



Bison Blueline

April 2007



April 11th - Board of Directors Election

There are 4 (four) Board seats that are up for election this year.

- One election ballot is attached to this newsletter. If there are 2 eligible voting members in the same household, print 2 copies of the ballot.
- The election ballot will be available at the April Board meeting.

As a reminder, below is the election procedure per our Bylaws:

Section 1: Nomination and Election Eligibility:

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 3: Election Ballots:

BYHA will provide official ballots. Ballots will be printed and included in the April newsletter. They will also be available at the April Annual meeting. Eligible voters may bring their ballots to the April Annual meeting, sign in and leave. The ballot will list all candidates. The candidate's names will appear in alphabetical order. A blank line at the bottom of the ballot will be for entering a write-in candidate. Absentee voting or voting by mail will not be allowed.

Section 4: Valid Ballot:

Only one vote per eligible voter is allowed. The following procedure will be used to complete all ballots:

Print or sign your name on the voter list at the April Annual meeting. The election judge (appointed by the President) must initial your filled in ballot before you submit it into the ballot box.

The number of candidate's voted for may not exceed the number of vacant positions. Selecting more candidates than there are positions open will result in the ballot being considered invalid and it will be destroyed. A ballot marked in a different manner than instructed will be considered invalid and will be destroyed. Completed ballots are to be deposited directly into the ballot box.

Section 5: Election Results:

Ballots will be tabulated immediately after the April Annual meeting is officially closed. The President shall appoint 2 current Board members to tabulate the results. All candidates, or their designated representative, shall be allowed to monitor the vote counting process. All ballots shall be shown to those monitoring the vote counting process, although only the 2 current Board members appointed to tabulate the results may handle the ballots. Ties: A paper ballot by current and newly elected Board members will first decide a tied election result. If a tie still remains after this balloting, the Executive Committee will take a paper ballot. If a tie still remains, the current President shall appoint one nominee. (If the tie includes the current President, then the current Vice-President shall appoint one nominee.)

There are 4 members that are running for the 4 open Board seats. The nominees are (in alphabetical order):

John Conner
Bob Furneisen
Leslie O'Neill
Cathie Rutherford



Announcing...



Below are the statements that were provided by each of the 4 candidates.

John Conner

My name is John Conner and I have lived in Buffalo now for three years and have two children actively involved in the hockey program here in Buffalo. My wife and I over the last three years have managed 4 teams in the mite and mini-mite levels and enjoyed very much. During the day I am VP of Sales for one of the worlds largest banks. In the past, I have held several positions on a townhome community board as well as the Buffalo Youth Soccer program. It is the daily skills, my Six Sigma certification, and experience that I would hope to bring and add value to the board as well the participants of Buffalo Youth Hockey. Therefore, please consider me as a viable candidate for one of the upcoming open board positions.

Bob Furneisen

I have been involved in the Buffalo Youth Hockey Association for the past 4 years as a Mini-Mite/Mite Coach. During that time I have enjoyed working with Tom McDonald on different ideas for making this bracket of BYHA fun, creative and consistently improving.

I would value the opportunity to extend my involvement with BYHA by holding a seat on the board. Here is what I would hope to accomplish:

- With my extensive business involvement in this community, I hope to bring continued and improved involvement and support to our program and association. I understand the importance of community involvement, not only in fundraising, but also with general support and volunteerism.
- I would like to see our current fundraising events expanded and new events and programs created. We have a several strong fundraising events that have become traditions in our program. I think we should continue these traditions and bring in new ideas that can improve them and take them to the next level. There are also many ideas that other large associations have found successful – I would like us to look into those and see if they would work for us as well.
- I would like to concentrate on finding ways to get more parents involved in volunteering, etc. As our programs grow, we need to continue to make this a priority of our association for our continued success.

I believe our programs are successful. The continued growth of our community will inevitably create continued growth in our programs. This is an incredible opportunity for us to find new support and ideas to build off the success we have already created. I would love to be a part of the BYHA Board that takes this opportunity.

Leslie O'Neill

As my son is wrapping up year #2 in BYHA, I would like to nominate myself to be on the Board. We came from the Armstrong Association and have really enjoyed my son's time in hockey and have met some great people in both organizations.

I have managed my son's teams each of the two years we have been here in Buffalo. I enjoy meeting people and making sure they have the right information to make their experience in this organization a great one. That means both the kids and the parents. The hockey season is a long one and that can be wearing on kids and almost more so on parents. Involvement and communication are essential for a strong organization and that has to start at the Board level and be disseminated properly and efficiently to everyone.

I am excited and enthusiastic to be a part of Buffalo Youth Hockey and look forward to an opportunity to serve BYHA by being on the Board.



Announcing...



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Cathie Rutherford

Our family joined BYHA 6 years ago, and has thoroughly enjoyed it. Currently my oldest son finished his 3rd year of squirts and my youngest finished is 2nd year of mites. In these 6 years, I have served BYHA in many capacities, including team manager for both regular and Spring League season teams, BYHA Volunteer Coordinator, BYHA Fundraising Coordinator, a member of Hall of Fame Committee, helped run the past 3 March Squirt tournaments, and have served as Secretary on the Administration Board of Directors for the past 3 years.

I have a strong sense to serve my community, especially where it involves our children. I believe in making hockey enjoyable for not only the children, but their families as well. Communication is essential to all of us involved with BYHA.

In my full-time job, I am a Manager of Regulatory Affairs Administration for a small pharmaceutical company. In this role extensive computer work and graphic design, organization, attention to detail, and a high level of communication are essential when adhering to Regulations required by the FDA. I believe these strengths will be a great compliment to the current Board members.

My family is dedicated to the sport of hockey, and looks forward to continuing as a part of BYHA for many years to come. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (763) 682-5301. Thank you!!



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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29th for the SKATE Awards and Pizza Party celebration for all of our qualifiers. NOTE: BYHA SKATE qualifiers for 2007 will be published in next month's newsletter. The celebration starts at 12:00 noon and runs until 3:00 pm. Please remember that only SKATE qualifiers can participate.

Players need to maintain a 3.0/"B" grade point average or better during each grade reporting periods (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 used only to determine Grade Point Average; all information will be kept strictly confidential.

Congratulations to everyone that qualified this year!

Please contact Missy Otten at 763-684-0513 with any questions regarding the S.K.A.T.E. program.

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.

Word of the Month ***Wonder!!***



BYHA Administration



BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
President: Tom Crane	763.639.8723	April, 2008
Vice President: OPEN		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 Rutherford	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: Missy Otten	763-684-0513
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





March Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

- Thona requested a revised amount of \$55,029.45. Cathie motioned; Bruce seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Tax returns for 2004, 2005, and 2006 have been completed.
- March expenses will be lower than February.
- Bruce motioned to transfer raffle money to the general account; Scott seconded; motioned carried unanimously.
- Brenda motioned to approve the refund of the unsold raffle tickets; Bruce seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

- **President's Report:**

- Elections: Cathie and John Conner will both be running for the board at next month's election.
- Bruce Bartl will be resigning from the board after this month.
- Tom spoke again about timeliness of returning phone calls and for people to ask for help. It is all about the kids.

- **Secretary's Report:**

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

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- N/A

- **Registration Report:**

- Next year Ann Russett and Angie Lithgow will be assuming registration next year, with Brenda assisting next year.

- **Tournament Report:**

- There is a huge need for volunteers for this weekend's State tournament. Kari Magaard is the tournament director for those that are interested.
- The Squirt A/B went great this past weekend. Final numbers will be available later after Kari goes through all expenses, etc.

- **Manager Report:**

- N/A

- **Equipment Report:**

- Eric mentioned ordering reversible practice jersey's (purple and white). This will be addressed next month.

- **District 5 Report:**

- The usual officer's reports were made without incident.
- Treasurer's report, total fund balance as of

02-28-07 is \$25,138.92.

- A big thanks to all of the volunteers who worked tournaments during the recent snow storm
- All Squirts and 10-U teams earned their HEP certificates
- There has not been any discussion or suggested changes to the new By-Laws so they will likely be passed at the next D-5 meeting
- Elections in April for D-5 Board seats. The seats up for election are: President (Tim Hanson incumbent) Vice President (Brian Johnson incumbent) and Treasurer (Doug Kephart incumbent)
- Mite jamborees for next year will be drawn at the April D-5 meeting. One jamboree in the east and one in the west.
- Invitations for the Advanced 15 will be sent out on March 9th. There is room for a few more kids at the tryouts that will be held in Mound on March 26 and 27. Call Paul at 763-226-8429 for more information or to nominate a kid for the Advanced 15.
- This was a very short meeting. No other agenda items were discussed. Meeting adjourned at 1955 hrs.

- **Metro Report:**

- Jr. Gold White team is playing in tournament this Friday afternoon.
- Upcoming manager/coaches meeting coming up.

- **Hockey Operations Report:**

- *Coaches Report:* Coaching exit interview will be conducted within the next two weeks. HOC is asking that based on the interview and past season, this coach be reinstated to his/her position at the April meeting.
- *Tom Crane:* Player numbers for next year were discussed. Also the idea of going back to a Peewee "C" team instead of a Peewee "B2", was suggested. This will be readdressed at the next meeting. Tom also suggested all teams get reversible practice jerseys which would have to be turned in at the end of each year.
- *Girls:* No report
- *A/B Director:* No report
- *Mites/Mini-Mites:* Very few problems. Excellent feedback from parents on the program this year. Staff did an excellent job.
- *Tryouts:* Bruce and HOC will be looking for someone to take his place this year. Bruce will work with this person while his son is still in the your program for one more year.
- *Old Business:* Bob Jernberg met with a squirt player and dad to discuss issues with some bullying going on with another player. It was determined that any additional incidents would result in player being suspended for a period to be determined by HOC and



March Board Meeting



approved by BYHA board. No incidents have taken place since then.

— **New Business:**

1. HOC would like to purchase 20 – 8" trailer tires to use during the year and during off season for on-ice drills. Cost is \$240 (these for the most part will replace cones which are becoming obsolete in most arenas).
2. Bob would like to give non-parent coaches their checks at exit interviews. A list was given to Brenda. Need final approval from Tom and Pam.
3. Jeff Carlin has asked to do our ice scheduling next year. He felt this would tie in well with his working at the arena, scheduling referees, and being able to make changes quicker when necessary. HOC is in favor of this. Tom would work with Jeff and stay on HOC as BYHA President. Jeff would also join HOC.
4. The following HOC positions are open and interested parties should contact Bob Jernberg at 612-578-3323 or Bjernberg@frontiernet.net.
 - Girls Director
 - Ice Scheduler
 - A/B Director
 - Tryout Director

— Brenda motioned to provide \$240 for purchasing 20 – 8" trailer tires for on-ice training; Steve seconded; motion carried unanimously.

— We were asked to host the Bantam A VFW tournament next year.

— Mike MacMillan spoke and thanked BYHA and the Board for their continued assistance. Mike also spoke about how the mentoring program went this season. Mike also spoke about the summer programs offered.

• **Sponsor Report:**

— Sunshine Photography presented some sponsorship options, to which Brenda motioned to proceed with; Jim seconded; motion carried unanimously.

• **Fundraising Report:**

— The next Fundraising event is the Family Fun Night, which is scheduled for this Spring. Kim Wahl is heading this effort up; Stephanie Golden is assisting her with this.

— Brenda will find out what dates work for this event.

— Break the Ice Social option for next year is to have a "country hoe-down". Clay O'Flannigan is the Lion's member to talk to re: running the bar.

• **Marketing Report:**

— N/A

• **Old Business:**

— N/A

• **New Business:**

— Tom spoke about forming a group of Hanover parents to work with the Hanover athletic association.

• **Public Forum:**

— N/A

• **Attendees:**

Bruce Bartl, Tom Crane, Scott Goodmanson, Brenda McDonald, Jim Otto, Steve Pearson, Bill Vollbrecht, Thona Olson, Eric Lindvall, John Conner, Leslie O'Neill, Stacy Pearson, Bob Jernberg, Mike MacMillan

• **Absent Board Member(s):**

Pam Thomas, Donnie Thompson

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.



Gambling Report

CURRENT Gambling Report:

Revenues and Expenditures - regulatory basis - for the seven months ending January 31, 2007	
Total Revenues:	335,213.79
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-155,929.61
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-145,612.36</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	33,671.82
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-25,000.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	8,671.82 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	44,009.51 =====

Buffalo Youth Hockey Association

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**** OFFICIAL BALLOT ****
2007 BYHA Election Ballot



Select up to four (4) Directors by filling in the box next to their name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Conner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Furneisen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie O'Neill
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathie Rutherford
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write In Candidate:

**Voting by mail is not permitted.
You must personally bring your own ballot to the April Board
meeting and sign in.**