster additions or removals.
 - No rank adjustments.

H. Upcoming Meetings/Dates:

- 2/2/2026 - February Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location TBD
- 3/1/2026 - Last day of play for the season
- 3/28/2026 - Last day of 50+ League play
- 3/6-8/2026 - WHAM Tourney Super Rink
- 3/13-15/2026: 12A State Tournament crew - *Roseau*

Board Meeting 2025-2026 Attendance:

	8/18	GM 9/22	11/3	12/1	1/5	2/2	May	Summer
Ref Supervisor: Chelsea Ray	X	X	X	X				
Board Member: Tom O'Brian	A	A	X	X				
Board Member: Rachel Nyquist	X	X	X	X				
Board Member: Nancy Wefler	X	X	X	A				
Mentor Coordinator: Paul Kill	X	A	X	X				
Ref Scheduler: Carlye Veer	X	X	X	X				
Admin Assistant: N/A								
Guest: Dale Ewasiuk,	-	DE	-	DE				