

WHAM Officials Board Feb 2026 Meeting:

Meeting:	WOA Board Feb 2026 Meeting
Date/Time:	February 2, 2026 - 7 PM
Location:	Augsburg Ice Arena
Invitees:	Tom O'Brian, Paul Kill, Rachel Nyquist, Chelsea Ray, Carlye Veer, Nancy Wefler, Beth Chaplin
Attendees:	Tom, Rachel, Chelsea, Carlye, Nancy, Beth, Ian

Meeting Minutes:

A. Call to order, governmental pens

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

C. Old Business:

- **Advanced mentorship**
 - Opportunity for 3-person officials: B1/A3/A2 games → start in January
 - B1 & A3 Games
 - \$50/\$55 game; \$20 if evaluated/mentored - determined in Jan
 - Schedule based on interest expressed in survey - sent in Jan
 - *\$350 left in flex spending for Mentor Program – so we can do 5 games with a mentor*
- WHAM Ref Fee proposal: single games and premium rinks
 - Need to review and revise; not approved by WHAM board.
 - Really nothing new from the fees already being assessed, just trying to put it in writing.
 - Buffalo and Dakotah are the two hardest rinks to schedule this season and historical Cottage Grove was difficult but there is no home team there this season.
 - Vote: option 1 or **option 2**
 - 1. Keep Aug at center but increase to >25 miles and not 20 miles
 - Buffalo and Dakotah would be captured; Maple Grove, Lakeville, and Cottage Grove would fall off.
 - 2. Consider 494/694 “Minneapolis loop as the metro outline and assess the fee for rinks >5miles outside this radius.”
 - Buffalo, Dakotah and Cottage Grove

D. New Business:

- WHAM YE Tournament
 - All at Super Rink - March 6-8
 - Do not have schedule yet.

E. Supervisor Updates:

- WHAM Refs
 - Complaints/kudos
 - Evaluations by Chelsea: More planned in February
- **WHAM League:**
 - 3 Major/GM in January
 - Slashing, two Abuse of Officials
- **General USAH:**
 - State Selection

F. Scheduler Updates:

- January Scheduling Report:
 - 252 games; \$24,895 paid in referee game fees
 - 1 game rescheduled from weather cancellation in December
 - 0 mentored games; \$0 from Mentor Budget
 - \$24,895 - passthrough to home teams
 - \$1,255 assigning fee paid to Carlye
 - 134 singles (53.2%)
 - 81 game declines; 34 (42%) were auto-declines for being after accept-by date
 - 75 turnbacks by refs after being accepted – illness/injury/change of plans
 - 50 games (19.8%) started at 845pm or later
 - 1 game canceled d/t weather; cancelled early enough to avoid ref fees, has not been rescheduled
 - 2 forfeits d/t not enough players/no goalie.
 - 1 <48 hours before gametime so refs got paid.
 - 1 >48 hours so refs were not paid
 - 14 cancellations d/t Minneapolis events and concern for safety + Augsburg college rescheduling
 - 3 have been reschedule
 - 3 communicated a draw
 - Still waiting to hear from 8 games on if they will be rescheduled or draw
 - 1 game where only 1 official worked (other ref missing helmet) - Chelsea was to manage this.

G. Mentor Program:

- 7 Completed mentees this season

H. Roster Discussion

- **Roster Review:** 70 officials; all complete and roster closed.
- **February Meeting Roster Changes:** no changes made.

H. Upcoming Meetings/Dates:

- 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	3/2	May	Summer
Ref Supervisor: Chelsea Ray	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Board Member: Tom O'Brian	A	A	X	X	X	X			
Board Member: Rachel Nyquist	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Board Member: Nancy Wefler	X	X	X	A	X	X			
Mentor Coordinator: Paul Kill	X	A	X	X	X	X			
Ref Scheduler: Carlye Veer	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Admin Assistant: N/A									
Guest: Dale Ewasiuk, Ian McCambridge, Beth Chaplin	-	DE	-	DE	-	IM/BC			