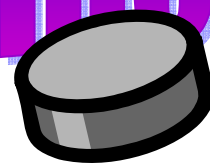




# Bison Blueline

February 2007



## BYHA 4-Wheeler Raffle Winner is....

The raffle drawing was held Saturday, January 13th at 5:00 pm at the Buffalo Bar and Grill.

The winner of this year's Raffle prize (4-wheeler) is Andrea Thein!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Also, thank you to all of the people that joined us for the drawing, and supporting one of BYHA's pull-tab sites (Buffalo Bar and Grill)!



## Top Raffle Ticket Sellers are...

1<sup>st</sup> place winner is Montana Gorton who sold 120 raffle tickets (*prize = iPod Shuffle and \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo*)

2<sup>nd</sup> place winner is Bjorn Pederson who sold 100 raffle tickets (*prize = \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo*)

Nicholas Rutherford came in 3rd by selling 61 tickets; Katie Rooney and Shyanne Lambrecht tied for 4th place with each selling 60 tickets.

Montana and Bjorn, please contact Cathie Rutherford at 763-443-5519 to make arrangements to get your prizes.

## Board of Directors Nominations Reminder

There are 3 Board seats that will be up for election this year, and all are for 3 year terms. As a reminder, below is the nomination procedure to run for an open Board seat per our Bylaws:

In order to be eligible to vote, nominate someone, or hold a BYHA Board position, you must:

- Be a BYHA Association member in good standing as stated in Article VI; and
- Be 18 years of age or older as of the date of the election; and NOT
- Be eligible to run for a Board position, or be a Board member in any other hockey association.

### Section 2: Nominations:

The Board of Directors nominations shall be held at the March meeting only.

Nominations will not be accepted after the March regularly scheduled Board meeting. Written or verbal nominations will be accepted. At the end of the March meeting, the list of nominees will be officially placed on the election ballot. Nomination reminders will be published in the February and March newsletters. A written explanation as to why a nominee would like to be on the Board of Directors should be included with the nomination, which will then be published in the April monthly newsletter. This explanation is not to exceed 1 page in length.

## Administrative Board meetings!

BYHA board meetings meet the second **WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:00 PM at the Buffalo Civic Center.

The Board of Administration invites all BYHA members to attend.

Please call the President two (2) weeks before the meeting to be placed on the agenda.

## Schedule for BYHA-hosted Tournaments

2006-2007 BYHA-hosted Tournament schedule is as follows:

- January 26-28, 2007 – Pee wee "A" and "B"
- March 9-11, 2007 – Squirt "A" and "B"





## Announcing...



### Fundraising Overview

**REQUIRED** Participation or Buyout:

- WREATH & PIES (COMPLETED)**

Mini-Mite	\$25
Mite/U8	\$50
Squirt/U10	\$100
Pee Wee/U12	\$100
Bantam/U14	\$100
Jr. Gold	\$100

Orders and payment (1 check) due in Fundraising Coordinator's box in new ice arena, on or before October 27, 2006.

Wreath pick-up November 18-21, 2006  
Pie pick-up TBD.

**REQUIRED** Participation: **(COMPLETED)**

- 4-WHEELER RAFFLE**

Every BYHA player must sell a minimum of 10—\$2 tickets.

Team managers will distribute tickets mid-October.

First and second place prizes will be awarded to the two (2) top Raffle Ticket sellers.

1<sup>st</sup> place: iPod Shuffle and \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo;

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo

Raffle drawing will take place Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 5:00 pm at the Bar and Grill.

**OPTIONAL** Participation:

- GOLF CLASSIC (COMPLETED)**

BYHA Golf Classic is Sunday, September 17, 2006.

- BREAK THE ICE SOCIAL (COMPLETED)**

The Break the Ice Social is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2006. This year we are having a live band (Circle Back).

### Volunteers Needed!!

If you are interested in volunteering for the following BYHA positions, please contact Tom Crane at 763-639-8723.

- District 5 Rep Back-up
- Metro League Rep Back-up
- S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator

### BYHA's 2006-2007 Schedule of Events!!



#### JANUARY

January 26-28, 2007 – Pee wee "A" & "B" Tournament

#### MARCH

March 9-11, 2007 – Squirt "A" & "B" Tournament

### Backboard and Defibrillator Training to be Scheduled

Steve Pearson is going to schedule training sessions for coaches, managers and all other interested parties on proper usage of the backboards that are in the penalty boxes.

Additionally, Steve will be scheduling formal training for of the arena's defibrillator.

Dates and Times TBD.



### Gambling Report

#### CURRENT Gambling Report:

Revenues and Expenditures - regulatory basis - for the twelve months ending November 30, 2006	
Total Revenues:	222,777.09
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-106,648.41
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>- 87,356.99</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	28,771.69
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>- 0.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	28,771.69 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	54,828.70 =====

### Word of the Month

***Honesty!!***



# BYHA Administration



BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
President: Tom Crane	763.639.8723	April, 2008
Vice President: Bruce Bartl	763.682.0653	April, 2009
Secretary: Cathie Rutherford	763.682.5301	April, 2007
Treasurer: Pam Thomas	763-684-1774	April, 2008
Director: Scott Goodmanson	763.682.5512	April, 2009
Director: Brenda McDonald	763.684.1338	April, 2009
Director: Jim Otto	763.658.4026	April, 2007
Director: Steve Pearson	763.682.7775	April, 2009
Director: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238	April, 2008
Director: Bill Vollbrecht	763.498.7261	April, 2007

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
Vice President / ACE Coordinator: Bob Jernberg		May, 2008
Boy's High School Coach: Mike MacMillan	612-247-0507	—
A/B Director: Jim Rooney	763.684.0639	May, 2007
C Director: Ken Basten	763.682.9006	May, 2008
Coaching Director: Dan Ogdahl	763.682.0706	May, 2008
Girls Director: Kirsten Tappe	763.682.1415	May, 2007
Ice Director: Tom Crane	763.639.8723	May, 2007
Initiation Director: Tom McDonald	763.684.1338	May, 2008
Summer Director: Bill VanBergen	763.682.1624	May, 2008
Tryout Director: Bruce Bartl	763.682.0653	May, 2007

VOLUNTEERS	
Position: Name	Phone
D5 Rep: Steve Pearson	763.682.7775
Metro Rep: Bill Vollbrecht	763.498.7261
Equipment Manager: Eric Lindvall	763.498.7931
Fundraising Coordinator: Cathie Rutheford	763.682.5301
Marketing Coordinator: Bruce Bartl	763.682.0653
Picture Coordinator: Kris Thompson	763.682.0238
Purchasing Coordinator: Tom Crane	763.639.8723
Registration Coordinator: Brenda McDonald	763-684-1338
S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator: <b>OPEN</b>	
Sponsor Coordinator: Scott Goodmanson	763.682.5512
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator: Brenda McDonald	763.684.1338
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator: Jen Morningstar	612.860.0193
Tournament Coordinator: Kari Maggaard	763.477.4069
Volunteer Coordinator: Monica Kunkel	763.682.6391
Website Administrator: Dean Schmidt	952.484.9279
Billing Managers: Kari Maggaard ( <i>Girls</i> ) Traci Hanson ( <i>Mini-mites</i> ) Amy Jewett ( <i>Bantams</i> ) Biz Coudron ( <i>Squirts</i> ) Barb Renshaw ( <i>Pee Wees</i> )	763.477.4069 763.682.8968 763.477.6895 763.498.7333 763.315.8745





# January Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

- Revised returns have been completed and submitted.
- We made a little money this month. Profits are still being affected because of accountant expenses.
- Estimated expenditures for next month are \$58,500. Cathie motioned to approve the estimated expenditures; Bill seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- We have been reported to the CRG (disciplinary board of gambling) and will go before them some time in February.
- Tom requested that another Board member attend the gambling training.
- All profits from the 4-wheeler raffle will be donated to the hockey association.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM.

- **President's Report:**

- Buffalo Hockey Hall of Fame ceremony was this past weekend. It was a very nice ceremony that meant a lot to those inducted. Thank you to all involved.
- The Kopp Family Foundation donated \$1,000 to BYHA on behalf of Steve Triplett's induction into the Hall of Fame.
- Paula Stewart donated \$1,000 to BYHA on behalf of her family, in memory of her husband Dan Stewart, on the occasion of his induction into the Hall of Fame.

- **Secretary's Report:**

- Bruce motioned to approve the minutes from last month's; Bill seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- A reminder, BYHA only prorates ice fees based on the length of a major injury, with supporting documentation.
- Bruce requested from Pam a financials overview to review BYHA's cash flow. She will provide this to the board next month.

- **Registration Report:**

- All rosters were completed December 30, 2006.
- We have approximately 460 players including both Jr. Gold teams.

- **Tournament Report:**

- Emails have gone out to solicit volunteers.
- This week's tournament will have 16 teams.
- The Pee wee tournament later this month is still open and we need to get more teams.
- March Squirt A/B tournament is still open and we are actively looking for additional teams.

- **Manager Report:**

- N/A

- **Equipment Report:**

- We are still waiting on practice jerseys and Jr. Gold goalie size jerseys.
- Gary Ramsey will take orders for apparel for the remainder of this season. Next season we will send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bids on apparel sales, etc. and a vendor will be selected at that time (approximately March or April).

- **District 5 Report:**

- The usual officer's reports were made without incident.
- All rosters have been signed. A new system will be implemented next season since this year was such a hassle. More on that later.
- Reminder to all coaches to please take it easy on the officials. The younger officials have received more than their share of flack from coaches. No specifics were given here, just an overall reminder/request.
- There was no discussion regarding the by-law changes. Since the changes are all housekeeping issues it seems as though everyone will vote for the changes.
- The weather policy came up for discussion. When is a game called off due to weather or driving conditions? The short answer was, "it's on the web site look it up". The next question was, "what is the web site address?" The District 5 web site address is: [www.district5.pucksystems.com](http://www.district5.pucksystems.com) The weather policy is as follows:

*"If weather conditions seem hazardous to highway travel and a coach questions the feasibility of traveling within the District 5 area, the following procedures should be followed:*

- 1) *The traveling coach must call Tim Sweezo in the East (952-473-5528) or Tim Hanson in the West (320-235-9472) (The West shall consist of Litchfield, Hutchinson, Cold Spring, Paynesville, Willmar, and Sartell.) (Buffalo is in the East.)*
- 2) *It MUST be a coach or team manager that calls; NOT a parent.*

*Mr. Sweezo and Mr. Hanson will retrieve information on travel advisories and make a decision on the game in question. If it is decided that the game should be played, and isn't, the game will be recorded as a forfeit. The traveling team will be fined for not playing the league game.*

*If neither Tim Hanson nor Tim Sweezo can be contacted, call Glenn Young at 320-693-8571.*



# January Board Meeting



— Reminder that rescheduling of games must be approved and completed at least 7 days in advance of the game.

— The officials association is working on a system to charge a \$25 fee for each game that is cancelled and the referees are not notified in a timely manner. “A timely manner” has not yet been defined. It ranged from 14 days to “not at the last minute”. More to follow on this issue.

— Mite jamborees are intended to be for 2<sup>nd</sup> year mites only. This is a general rule and guideline and does not seem to be enforced. No more discussion on this matter.

— BYHA did not have any missing score sheets however we were assessed fees for game and/or roster changes.

## • Metro Report:

— Wes Barrett award short list (of 5) was created. None of these 5 candidates were from District 5.

— Created a short list of the Made It Happen Award – for a long-standing proponent for Junior Gold – there are 3 candidates.

— Buffalo White (older team) is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the Let’s Play Hockey ranking (of 24 teams) at the Junior B level.

— Scholarship packets were handed out to each team in District 5; players can apply through MN Hockey.

## • Hockey Operations Report:

— A mid-season coaches meeting was held Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. All teams with the exception of U10A (Jim Rooney was out of town), U14A, and Bantams B2 were in attendance. The following topics were discussed:

1. Skill clinics and skill development at practices (Coach MacMillan)
2. Attendance and mandatory use of scheduled dryland times.
3. Disciplinary issues within certain teams and how they were handled.

Issues such as team sizes, ice times, etc. will be discussed at year-end meeting and suggestions forwarded to both HOC and Buffalo Administration Board. Below is a short recap of the teams’ seasons that were in attendance:

U12B (Cory Carlson): Team is making strides and at the same time having fun. Current record is 6-5.

U12A (Ken Basten): 6-3-1 is league. Team just came off tournament in Brainerd with the championship!!

U14A: Team is improving and currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place; this, with a couple of 1<sup>st</sup> year skaters.

Squirt B1 (Dan O’Neill): Won their 1<sup>st</sup> game last Saturday. Team is improving each practice.

Squirt B2 (Tom McDonald): Record is currently 5-1 record.

Squirt B3 (Dale Gilmer): 4-1 record and showing improvement

Squirt B4 (John Daugherty): Winning some games with very young team – improving and having fun.

Squirt A (Steve Bruhn and Eric Lindvall): 6-0 league record. Team is playing very good hockey. 7 of the 11 skaters are 2<sup>nd</sup> year squirts.

Peewee B2 (Erich Reineck): Team is improving as season goes on. Recent loss to MAML 2-0 could have easily been a victory. Attendance problems are improving.

Peewee B1 (Pete Kist): 7-1 in district according to Pete, needs to be more competitive outside D5.

Peewee A: 12-1-1 in district, 1-5 outside district. Team needs to also compete at a higher level outside D5. Team playing better, as a team, than earlier in the year.

Bantam B2 (Heath Warnsholtz): Team is 4-6 in district play. Team competed very well in Osseo tournament this past weekend beating Hermantown after a couple 1-goal losses.

Bantam B1 (Dave Carothers): 12-6-1 overall team improving as they get all players back. Team was down to 8 skaters for a period of time due to injuries and discipline actions.

Bantam A (Bob Jernberg): Slow start in districts 0-3-2. Since then, 7-1 overall district record 7-4-2. The team is improving, working hard, and seeing some benefits of their hard work. Waivered-in goalie, Ben Myers, has had 4 shutouts and recently beat his former team, Mound, where he had been cut – 6-3.

Mid-season questionnaires will be given to coaches to go over with players individually over the next couple weeks.

## • Sponsor Report:

— Scott got 2 more team sponsors. He is working on organizing banner printing and getting Bison season tickets to the sponsors.





## January Board Meeting



— The photographer who did team pictures this year is interested in being a team sponsor for 3 years, if we agree to use him for team pictures for 3 years (this year and 2 additional years). The Board is going to wait on voting for this, until we see the final product.

- **Fundraising Report:**

— 4-WHEELER RAFFLE: The 4-wheeler Raffle tickets were due to Cathie tonight. This year we are raffling off a 2006 yellow CANAM Outlander 400 4-wheeler.

— There will be prizes awarded to the two (2) players that sell the most raffle tickets. Top seller will receive an iPod Shuffle and \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo; the 2<sup>nd</sup> place seller will receive a \$100 Gift Certificate to Play it Again Sports in Buffalo.

— The actual raffle drawing will take place Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 5:00 pm at the Bar and Grill. We would love to see lots of family's there for dinner, etc.

— FAMILY FUN NIGHT: The next fundraising event is the Family Fun Night, which is scheduled for this Spring.

- **Marketing Report:**

— N/A

- **Old Business:**

— N/A

- **New Business:**

- — N/A **Public Forum:**

— N/A

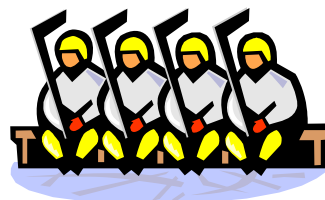
- **Attendees:**

Bruce Bartl, Tom Crane, Scott Goodmanson, Steve Pearson, Cathie Rutherford, Pam Thomas, Donnie Thompson, Bill Vollbrecht, Thona Olson, Eric Lindvall

- **Absent Board Member(s):**

Brenda McDonald, Jim Otto

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.



### S.K.A.T.E. (*Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education*)

Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education (S.K.A.T.E.) is beginning its' 6th season in Minnesota. This exciting academic achievement program recognizes the efforts of student athletes that play hockey.

This program is designed to encourage student athletes to maintain good grades while participating in youth hockey, and to reward their academic performance. It is also endorsed by MN Hockey and is open to all players that are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above. The program begins at the end of August of each year.

Participation is easy and voluntary. You simply have to submit copies of your child's report cards for the 2 periods during the school and hockey season (i.e.: For children on trimesters, it will be the first 2 report cards; for children on quarters, it will be the 2nd and 3rd quarters).

Simply drop off the player's report cards in the lock box labeled "BYHA S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator" located in the new arena. The period for submitting report cards is from February 1st, 2007 through March 25th, 2007. The deadline for submitting report cards is March 25th, 2007 and cannot be extended.

Players need to maintain a 3.0/"B" grade point average or better during the reporting period (or an "S" average where "A" to "F" grades are not used). No incomplete grades are allowed during the grading period. Report cards will be utilized to only determine Grade Point Average, and S.K.A.T.E. will respect all laws and privileges for privacy. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Why Participate? To have a chance to win great prizes, and to also recognize those players that are successfully working hard in school. All qualifying players will receive a bag tag and certificate. All qualifying players will also be automatically entered into the MN State drawing for a chance to win additional prizes.

Please contact Cathie Rutherford at 763-682-5301 with any questions regarding the S.K.A.T.E. program.



## Bison Bits



### Season Summary

The Bison, at this writing, are sitting at 9-6-1 with 9 games to go. The Bison finished the Rochester Tournament with a 2-1 record and won the Consolation Championship, with wins over Hastings and Rochester J.M. The Bison beat Hastings 4-2 and won an overtime game 4-3 against JM.

The Bison have exciting home games remaining:

- January 20th - Edina at 3:00pm
- January 25th - Wayzata at 7:00pm
- January 27th - Hopkins at 3:00pm
- February 8th - Princeton at 7:00pm
- February 13th - Duluth East at 7:00pm(FSN)

**All Bison Youth Players get in free for the rest of season with a Jersey if they are with an adult!!! Lets fill the rink!!!**

### Buffalo Hockey Hall of Fame

A special thank you to all those involved in making the Buffalo Hall of Fame, and making it a special day for the families of Chris Bonnell, Steve Triplett and Dan Stewart. Our program is proud to be a part of the history and pride of the program.

### Buffalo Alumni

Buffalo Bison former players continue to have success in the Pro, College and Junior ranks.

- Adam Meyer (2002) is playing pro hockey for the Fayetteville Fireants in the SOPHL.
- Rob Mueller(2005) - UW Stout team is currently ranked #5 in the Country; and the Bluedevils are in 2nd place in the NCHA.
- The Gustavus Gusties, including Jared Ackmann (2006) and Tyler Antony (2006), just returned from Italy where they played over the holidays.

Most of the players were home over the holidays and spent time at varsity practice or the Annual Alumni game on December 24th. The following all spent time with the players and friends over the holidays:

- Nick Matson (2006) — Marathon Jr. A;
- Cam Geelan (2006) — Fairbanks Jr. A;
- Ben Geelan (2002) — Bowling Green;
- Mike MacMillan (2002) — St. Olaf;
- Roger Trousdale (2005) — St. Olaf;
- Corey Meyer (2006) — Gustavus; and
- Erik Ross (2002) — NDSU.

### Bison and Youth Hockey

The Bison continue to be excited about the Bison Buddies U8 program and thank all those who coordinate, the kids, and the families for participating at each of our home games. In January and February, the Bison Varsity will be each assigned to a youth team and help out at practices to give a little back to the program.

Have a Great Finish to the Season.  
Coach Mac

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