



Bison Blueline

August 2008



2008-2009 Registration!!

With this being the first year using on line registration, BIG THANK YOU to those who helped out! To all members, another BIG THANK YOU for your patience. And one more BIG THANK YOU to Monica Kunkel for taking on the position of Registration Coordinator. On line registration is now closed. Anyone interested in registration must contact Monika Kunkel at buffalohockeyregistrar@gmail.com.

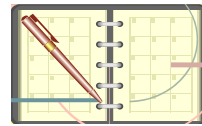
Mites and Mini Mites!!

Groups, coaches and managers are now being formed for the mites and mini-mites. Clinics will start mid to late October. If you would like to be a coach or manager and did not sign up at registration, please contact Shawn Oberg, Initiation Coordinator at soberg@usinternet.com, or Deb Lee, Manager Coordinator at leeinbuffalo@msn.com.

Scholarships!!

The Board voted unanimously that there will be no scholarships given for the 2008—2009 season.

BYHA gives its members opportunities to fundraise and have that fundraising apply to ice bills—get out there and sell!



BYHA's 2008 Schedule of Events!!

Hockey Operations Meeting Monday, Sept 8 at 5:00

BYHA Sept Board Meeting Wednesday, Sept 10 at 7:00

Watch for clinic information on the website!!

Volunteer Policy

BYHA is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on volunteers to conduct the operations of the organization. The hundreds of hours contributed by volunteers each year makes for a great hockey experience for our children and families. We greatly appreciate the many hours contributed by our hockey families. This policy has been developed to encourage a more equitable distribution of volunteer hours throughout our hockey families.

Volunteer Requirements

Families must contribute a minimum of 5 hours of volunteer time per player with a maximum of 20 hours per family (four or more players). There is no maximum number of hours a family can cover in a given year. There is no roll-over of volunteer hours from year to year.

Volunteer Deposit

A volunteer deposit of \$250 per player, \$500 maximum per family (two or more players) is required of all BYHA families and must be submitted at registration. Online registrations must submit this check, marked VOLUNTEER DEPOSIT with all players in the family listed by the last night of on-site registration. No player will be allowed on the ice if this check is not on file with the volunteer coordinator. Families completing volunteer hours will have the volunteer deposit check shredded upon completion of hours. If a family wishes to have the voided check returned, a request must be submitted to the volunteer coordinator prior to completion of hours. Families with incomplete hours will have their volunteer deposit cashed by March 31st.

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Quote of the Month: The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. *Walt Disney*



BYHA Administration



BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
President: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238	April, 2010
Vice President: Steve Pearson	612.916.1161	April, 2009
Secretary/Director: Brenda McDonald	763.684.1338	April, 2009
Secretary/Director: Leslie O'Neill	763.432.0245	April, 2010
Treasurer: Cheryl Zitur	763.416.7139	April, 2011
Director: Bob Furneisen	952.250.9878	April, 2010
Director: Scott Goodmanson	763.682.5512	April, 2009
Director: Bill Anderson	763.682.9462	April, 2011
Director: Mark Worner	763.497.3826	April, 2011
Director: Rick Mueller	763.498.8255	April, 2010

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT BOARD		
Position: Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Director/VP: Bob Driver	763.477.9093	May, 2010
Director of Hockey Development:	—	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/Tom Crane	320-493-0876	May, 2009
A, B, C Director: Bill VanBergan	763.682.1624	May, 2010
Squirt Director: Tom McDonald	763.684.1338	May, 2010
Girls Director: Bob Driver	763.477.9093	May, 2009
U8 Director: Shawn Oberg	763.477.5428	May, 2010
Boys High School Coach: Mike MacMillan	612.247.0507	—
Girls High School Coach: Ray Dahlof	763.684.2079	—
BYHA President: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238	April, 2010

VOLUNTEERS	
Position: Name	Phone
D5 Rep: Steve Pearson	612.916.1161
Metro Rep:	OPEN
Equipment Manager: Derek Gale	952.292.5375
Fundraising Coordinator: Heidi Quiring	763.497.8476
Marketing Coordinator: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841
Picture Coordinator: Kris Thompson	763.682.0238
Purchasing Coordinator: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238
Registration Coordinator: Monica Kunkel	763.682.6319
S.K.A.T.E. Coordinator: Kim Wahl	763.682.5817
Sponsor Coordinator: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator: Deb Lee	763.682.7776
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator: Kari Magaard	763.477.4069
Tournament Coordinator: Missy Otten	612.282.5848
Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie Kohnen	763.498.8574
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



August Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

Profit of \$3,068.32 for the month of July. Very tight times and trying to come up with ideas to keep in business. Request for expense coverage at \$19,800.00 for August expenses. Leslie motioned to approve, and Donnie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Donnie motioned to approve gambling report, Bob 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

- **President's Report:**

Made about \$7,500 at the golf tournament. Very positive feedback.

D5 has offered 2 tournaments 12UB (\$450 per team, we pay ice and ref fees) and state 14UA (\$1,500 per team). Prices are set by district. Donnie motioned to accept the offer, Bob 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

- **Secretary's Report:**

Steve motioned to approve July minutes, Donnie 2nd, motion approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer Report:**

Cheryl reviewed financials. Insurance company wants to see our policies for issuing checks for renewal of our policy. Cheryl will require statements from vendors on a regular basis. Packing slips will be required to go to Cheryl to reconcile with invoice.

Payment plan has been made with the City starting in August.

- **Registration Report:**

Registration is August 28, September 4 and 6. Players need to register with USA Hockey prior to registration with BYHA. This is done on line at usahockey.com. You will be given a bar code to use for BYHA registration. Jr Gold need to come to registration to get fundraising information. Jr Gold is obligated to fundraise.

- **Tournament Report:**

56 teams already registered out of 96 possible for our tournaments. Missy wants to wait until the end of November to perhaps cancel the Squirt A tournament in the end of February – only Buffalo is currently registered. Missy will be selling advertising for the tournament booklets. Missy is looking for tournament directors.

- **Fundraising Report:**

Heidi Quiring was not here. She is ready for registration with information for wreaths and candles. She also has had commitments from a couple of people to help her.

- **Manager Report:**

Kari Magaard was not here. We are still looking for an Initiation Manager Coordinator and a Squirt/U10 Manager Coordinator. Please call Brenda McDonald at 763-684-1338 if you are interested.

- **Equipment Report:**

Derek Gale is the new equipment manager.

- **Volunteer Report:**

Have not heard from puck systems on the volunteer on line system. There is another system that works with puck systems that is \$360 per year. Steve motioned to purchase the system for the 2008-2009 season, Donnie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Volunteer deposit amount was discussed. Donnie motioned to increase volunteer fee to \$250 per player, max of \$500 per family. 5 hours for 1 player, 10 hours for 2, 15 hours for 3, 20 hours max. This will not be pro-rated. Scott 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Metro Report:**

We are still in need of a Metro rep.

- **Hockey Operations Report:**

STP had positive feedback. Jeff and Dick will meet to discuss Monday night skills clinics. There will be 10 skills clinics this year starting on November 17th.

Derek Gale is the new equipment manager.

Dick Emahiser is in charge of Dryland.

MN Hockey changed the time between games to 3 hours from 4.



August Board Meeting



- Sponsor Report:

- Old Business:

Special meeting on August 17th to discuss budget.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 pm.

Scott made a motion to accept the 08-09 budget, Donnie 2nd, Bob opposed, everyone else aye. Motion passed.

Leslie made a motion to purchase 1,175 pizza certificates to pass out at parent meetings. Brenda 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:54.

Attended by Bob Furneisen, Brenda McDonald, Leslie O'Neill, Donnie Thompson, Cheryl Zitur, Rick Mueller, Mark Worner, Bill Anderson, Scott Goodmanson, Mike MacMillan, Bob Driver, Dan Ackmann.

- New Business:

Dave Callicott would like Jr Gold to have a one time purchase of jerseys and stay with the better jerseys. Donnie motioned to purchase up to 8 sets of the good jerseys. Rick 2nd. Motioned passed unanimously.

Equipment request for 67 jerseys for mites, 93 jerseys for mini-mites. 160 total jerseys at \$13 each with logo and number = \$2,080. Donnie motioned to approve, Steve 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Registration and ice fees were discussed at length. Bill motioned to accept the registration fees as Rick has proposed with the addition of an administration fee of \$30 per player to cover the costs of signage, credit card fees, etc. with no moneys allocated in the registration for Dick Emahiser. Steve 2nd. More discussion. We will have an additional meeting Sunday at 8:00 pm to discuss further and vote.

- Marketing Report:

Bob Furneisen said signs are \$319 per sign which will start August 27 and run 11 days. We will have signs at Hanover, Montrose, Buffalo and perhaps a fourth near Walmart. Bob motioned to approve for expenses, Donnie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

- District 5 Report:

The Secretary's report is on the web.

Treasurer's report shows that D-5 has in excess of \$30,000 in the bank.

Crow River was not at the meeting.

D-5 will have mandatory on line registration for the 2008-2009 season.

We need to update the e-directory ASAP on the MN Hockey website.

Donnie is to attend the presidents meeting on Sept. 3rd and bring the updated BYHA e-directory for the MN Hockey web site.

Screening forms for all coaches and board members must be done. If you coach and are on the board they want a form for each position.

Rule change for tournaments, we now have a 3 hour break between games instead of a mandatory 4 hour break.

Roster signing day is November 8th.

Cold Spring, Paynsville, New London, Spicer is about to become RIVER LAKES.

Many coaches clinics on the MN Hockey web site. Check them out on the web.

All associations made their preliminary team declarations. There was a discussion about Buffalo Squirts. Some in attendance expressed their desires to not play Buffalo Squirt B teams due to the lack of competition. Some did not know that we mix our B and C kids on the B teams. I explained our process and after some discussion we agreed that it is what it is. D-5 will try to adjust the schedule so that the associations that have Squirt C teams will not play Buffalo, or will play Buffalo fewer times.

A reminder that game cancellations due to weather will be on the web for the upcoming season.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56.

Present: Bruce Bartl, Thona Olson, Rick Mueller, Donnie Thompson, Leslie O'Neill, Bill Anderson, Mark Worner, Bob Furneisen, Steve Pearson, Cheryl Zitur, Cindy Trousdale, Mike McMillan, Missy Otten, Monica Kunkel, Shawn Oberg, Dave Callicott, Scott Goodmanson, Bill Anderson, and Stephanie Kohnen.



August Newsletter



Bison Bit's

The Bison have announced there upcoming game schedule for 2008-09 and it will be one of most competitive in the past 10 years. The Bison will face-off against 6 of last years top 15 teams and open up with the pre-season #1 Edina Hornets in the Wayzata Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend.

This season Bison fans will be able to see 12 exciting home games which will feature three state tournament teams from last year; Roseau, Edina and Cloquet.

New to the schedule this season will be Rosemount which replaces one of our games against Becker/Big Lake.

Don't forget to mark the Bison Scrimmage Fest on your calendars for November 21st and 22nd, Scrimmage Fest brings in 12 of the top teams in the metro to tune up for the season at the Civic Center.

For season details, go to the BYHA website, click on Links and click on Buffalo High School Team Site.

Alumni Update

2007-08 Alumni making the transition from HS to Juniors and College this year will be Jon Ziturs-Augsburg College and Dean Beaton - Bismark Bobcats in the NAHL.

Mark your calendars to catch Bison Alumni Roger Trousdale (St.Olaf) and Rob Mueller (UW-Stout) who will be playing in the College Classic at the Civic Center - November 8th!!

Again check out the Bison Schedule and mark your calendars for the first Bison Home game - December 5th vs. Cloquet!!

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.

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Approved Volunteer Hours

The following opportunities will receive credit toward volunteer hours credits: BYHA Hosted Tournament Shifts, Fundraising (wreath, candle) distributions, Golf Tournament, Break the Ice Social, College Hockey Game, Registration, Parent meetings, Tryouts

Volunteer Hours Credits

The following volunteer positions will receive volunteer hours credits as listed: BYHA Board Member—20 hours, Hockey Development Board—10 hours, Association level volunteer—10 hours, Head Coach—20 hours, Assistant coach—10 hours (2 max per team), Tournament Coordinator-10 hours, Team Manager—10 hours (1 per team). If there are more than two assistant coaches per team, the team manager and coaches will work together to determine who will receive the volunteer credits. The team manager will provide this information to the volunteer coordinator. Team parents are strongly encouraged to complete the volunteer hours for assistant coaches who do not receive exemptions.

Fulfilling Volunteer Hours

Only parents or legal guardians of BYHA players may fill volunteer shifts. Parents will register for volunteer hours online. This will require a valid e-mail address. If a parent discovers a conflict preventing fulfillment of those shifts, the parent is required to secure his own replacement. Parents must sign in and out at each volunteer event with the event coordinator. Failure to sign in and out will result in no credit being given for the shift.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Stephanie Kohnen at stephk23@msn.com.



Gambling Report

CURRENT Gambling Report:

Revenues and Expenditures - regulatory basis - for the eleven months ending May 31, 2008

Total Revenues:	24,871.61
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-9,979.06
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-11,824.23</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	-3,068.32
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-0.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	-3,068.32 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	7,685.35 =====

Buffalo Youth Hockey Association

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