

WHAM Officials Board Oct/Nov 2025 Meeting:

Date/Time:	11/3/25: 6:30pm
Location:	Augsburg 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

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

C. Old Business:

- 2025-26 WHAM Season
 - **Scheduling meeting - Saturday, Sept 27**
 - Rachel presented on behalf of the officials
 - Should have scheduled within 1-2 weeks to upload in Arbiter and begin assigning games
 - **General Membership Meeting**
 - 27 people attended in-person, including 4 Officials Association Board Members
 - A general review of the officials roster was reviewed by the board prior to the meeting.
 - **Virtual Registration link sent out 9/26**
- Officials Apparel: exploring options and a new logo

D. New Business:

- **Buffalo games:** Should the +\$5/official/game extra fee be continued or dropped?
 - WHAM has been covering the fee and team is giving a little pushback.
 - Most officials assigned are 0-15 miles from Buffalo
 - We have officials driving +20 miles for inner city games and getting nothing extra.
 - WOA Board vote: starting January 1st, no longer an extra \$5 for going to Buffalo. \$55/official/game
 - **** Needs to go to General WHAM for discussion and vote.**
- **Advanced mentorship:**
 - Opportunity for 3-person officials: A2/A3 games → start in January
 - **Goal:** All female crew for 12U-A Statement tournament

E. Supervisor Updates:

- **WHAM League:**
 - **A1 Rule Exceptions:**
 - No one will be required to work the box/clock - if someone wants to, great; if not, officials will add goals and start the clock for periods. Officials do NOT need to write anything down.
 - WHAM is providing scoresheets with team labels
 - Home team keeps scoresheet on the bench - record major penalties only.
 - No need to pass on goals/minor penalties - ONLY MAJOR or MATCH PENALTIES
 - **Officials should still sign the scoresheet and write the score down.**
 - A2 players can sub up (only level that is allowing this). Teams should list any subs and cross out players not present before OR after the game
- **General USAH:**
 - **Personnel shift:** Scott Zelkin no longer officiating manager, now shifts to Andrew Bruggeman

- **WHAM has been awarded as 12A tournament crew: March 13-15th Roseau**
 - WHAM-only officials; not working other districts

F. Scheduler Updates:

- October Assigning Report:
 - 63 games; 3 mentored games
 - \$6,740 paid in game fees
 - 28 singles (33.3%)
 - 21 declines → #1 reason for declines: late start times on the weeknight
 - 9 games (14.2%) started at 9pm or later
- \$20 membership dues invoiced to officials

G. Mentor Program:

- All Mentor games \$50/game whether single or double assigned.
 - Teams are paying a single game fee for officials, mentor fee paid by WHAM officials board.
 - Mentee officials would get \$50/\$55 depending on if the game was a double/single.
- **6 Current mentee officials working through the program**

H. Roster Discussion:

- **November meeting changes:** Starting # - 70 officials
 - 4 officials removed; 2 not registered with USAH and not responding to WHAM email.
 - 2 mentee officials added
 - 2 returning WHAM officials after 5-6 years away.
 - 3 officials were increased in their rank

H. Upcoming Meetings:

- 11/17/2025- First day of Play for 50+ division.
- 12/1/2025 - December Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location TBD
- 1/5/2026 - January Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location TBD
- 2/2/2026 - February Monthly Board Meeting - 6:30p; location TBD
- 3/1/2026 - Last day of play for the season

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					
Board Member: Tom O'Brian	A	A	X					
Board Member: Rachel Nyquist	X	X	X					
Board Member: Nancy Wefler	X	X	X					
Mentor Coordinator: Paul Kill	X	A	X					
Ref Scheduler: Carlye Veer	X	X	X					
Admin Assistant: N/A								
Guest: Dale Ewasiuk,	-	DE	-					