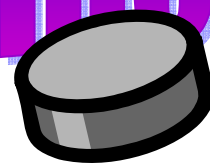




# Bison Blueline

February 2008



## New Gambling Manager Needed

BYHA is currently looking for a new Gambling Manager. Thona Olson has filled this position for the past year and is looking for a replacement. If you, or someone you know is interested in the part-time PAID position, please contact and/or submit your resume to Tom Crane at: [t.crane@charter.net](mailto:t.crane@charter.net).

## Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in volunteering for the following BYHA positions, please contact Tom Crane at 763-639-8723 or [t.crane@charter.net](mailto:t.crane@charter.net).

- Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator
- Squirt/U10 and Above Team Manager Coordinator
- Registration Coordinator

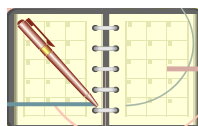


## Skate with the Bison!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Skate with the Bison on Saturday, January 19, 2008 was a HUGE hit!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Skate with the Bison is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2008 at ~ 5 pm.

Hope to see lots of BYHA skaters there!!



## BYHA's 2007-2008 Schedule of Events!!

### FEBRUARY and MARCH

February 29—March 2, 2008 – Squirt "B" and Girl's U10B Tournament

February 29—March 2, 2008 – Bantam "C" Invitational  
March 7-9, 2008 – VFW District Bantam "A" Tournament

## 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.

**Quote of the Month:** *I'VE MISSED MORE THAN 9000 SHOTS IN MY CAREER. I'VE LOST ALMOST 300 GAMES. 26 TIMES, I'VE BEEN TRUSTED TO TAKE THE GAME WINNING SHOT AND MISSED. I'VE FAILED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY LIFE. AND THAT IS WHY I SUCCEED.*

**MICHAEL JORDAN**





# BYHA Administration



BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
President: Tom Crane	763.639.8723	April, 2008
Vice President: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238	April, 2008
Secretary: Cathie Rutherford	763.682.5301	April, 2010
Treasurer: Cindy Trousdale	612.282.4158	April, 2008
Director: John Conner	763.684.1782	April, 2010
Director: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841	April, 2010
Director: Scott Goodmanson	763.682.5512	April, 2009
Director: Brenda McDonald	763.684.1338	April, 2009
Director: Leslie O'Neill	763.432.0245	April, 2010
Director: Steve Pearson	763.682.7775	April, 2009
Director: Pam Thomas	763.684.1774	April, 2008
HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Director/VP: Bob Jernberg	612.578.3323	May, 2008
Director of Hockey Development: Jarrod Reinholtz		May, 2009
Coaching Director: Mike MacMillan	612.247.0507	
ACE/HEP & Assistant Coaching Coordinator: Dan Ackmann	763.682.1332	
Tryout Director: Eric Lindvall	763.498.7931	May, 2009
Scheduling Director: Jeff Carlen	320-493-0876	May, 2009
A, B, C Director: Ken Basten	763.682.9006	May, 2008
Squirt Director: Bill VanBergen	763.682.1624	May, 2008
Girls Director: Bob Driver	763.477.9093	May, 2009
U8 Director: Tom McDonald	763.684.1338	May, 2008
Boys High School Coach: Mike MacMillan	612.247.0507	—
Girls High School Coach: Ray Dahlof		—
BYHA President: Tom Crane	763.639.8723	April, 2008

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: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841
Picture Coordinator: Kris Thompson	763.682.0238
Purchasing Coordinator: Tom Crane	763.639.8723
Registration Coordinator: Ann Russett and Angie Lithgow	763.498.7889 763.286.4269
S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator: Kim Wahl	763-682-5817
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: Missy Otten	612. 282.5848
Volunteer Coordinator: Monica Kunkel	763.682.6391
Website Administrator: Shawn Oberg	763-477-5428
Billing Managers: Biz Coudron ( <i>Invoicing</i> ) Barb Renshaw ( <i>Bank Deposits</i> ) Shane Burns ( <i>Collections</i> )	763.498.7333 763.315.8745 763.477.9833
Hall of Fame Committee Chair: Chris Bonnell	763.684.1366



# January Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

- November was a good month for pull tabs. December does not look as good.
- Thona requested \$27,615 for February's estimated expenses. Cathie motioned to approve the requested amount; Brenda seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Thona is currently looking for a replacement for the Gambling Manager position. Anyone interested should contact Tom Crane.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM.

- **President's Report:**

- There was an incident with a Bantam B game in Delano. The altercation became physical. The incident is currently being handled by the appropriate individuals.

- **Secretary's Report:**

- There was an outstanding question about the minutes, so they were not voted on during the actual meeting. The vote to approve last month's meeting minutes was taken via email after the meeting.

Via e-mail, John motioned to approve the last month's meeting minutes as printed in last month's newsletter, with the following two (2) corrections; Leslie seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

**Correction #1:** In January's newsletter meeting minutes for the Tournament Report, the following sentence should be deleted, "Note, however, this tournament's profits are lower because the expense of new reusable scoreboards were charged to this tournament and not divided equally between all of this season's BYHA-hosted tournaments." "Scoreboards" is actually the company who provides us with the Wild and Gopher apparel.

**Correction #2:** In January's newsletter meeting minutes for the Fundraising Report, the following sentence should be added, "BYHA will need to increase their credit line if they wish to purchase more than 400 certificates at one time, such as at registration time."

- **Treasurer's Report:**

- We need to begin the process of cleaning up past due balances. Everyone has been billed. Nonpayment will include removing players from the ice until bills are paid.
- Cindy will either send letters to families this relates to, send a mass email to everyone, or both. This effort will be followed with calls by board members in a week. Finally, players will not be allowed on the ice in early February until the issues are resolved. We can not go into another spring with over \$60,000 outstanding ice bills from BYHA members.
- Cindy recommends sending out an "explanation letter" about the billing and payment system.

- Cindy completed billing on a one-by-one process.
- Cindy reconciled all of the bank accounts to January 7, 2008.

- **Registration Report:**

- We are still looking for a replacement for Brenda's registration coordinator position.

- **Tournament Report:**

- The past weekend's PeeWee B/C tournament is the highest grossing tournament so far this year, at approximately \$7,500.
- We would like to thank Kwik Trip for their generous donation of 6 dozen cookies for the tournament.
- Missy is currently working on ways to improve tournaments for Buffalo.
- If all past tournament directors could please forward comments and suggestions to Missy Otten, that would be most appreciated.
- We still have one U10B opening for our tournament Feb 28-Mar 1.
- Missy posed a question to the Board regarding emergency situations. If the medical personnel present suggest that the injured player needs to seek outside additional medical help, but they refuse, what should we do.
- Steve Pearson suggested that, at the EMTs discretion, an ambulance is to be called and if the injured party refuses to be transported, then they will have to sign a "no load" form, thereby assuming all responsibility. The Board agreed and this is the recommendation going forward.

- **Manager Report:**

- All things seem to be running smoothly as there have been no complaints so far.
- Jen is looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested, please contact Jen or Tom Crane.
- Jen explained a situation with rescheduling a U14 game. Jen requested \$108.75 to reschedule a game. Brenda motioned, Donnie seconded; 6 ayes; 1 nay; motion carried.

- **Equipment Report:**

- Cathie provided the set of goalie pads to Todd Otten to be added to BYHA's equipment inventory.

- **District 5 Report:**

- The Secretary's report is on the web.
  - Treasurer's report states the checking account has a balance of \$50,995.77. More details are in the report that will be available at the BYHA January board meeting.
  - MN Hockey report given by Doug Kephart.
- Reminder that jamborees detailed information is on the web.



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— All associations who host a jamboree must submit a financial report to MN Hockey within 14 days of completion. More instructions are on the web. — Jamborees are not intended to be fundraisers. They are intended to cover costs and that is about it.

— Another reminder on zero tolerance. December was a better month but there are still too many obscenities being shouted in the arenas. Please remind parents and coaches to discourage the “F-word” and similar bitter remarks.

— MN winter hockey meeting is Jan. 18-20. Anything that we want to have Doug bring up at the meeting should be e-mailed to him ASAP.

— Girls report was given by Doug Foster. There is a girl’s coordinator meeting at Buffalo’s new arena meeting room on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; choose which meeting to attend. After reading the report I noticed that the meeting times were not listed. I’m sure they are on the web.

— A listing of the girl’s playoffs will be brought to the January BYHA board meeting for anyone who wants to look at it.

— Referees association thanked Buffalo again for convincing some peewees to play a mock game and intentionally break the rules so that some new referees could call penalties.

— A reminder to minor officials to please remain impartial and stop cheering in the score keeper’s box. Cheering must stop. You are minor officials not fans.

— Minor officials must not question the referees about penalties or correcting player’s numbers who may have scored or assisted. If this comes up, have the coach bring it the ref’s attention before the score sheets are signed.

— Please do not use team mascot names on score sheets, no “Bison”, “Stars”, etc. Use association and team names only. Fines will be assessed if this continues. Score sheets need to be filled out correctly.

— Coaches clinics are done for the year. Level 3 can renew on line. If you are not a level 3 and not current with your level you can’t be on the ice or on the bench.

— Open enrollment was brought up again. We will vote on this issue in April. BYHA needs to give the D-5 rep some guidance. How do we want to vote? D-5 honors open enrollment. There is a motion to change that policy and have D-5 NOT honor open enrollment. In other words, where you live is where you play regardless of where you go to school. The only exception to this is if you have a waiver.

— Paynesville and Cold Spring are working on merging their associations. This should be done by next season.

— There is a motion to change Peewee C game times from 12 minutes to 15 minutes stop time. This would

put the C team times the same as the A and B teams. If passed, the C team games would cost more money due to the longer ice time. This will be voted on at the April meeting. Comments from the BYHA board??

— St. Michael has missed the last 3 meetings. A “strong” letter will be sent to them about this absenteeism. In the meantime, members were asked to think about raising fines for this misconduct. No motion was made, just discussion

### • Metro Report:

— The Metro rep for D5 is from Crow River. We have still not received any reports from him to-date. Tom will follow up on this.

### • Hockey Operations Report:

No major issues to report over the past month. Any disciplinary issues with teams have been able to be handled by the team itself.

SQUIRT B’s: Mike MacMillan and Bob Jernberg met with Squirt B parents on 1-7-08 over concerns of the Grand Rapids Squirt B festival. Nothing major came from this. Any questions they had regarding the festival, reasoning behind it, etc., were addressed.

HOC BOARD: Jim Rooney has resigned his position as Player Development Director, effective immediately. This is due to his schedule and time commitment to his job, his own children’s hockey teams, and coaching duties. The HOC request’s the Board to approve Jarrod Reinholz to fill this position effective immediately, based on his work in this area within BYHA the past years and his commitment to BYHA. Donnie motioned for Jarrod Reinholz to fill the Player Development Director position; Brenda seconded; 1 abstention; 6 ayes; motion carried.

COACHES: Phase 2 of the coach’s college will be the evening of Monday, January 14th. Scott Bell (Hamlin University Hockey Coach) will speak and work on-ice with coaches regarding “creating offense.” Jarrod will do a presentation of the “off-ice” program.

We will be asking coaches to have mid-season meetings with their respective teams and parents over the next couple of weeks. A mid-season questionnaire will be given to coaches to use with their players if they choose.

UP NORTH: This upcoming weekend, January 11-13, may teams are traveling up north:

- Buffalo High School JV and Varsity = Roseau
- Bantam A = Roseau Tournament
- Bantam B = Warroad Tournament
- Pee Wee A = Thief River Falls Tournament
- U10B = Fergus Falls Tournament

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2008.



# January Board Meeting



- **Sponsor Report:**

- Last season's plaques will be done and distributed very soon.

- **Fundraising Report:**

- Those families that have still not received their mandatory three (3) Kwik Trip pizza certificates should contact Cathie Rutherford directly.

- **Marketing Report:** N/A

- **Old Business:**

1) At last month's Board meeting, Mike MacMillan requested \$3,500 to go towards paying some of the coaching staff and offset equipment expenses for the High School program. This was tabled and was recommended to be voted on at next month's meeting after the Board reviews Cindy's financial report. Donnie motioned to provide the requested \$3,500 to Mike; Cathie seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2) Optional lawn service fundraiser: Donnie motioned to approve; Scott seconded; motion carried unanimously.

3) Hall of Fame: Induction will be the 26th between the first and second period. The 2008 HOF Inductees are: Troy Florell, Pete Nunnick, Julie Otto, and Dave

Zumbusch. Chris Bonnell requested a budget of \$650 for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Cathie motioned to approve this expense; John seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- **New Business:**

- Kim Wahl was here to discuss the S.K.A.T.E. program. She described the program options.

- Leslie motioned not to re-register with S.K.A.T.E. this year and rather have Kim Wahl run a Buffalo-specific equivalent program; Scott seconded; motioned carried unanimously.

- **Public Forum:** N/A

- **Attendees:**

Bob Furneisen, Scott Goodmanson, Brenda McDonald, Leslie O'Neill, Steve Pearson, Cathie Rutherford, Donnie Thompson, Cindy Trousdale, Thona Olson, Mike MacMillan, Missy Otten, , Dan Ackmann, Mike O'Neill, Bob Jernberg, Jen Morningstar, Kim Wahl, Rick Mueller

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

John Conner, Tom Crane, Pam Thomas

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.



## Administrative Board meetings!

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

The Admin Board invites all BYHA members to attend.

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



## Gambling Report

### CURRENT Gambling Report:

Revenues and Expenditures - regulatory basis - for the four months ending October 31, 2007	
Total Revenues:	133,344.16
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-60,544.11
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-34,727.93</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	38,072.12
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-15,750.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	22,322.12 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	39,191.07 =====



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