



# Bison Blueline

APRIL 2008



## Board Of Directors Election Ballot for the 2008 Annual Meeting Wednesday April 9, 7 PM.

Select up to 5 candidates to fill the 5 open positions in this years election. 2 position's are 2 year terms, filling Cathie Rutherford and John Connor's open positions. The other 3 positions are full 3 year terms. The three year positions will be assigned to three elected directors with the highest vote tallies.

**Bill Anderson**

**Steve McIndoo**

**Rick Mueller**

**Mike O'Neill**

**Eric Pederson**

**Donnie Thomspson**

**Mark Woerner**

**Cheryl Zitur**

Voting by mail is not permitted. You must personally attend the April Board meeting and sign in to be eligible to vote. Voting will close at 8 PM or when all present have cast their ballots, whichever is later.

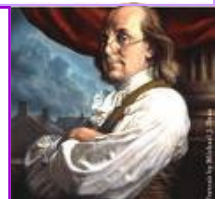
The annual board elections are your chance to choose the people that represent you on a daily basis. All association members make an impact on our day to day business, but the Administrative board is assigned the final say in all matters. Don't miss this opportunity to select the kind of people that you believe will best represent BYHA today and in the future.

Additionally, the Annual Meeting is the one opportunity the Association has to make changes to the By-Laws. This year the board is considering adding an Associate Membership for those individuals that are active in youth hockey in Buffalo but do not have players skating.

Our Association grows stronger each year but that only happens through our collected best efforts. Our players depend on us.

Brief statements by this years candidates on page 3....

**Quote of the Month: "The Constitution only gives us the right to pursue Happiness. You have to catch it yourself." - Benjamin Franklin**





# 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: Open	763.682.5301	April, 2010
Treasurer: Cindy Trousdale	612.282.4158	April, 2008
Director: Open	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: Dick Emahiser		May, 2009
Coaching Director: Mike MacMillan	612.247.0507	May, 2008
ACE/HEP & Assistant Coaching Coordinator: Dan Ackmann	763.682.1332	May, 2009
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:	
Equipment Manager: Eric Lindvall	763.498.7931
Fundraising Coordinator:	
Marketing Coordinator: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841
Picture Coordinator: Kris Thompson	763.682.0238
Purchasing Coordinator:	
Registration Coordinator: Monica Kunkel	763.682.6391
S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator: Kim Wahl	763-682-5817
Sponsor Coordinator: Scott Goodmanson and Bob Furneisen	763.682.5512 763.682.3841
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator:	
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator:	
Tournament Coordinator: Missy Otten	612. 282.5848
Volunteer Coordinator:	
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



# March Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

Gambling is down 25% statewide in recent months, in addition Bars are wrestling with the smoking changes and the recession in general. Many gambling operations are folding. We are holding our own despite the impact this housing market has on our local economy.

Thona stressed that gambling would not be able to contribute to BYHA until late spring, early summer.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.**

- **President's Report:**

Congratulations to all teams for a great and continuing season.

- **Secretary's Report:**

Membership present: Members attending Tom Crane, Brenda McDonald, Leslie O'Neill, Scott Goodman, Steve Pearson, Cindy Trousdale, Thona Olson, Monica Kunkel, Missy and Todd Otten, Steve McIndoo, Mike O'Neill, Bill Anderson. Also, Mike MacMillan, Bob Jernberg.

News letter was sent out this afternoon. Meeting minutes from January and February were approved. Brenda Motioned and Leslie O'Neill second. Approved and passed.

**Statements from candidates:**

**Donnie Thompson** - I would like to be considered a candidate for the BYHA Board election on April 9th. I have had the pleasure of serving on the BYHA Board for the past three years as a Director and as Vice President. I have provided the organization leadership, organized special events such as the annual golf fundraiser and the first ever college hockey game in Buffalo, coached, volunteered and served on the Gambling Committee to help improve the quality of hockey for our youth in Buffalo. One of my core beliefs is to give back to your community, provide leadership and help make that community better. I believe I have done that for BYHA the past three years and I believe I have the necessary time and energy to provide quality leadership to an already top notch organization.

Sincerely,

Donnie Thompson BYHA Vice President

**Eric Pederson** - Hi my name is Eric Pederson and I would like to nominate my self for one of the 3 open board seats for this years election.

My family is completing its 3rd year in the BYHA and next year we will have a Mite and a Mini-mite participating. My interest in being part of the leadership of the BYHA is to ensure all kids have an opportunity to play hockey that have an interest to play and most importantly to have fun while doing it.

I am a Project Manager for a Commercial Contractor so I have experience in establishing and leading towards a set budget, my hope is that I could bring my experience to the BYHA to help reduce the cost and help run the business of the BYHA.

Sincerely, Eric Pederson

**Mike O'Neill**—has been an active parent for 8 years. Wants to get more involved and give back to the Association.

**Rick Mueller**- I have 3 kids in association and have been here for 5 years. I am interested in the board and the decisions they make. I have served as mini-mite coordinator for the past two seasons and have helped out on special projects like the recent Wild game.

**Steve McIndoo** - I would like to run for the board. I have a Squirt and have been involved for 6 years. I would like to be more involved.

**Bill Anderson** - I would like to be considered for a 2 year position. I have served the Association in many roles over the years and am currently Asst High School coach. I have good ideas to where the program needs to go.

**Cheryl Zitur** was approached by Cindy Trousdale to run for a board position. If elected she would like to serve the board as its Treasurer. Cheryl currently has a Squirt and HS Senior and has an older son that also played hockey in Buffalo. Cheryl has been involved in many roles within BYHA and has also been a major volunteer and Treasurer on the High School booster club. Cheryl has her CPA and carefully weighed the duties of Treasurer before agreeing to pursue this role.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Cindy is looking for a treasurer to replace her. She has spoken to someone. Duties will all be split between billing manager, collection manager and Treasurer. Treasurer would still be responsible for writing checks. Cindy is going to meet with her and she will give a run down of the job responsibilities and time commitment.

Cindy also gave an overview of the progress made on the balance owed by this years membership. The number has declined significantly from the 100,000 + owed 2 months ago. However there is still work to be done. There are families with players that owe a significant amount of money who will be participating in regional and (possibly) state playoffs soon, this is not right. Others are making payments for Spring and summer sports before paying their hockey bill. Cindy thanked those on the board and Biz Coudron for all their help working on these balances.

Cindy ran down the monthly Checking account reconciliation and cash projections for March thru the end of the season.

- **Registration Report:**

Monica Kunkel has agreed to be the Registration Coordinator for the upcoming season. There was a D5 registration meeting in early March. Individuals will enter their child into the USA and MN Hockey registration database on their own. They will then bring a printout from USA Hockey to registration. We will need to have a computer at registration for those without Internet access. We need to get this information out to everyone and let them know. Tom will talk to Justin at Puck systems. May 1<sup>st</sup> people will be able to register with USA Hockey and MN hockey.

Registration coordinator **will work close with Treasurer and Trout coordinator. Staff at every practice** to get kids off the ice who are not up to date on payment. Will set the dates at next meeting.

- **Manager Report:**

— Jen is looking for a replacement. If anyone is interested, please contact Jen or Tom Crane.



# March Board Meeting



## Tournament Report:

Missy would like to add tournaments next year and rearrange those we currently have in place. This will depend on available weekends. She will also work on upgrading our tournament program and will get John Connors list of potential sponsors. She is also reviewing how some programs charge families in advance for entrance so that is not an issue during the weekend.

The Squirt/U10B tournament has netted 6,951.06 with a few bills still outstanding. Very successful. Thanks to all who worked so hard that weekend.

## Volunteer Report:

Monica will be stepping down to take on the Registration position. In her three years she has basically created this position and turned it into a strength. She is reviewing some on-line systems for next season and will work with the next volunteer coordinator.

Information for this season: 448 players, exempted 181, 36 players did 0, 8 players have incomplete, 15 skaters with no hours and no deposit. 4 families cashed out. All volunteer checks for incomplete families have been cashed. 25-30 checks for 100 hours. 360 hours were not completed. Monica would like to increase the volunteer hours check \$250 per skater, 5 hours per skater. Head coaches be exempt. Every skater will be responsible for 5 hours. We need to think about this and vote on this next month. Thank you Monica for creating this system.

## Sponsor Report:

## Fundraising Report:

Community Lawn Care ad was mailed in February. Thanks to Steve and Joy Goodman. Watch for this and encourage participation. It's a very generous program for our Association.

## Marketing Report:

## Equipment Report:

April 1 is equipment return day. All equipment needs to be returned then. No MM, M or Jr Gold jerseys need to be returned. Any equipment deposits will be cashed if jerseys or equipment are not returned.

Eric sees no major investment needed for next season.

## D5 Report:

Steve gave his full report, the details can be reviewed "on the web." The D5 website is [www.district5.pucksystems2.com](http://www.district5.pucksystems2.com)

## Metro Report:

## Hockey Operations Report:

Bob Jernberg talked about the addition of Dick Emahiser to the Hockey Operations Board. (To see Dick's Bio look at the web page.) Dick will be a great addition.

Playing time was discussed especially in reference to playoffs. HOC discussed at length, especially the tightrope a coach and team has to walk between parent expectations, playoff pressure and the hockey associations expectations. Particular teams were mentioned, HOC was confident the coaches involved would be able to put the players experience before everything else.

STP, Overspeed and 4 on 4 were reviewed.

Mike MacMillan will be performing exit interviews with the coaches. Representatives from some D5 Associations will be meeting to discuss common interests like the D5 playoff structure and league scheduling.

## Old Business:

District 877 Endowment asking for the scholarship \$. 2 Scholarships for \$1000. Steve motions we do not support this a second was made by Scott. All members were in favor.

Coaches pay was reviewed. At the beginning of the season the board voted to have 2 possible amounts for head/assistant non-parent coaches based on the Associations financial state at the end of the season. The board requested that we use the lesser amount of 700/300. This will be reviewed for next season as well, keeping in mind the IRS's new position on W2's and looking at the time spent by coaches at different levels.

The board reviewed our support of the 2 School District scholarships presented to Seniors. 2 Scholarships for \$1000. Steve motions we do not support this a second was made by Scott. All members were in favor.

## New Business:

The board discussed the HOC budget and the amount budgeted for clinics this Fall. Both came in under budget and there is sentiment on the HOC to continue this trend. The board would like to see a revised budget for all clinics and other HOC items for next season to better understand and set prices for next season.

The board would like to ask the Membership for the donation of laptop computers. These would be used for registration and other association business and would be tax deductible.

Parent comment cards, what would BYHA do with the info gathered, how seriously would "anonymous" opinions be/ Tabled for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 and all were invited to visit Bar & Grill.

# Buffalo Youth Hockey Association

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