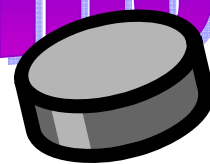




# Bison Blueline

February 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).

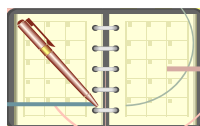
Our association is only as strong as our volunteers!!

## Volunteer Opportunity!!

We are still looking for members to run for 3 board positions this year. Being a part of the BYHA Board is a chance to make decisions, changes, help to inform members and make our association stronger. Please feel free to contact any of the current board members with any questions. Contact info can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter. Thank You!!

## 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).



## BYHA's 2009 Schedule of Events!!

Hockey Operations Meeting Monday, Mar 9 at 7:00 pm

BYHA Nov Board Meeting Wednesday, Mar 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:** *You cannot do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good you can do.*



# 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: Jim Rooney	—	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



## February Board Meeting



- Gambling Report:

Profit of about \$4,000 for the month of February. Request for expense coverage at \$34,950 for March expenses which includes audit cost of \$5,500. Leslie motioned to approve. Donnie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Larson Allen has finished audit – report reviewed. Compliance review was done last Friday. Some games are being reviewed. The auditor was pleased with what she saw and should be getting back to Thona shortly.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM.

- President's Report:

There were about 1,000 people at college game. FSN game was packed and fun. Thanks to everyone that came and participated in making these events so successful! We are looking forward to elections in April – let's get recruiting and get names into Brenda or Leslie asap.

- Secretary's Report:

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

- Treasurer Report:

There is over \$23,000 in old receivables. Kids are being pulled off the ice if accounts are not in good standing. Any questions should be directed to Cheryl.

- Registration Report:

Monica presented player projections for next year. This year there were only 6 new mini mites – we will need to have a strong recruiting effort for mini mite level and for girls, too. Online USA Hockey/MN Hockey will open on May 1, 2009. Which means it would be ideal to have 2009-2010 fees available by July 15<sup>th</sup> to enable online registration by 8/1/09. This allows 4 weeks for registrations prior to deadline of 8/29. New skater registration will be open until October 3. Also suggesting to have late fees for returning skaters. Coaches should have to have their screening and USA hockey information into Coach MacMillan so that the coach can be assigned a team.

Shawn will have the two coaches at the mini mite level that have not paid their MN Hockey dues and will be pulled off the ice.

- Tournament Report:

\$1,000 was made at the last tournament. We need to pay for referees for the regional tournament. Bantam C and Pee wee C tournament still needs volunteers. Missy would really like to see t-shirts pre-ordered for tournaments next year.

- GOAL Report:

Kim Wahl not present.

- Fundraising Report:

Heidi Quiring not present.

- Manager Report:

Squirt/U10 and above - Kari Magaard not present.

Mite/Mini-mite - Deb Lee not present.

- Equipment Report:

Derek Gale was not present.

- Volunteer Report:

Stephanie Kohnen still has a lot of people that have not claimed their hours on DIBS. We still have a lot of needs with upcoming tournaments. We need to reconsider having a 10 hour volunteer hours rather than 5. DIBS is not user friendly. Another system will be researched and Stephanie will come back to the board with a recommendation by May.

- Metro Report:

No report.

- Hockey Operations Report:

Player development - Jim Rooney will submit list of dryland items that are needed. There has been a lot of talk about Crow River and the girls program. Crow River has started a U12 program. They will not waive any more U10 to Buffalo from now on. Ed Roetheke and Bob Driver are talking with Crow River to try to come up with some kind of compromise for next year. Ed still talking with Elk River regarding a U14 combination team. March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be three games for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders moving out of mites. Trying to get the kids excited about moving into squirts. There has been a lot of discussion on how to improve the program and will continue to have ideas come forward and incorporate changes into the program. Bob would like to see an outdoor rink here and is talking to the City on how to implement. Bob would like to hold a workshop in the spring to gather ideas from members. Bob will do a survey to gather that information too.

- Sponsor Report:

No report.

- Old Business:

Criminal case is still pending.

Brian Swenson, Eric Pederson, Monica Kunkel, Rick Mueller and Cheryl Zitum will be on the finance committee and will start meeting the end of this month.



## February Board Meeting



- **New Business:**

Please be sure to read the handbook and by-laws. We will start discussions at the March board meeting and will vote on any changes to the by-laws in April.

- **Marketing Report:**

No report.

- **District 5 Report:**

The Secretary report was approved. Treasurer's report shows a total account balance of \$55,442.35.

MN Hockey is looking for ideas for the formatting of Regional tournaments. If you have an idea submit to D5.

MN Hockey is looking at realignment of districts in the future.

There were over 88 rule changing proposals at the recent USA Hockey meeting, around 20 changes passed. One change will likely be to not allow icing when you are on a penalty kill. BYHA needs to decide how we want to "vote" on this change.

D-5 has 2,770 skaters registered this season. That is 31 less than last year.

If there are new skaters who need beginners equipment they can go to [www.minnesotahockey.org](http://www.minnesotahockey.org) and click on the ONE GOAL EQUIPMENT tab. There should be some "deals" on gear.

D-5 has organized a Mite committee. The committee will submit a report to the board about initiation level program ideas. Maybe there can be some standardization of our programs.

BYHA made a motion to require that all D-5 games be scheduled and officiated by the WSOA. Currently Willmar is the only association who refuses to use WSOA. As a result, there have been issues that can only lead to frustration, arguments, and accusations. This motion will level the playing field and eliminate the problems. D-5 President Tim Hanson (from Willmar) spoke against the motion stating that it would create an employee/employer relationship and burden D-5 with tax withholdings, etc. We argued for a while and in the end BYHA's motion was seconded and the vote will take place in April.

Boys advanced 15 tryouts are March 30 and April 2nd. BYHA only submitted 1 name so far. 1994 birth years are eligible. Submit names through the Bantam coaches.

Peewee C games were 1 ½ hours with a resurface this year. This issue is up for a vote again in April for next season.

Willmar made motion to have 12 U games 1 ½ hours long with a resurface. Motion did not get a 2nd.

Willmar made a motion regarding equal play, gear, jerseys, ice time, resurfacing, games, tournaments, etc. for girls and for boys teams. Motion did not get a 2nd.

Willmar made a motion for U14 games to be 1 ½ hours with a resurface. They now play 15 minute periods without a resurface. Motion seconded by STMA and will be voted on in April. D-10 plays 15 minute periods with a resurface right now so this is no change for BYHA girls.

For the last week of the season please e-mail all scores (Peewees and above) to Tim Hanson. Please include fair play points if applicable. This is to expedite the play off process. The "play-off tab" on the web site has more information on this.

STMA made a motion to have Squirt B-1 and Squirt B-2 designations. B-1 would play other districts and B-2 would play D-5. MN Hockey does not allow different levels within a playing level.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:08.**

Present: Rick Mueller, Leslie O'Neill, Bill Anderson, Mark Worner, Bob Furneisen, Cheryl Zitur, Bob Driver, Monica Kunkel, Thona Olson, Shawn Oberg, Eric Poncius, Stephanie Kohnen.



## February Newsletter



### Division I Women's Hockey

A big thank you to the committee that included Kirsten Tappe, Kari Magaard, Jen Morningstar, Jen Roethke, Michelle Wurm, and Becky Maffei. The initial conception for the game was thanks to Mike MacMillan and Dan Ackmann, but they turned it over to us women to run the event! We made \$1,000 for BYHA!

SCSU was the home team and they lost to MSU-Mankato that night. We have received numerous emails from SCSU thanking us for a wonderful night and expressing how impressed they were, even though the outcome wasn't what they wanted. They estimated it was the 2nd largest home-game crowd that they have ever played for!

Several girls' teams helped during the night: U10-A, U12-B, U12-A and high school girls. It really was a fun night (and all Girls hockey day) and we are hopeful that we can do it again next year!

### FSN at Buffalo Thank You...

to everyone that came out (and watched from home!) and showed their support of hockey in Buffalo!

### 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...

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

Just a reminder that any extra ice scheduled for regional or state games will be billed separately from the regular season ice bills. This will only affect those specific teams playing those games.

Everyone have been billed for the regular season ice time through February.

### 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 December 31, 2008

Total Revenues:	29,089.51
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-15,032.55
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-9,651.07</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	4,405.89
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-0.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	4,405.89 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	34,737.83 =====

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