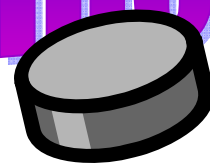




# Bison Blueline

January 2009



## Volunteer Opportunity!!

The Gambling Committee needs volunteers. They meet one time per month, some financial background is a plus. Please contact Thona Olson if you are interested at [Thonamn7@aol.com](mailto:Thonamn7@aol.com).

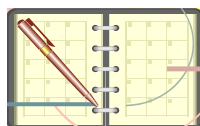
Our association is only as strong as our volunteers!!

## GOAL!!

GOAL stands for Go On And Learn. If you have a 3.0 grade point average or higher and are a squirt/U10 or above you are eligible to participate. You can drop your report cards in the designated box at the rink. Watch for more details regarding the date and time of the event. Questions can be emailed to Kim Wahl at [cwahl4@yahoo.com](mailto:cwahl4@yahoo.com).

## Finance Advisory Committee

A committee will be formed to look at overall finances, fee structure, creating revenue and checks and balances. This will be an advisory committee only and cannot create policy. Please contact Cheryl Ziturski at 763-416-7139 if you are interested. You will get 10 hours of volunteer time for being on this committee. Call Cheryl today!!



## BYHA's 2008 Schedule of Events!!

Hockey Operations Meeting Monday, Feb 8 at 7:00 pm

BYHA Nov Board Meeting Wednesday, Feb 11 at 7:00 pm

## 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:

### 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 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:** *Smile, it enhances your face value.*



# 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	763.232.6329	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: Jim Cooper	763.628.4684
Equipment Manager: Derek Gale	952.292.5375
Fundraising Coordinator: Heidi Quiring	763.497.8476
Marketing Coordinator: Bob Furneisen	763.682.3841
Picture Coordinator: Kellie Martinson	763.682.7054
Purchasing Coordinator: Donnie Thompson	763.682.0238
Registration Coordinator: Monica Kunkel	763.682.6391
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 Maggaard	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: April Schmidt ( <i>Billing</i> ) Anne Morehouse ( <i>Deposits</i> ) Joan McNamara ( <i>Cash Receipts</i> )	763.682-4262 763.498-8900 763.682.2120
Hall of Fame Committee Chair: Chris Bonnell	763.684.1366



# January Board Meeting



- Gambling Report:

Thona took us through the monthly report and what to look for and how the numbers tie out. Profit of about \$11,347 for the month of January. Request for expense coverage at \$26,350 for December expenses. Leslie motioned to approve. Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Larson Allen has finished audit – no major discrepancies. A copy will be available at the next meeting.

We need a few more members on the gambling committee. Please contact Thona if you are interested.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

- President's Report:

Buffalo will host Division I Women's hockey game Mankato Mavericks vs St. Cloud Huskies on February 7. Game time is 7:00 and tickets are available at the concession stand or through your team manager.

Buffalo will host Wayzata for the FSN game on February 10th at 7:05.

A big thank you to Bill Rosso for organizing the outdoor Girls event in Hanover. It was a great success and it was a lot of fun!!

A big thank you to Dave Callicott for putting the Jr Gold Alumni game together – there was a great turn out.

- Secretary's Report:

Donnie motioned to approve the secretary's report, Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.

- Treasurer Report:

Any ice time in March will be a separate bill. An email will go out to get outstanding receivables in by February 10. Budgeting/finance committee needs to get formed and started. Suggested that perhaps starting a "Round Up" for scholarship fund.

- Registration Report:

Two coaches at the mini mite level have not paid their MN Hockey dues and will be pulled off the ice. Monica would like to see fees published by July 15 and have on line registration start by August 1.

- Tournament Report:

Missy reviewed the Girls U10A/U12A/U14A and Pee wee B/C tournaments. Minor official training is imperative for the regional and state tournaments. Volunteers must go to training prior games. Ice time is set for the regional tournament. No info for the state tournament yet. Civic Center needs to have locks that work on locker rooms. Brenda will send a list of issues to the city. Next year Missy would like to have Tournament Director jackets for directors to use at tournaments. Tournament registration fees will need to increase next year. Next year t-shirts should all be pre ordered.

- GOAL Report:

Kim presented what the SKATE program has been and what she would like to see it become. The national SKATE program is no longer. Now Kim proposes to change the name of the program to GOAL – Go On And Learn.

- Fundraising Report:

Randy from Centra Sota was here to promote Community Lawn Care program. It was successful to the tune of \$1,725 to BYHA last year. We will be sending out the information again this year and hope to see even more success this coming year.

Heidi talked about the growhockey.com – suggested we have it on the webpage.

Bob Furnesen will coordinate BYHA in the Buffalo Days parade.

- Manager Report:

Squirt/U10 and above - Kari Magaard not here.

Mite/Mini-mite - Deb Lee not here.

- Equipment Report:

Derek Gale was not here.

- Volunteer Report:

Stephanie Kohnen not here.

- Metro Report:

No report.

- Hockey Operations Report:

Player development - Jim Rooney will submit list of dryland items that are needed. Ed Roetheke and Bob Driver are talking with Crow River about the girls program for next year. Ed still talking with Elk River regarding a U14 combination team. Bill VanBergen asking for direction for definition of tournaments regarding home tournaments – should they be counted toward a tournament or not. Squirts did great in Grand Rapids – 4 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. 8 and under program – letter from parents suggesting the development of a higher level mite team. HOC has recommended that there be a special event for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the end of year to get excited about squirts. Bob would like to have HOC and the Board together for a meeting early spring.

- Sponsor Report:

Working on one sponsor.

- Old Business:

Criminal case is still pending. Donnie will let us know of any updates as soon as he knows anything new.



## January Board Meeting



- **New Business:**

We need to advertise for the finance committee – we would like to see representation from each level - 2 initiation, 2 squirt/U10, 2 from peewee/U12, 2 bantam/U14, and 2 Jr Gold and volunteer hours will be given to those who are on this committee. Please contact Cheryl Zitur if interested.

- **Marketing Report:**

Nothing.

- **District 5 Report:**

The Secretary report was accepted without delay or complaint. Treasurer's report shows a total account balance of \$48,480.38. Reminder that all fines must be paid in full before any teams are allowed to play in post season games. So, if there is an unpaid fine from any team at any level, all teams from the entire association will be prohibited from playing post season.

The travel policy was re-stated on the D-5 web site and reads 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:

- The Visiting team (the team traveling) coach must call Doug Kephart (320) 587-7768 or Tim Hanson (320) 235-9472. If neither Doug Kephart or Tim Hanson can be contacted, call Glenn Young (320) 693-8571.

- The call MUST be made by a Coach or Team Manager, NOT a parent.

Mr. Kephart 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 rescheduled the association ice schedulers are responsible for coordinating a new game date. If it is decided that the game should be played, and the traveling team declines to play, the game will be recorded as a forfeit. The traveling team will also be fined for not playing a league game. This policy is contained in section V-B. of the District 5 Handbook. If a game is cancelled, the D-5 board member will call the home team and post the cancellation on the web site. Please remember, coaches or managers may call the D-5 board member. Parents should not call. Be sure that the coach and/or manager DOES NOT call the other team.

Zero tolerance policy is going fairly well district wide.

Girls coordinator Doug Foster would like the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all 1994 14 U A & B as well as H.S. girls who might be interested in the select team. Contact Doug about the details. His information is on the D-5 web site.

The D-5 tournament coordinator position is open for anyone who is interested. Contact Doug Kephart if interested.

If a team as a whole is infected, diseased, chronically ill, or otherwise taken down with sickness please call the D-5 folks to try to reschedule the game. Do not call the other coach.

Level 5 clinic will be in St. Paul on August 12-15, 2009. Go to USA Hockey web site for details.

LDC made a motion that 12 U games go to 15 minute periods rather than 12. The games would be 1 ¼ hours long since there would not be a re-surface. Motion to be voted on in April. This would only apply to the B teams since the A teams are in D-10 right now.

Sartell made a motion to allow mites to play outside of the district. Right now they cannot. Sartell's argument is that they are unable to play teams in St. Cloud that are across the river from them but they can play over 1 hour away in Mound. This does not seem to make sense. Motion to be voted on in April.

Motion by STMA, seconded by BYHA, to strike the D-5 mite move up policy and adopt the MN Hockey rules regarding mite move ups. D-5 allows up to 3 move ups. MN Hockey allows up to 1/3 of the squirt team to be move ups. The move up must play at the lowest level offered by the association. Motion to be voted on in April.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:16.**

Present: Rick Mueller, Leslie O'Neill, Brenda McDonald, Bill Anderson, Mark Worner, Bob Furneisen, Cheryl Zitur, Bob Driver, Missy Otten, Monica Kunkel, Thona Olson, Kim Wahl, Shelly Gearin.



## January Newsletter



### FSN at Buffalo

Buffalo vs Wayzata  
February 10th  
7:05 p.m.  
Watch for t-shirt and tickets  
sales information.

### Division I Women's Hockey

Mankato Mavericks  
Vs

St. Cloud Huskies

February 7th

7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the  
concession stand, through your  
manager or at the gate on game day.

### 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.

### Ice Fees...

All members must be paid in  
full or arrangements made no  
later than 2/10/2009 or  
skaters will not be allowed to  
participate in regional or state  
tournaments until accounts are  
in good standing.

If you have any questions,  
please contact Cheryl Zitur at  
763.416.7139.

### Volunteer Information

Please see the BYHA website under  
Volunteer Info to sign up for your  
volunteer hours. If you have any questions,  
please contact Stephanie Kohnen at  
stephk23@msn.com.



### Gambling Report

#### CURRENT Gambling Report:

Revenues and Expenditures - regulatory basis -  
for the five months ending November 30, 2008

Total Revenues:	32,056.45
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-12,878.37
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-7,850.95</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	11,327.13
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-750.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	10,577.13 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	30,331.94 =====

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