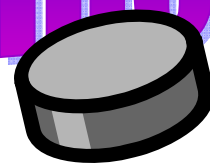




Bison Blueline

March 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.

Our association is only as strong as our volunteers!!

Volunteer Opportunity!!

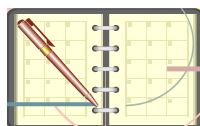
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator
HOC Tournament Advisor

Please contact Leslie O'Neill if you are interested in any volunteer position at lesliema@live.com.

Thank You!!

GOAL!!

GOAL stands for Go On And Learn. The party is March 29, 2:15-4:15 pm. We will start with open hockey first, followed by a pizza party. Report cards need to be in by March 27. Questions can be emailed to Kim Wahl at cwahl4@yahoo.com.



BYHA's 2009 Schedule of Events!!

Hockey Operations Meeting Monday, Apr 6 at 7:00 pm

BYHA Nov Board Meeting Wednesday, Apr 8 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Nominations

The following members have been nominated for the Board of Directors, to be voted on at the April Board meeting. Their nominations are on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter. Please read about our candidates and come out to vote April 8!

James Anderle
Dave Calof
Reese Dickson
Mike O'Neill
Steve Pearson
Chris Russett



Quote of the Month: *"The successful person makes a habit of doing what the failing person doesn't like to do." Thomas Edison*



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
G.O.A.L. 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



March Board Meeting



- Gambling Report:

Profit of \$884 for the month of March. Request for expense coverage at \$34,950 for April expenses which includes \$1,650 for storage. Brenda motioned to approve, Bob 2nd, motion passed unanimously. Compliance review resulted in no fines. There was a suggestion that there be more separation of duties.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM.

- President's Report:

U10 girls incident was discussed. A meeting will be held asap with the parents involved and representatives from HOC and the board.

- Secretary's Report:

Bill motioned to approve the secretary's report, Cheryl 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

- Treasurer Report:

There is about \$10,000 in old receivables. Finance committee has been formed and consists of Cheryl Zitur, Monica Kunkel, Eric Pederson, Brian Swenson, and Rick Mueller. They have met and have established goals for the year. Goals include detailing what members pay for, to set pricing by June 10 and talk to Thona about some raffle ideas.

- Registration Report:

Online USA Hockey/MN Hockey will open on May 1, 2009. BYHA opens August 1, 2009. Would like to have all payments able to be made on line.

- Tournament Report:

The squirt tournament made \$1,900. \$750 was made on the regional tournament. Preparing for the state U14A tournament.

- GOAL Report:

Kim Wahl not present.

- Fundraising Report:

Heidi Quiring not present. Dave Calot presented a fundraiser from Dunn Brothers and he will administer that right away.

- Manager Report:

Squirt/U10 and above - Kari Maggaard not present. Mite/Mini-mite - Deb Lee will be stepping down as Mite/Mini-mite Manager.

- Equipment Report:

Derek Gale was not present.

- Volunteer Report:

Stephanie Kohnen not present.

- Metro Report:

No report.

- Hockey Operations Report:

Bob still developing a survey to get out to the

membership. In April, HOC plans to have open forums for Mite and Squirt level parents to bring suggestions for improvement. Bringing in Impact Hockey this summer. Informational meeting will be March 30. HOC needs a few more volunteers to help choose tournaments – please contact Bob Driver if interested.

- Sponsor Report:

No report.

- Old Business:

Criminal case is still pending. Forensic accountant has been hired by the insurance company and we have given them requested information.

- New Business:

Bylaws were discussed. We will be modifying and clarifying the bylaws and will vote on at the April board meeting. The election will be held at the April board meeting. Membership section and Treasurer items will change.

Brenda and Mark have made a list of items that need to be addressed with the city. Dirty bathrooms, unshoveled sidewalks, overflowing garbage.

Brenda motioned that only certificates be given rather than plaques for those skaters leaving BYHA. Bob 2nd. Cheryl and Leslie voted no, everyone else voted yes. Motion passed.

Nominations – James Anderle, Dave Calof, Reese Dickson, Mike O'Neill, Steve Pearson and Chris Russett. Rick motioned to increase board positions to 11 rather than 10. Bob 2nd. Motioned passed unanimously.

If volunteers in charge of committees will not be present at board meetings, please get your report to the Secretary prior to the board meetings. Board members are tired of seeing "no report" and "not present" in the meeting minutes.

- Marketing Report:

No report.

- District 5 Report:

The Secretary report was accepted after some corrections. Treasurer's report shows a total account balance of \$39,292.75.

The "mite committee" will present its findings and suggestions for initiation level hockey at the April meeting.

Discussion to increase fees for officials. The executive board decided that this will take place next season. Jr. Gold referees will move from \$50 to \$60 per game. Linesmen will move from \$40 to \$45. Bantam A and 14U-B will have the referees move from \$48 to \$51, linesmen will remain at \$40. Bantam B & C and 12U-A officials will stay at \$42 per game. PeeWee and 12U-A officials will move from \$26 to \$29 per game if game is 1 hour and from \$39 to \$40 per game if the game is



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March Board Meeting (continued)

- District 5 Report (continued):

1 ½ hour long. Squirt and 10U games will move from \$23 to \$26 per game.

River Lakes made a motion that if the motion on the table to make 12U games have 15 minute periods passes in April, they also add a resurface time to those games. Second by Willmar. This will add a little more than \$100 to each game. Vote in April.

D-5 is missing score sheets from game # SBX78, RLE vs. Buffalo B-3 and SBS97, RLW vs. Buffalo B-2. SQUIRT B-2 AND B-3 PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOU WON THOSE GAMES. IF SO, PLEASE SEND IN THE SCORE SHEET.

Doug Kephart wants all association Presidents to get back to him regarding the MN Hockey proposal to make open enrollment state wide and waivers automatic.

D-5 voted to donate a hockey sled to the disabled hockey players. We don't have a D-5 team but they are out there and the players need these sleds to play. Cost is a bit more than \$1,000.

There was much discussion about the BYHA motion to require Willmar to use WSOA officials for all district games. A member of the Willmar board and the president of their officials association (Tom Hanson) were present. The issue of employee and employer relationships came up again but did not get much traction. Discussion included a reluctance to have yet another "mandate" from the district. I agreed with that statement and added that BYHA is not in favor of any more mandates than necessary but we are trying to level the playing field. I asked Tom Hanson if he and the Willmar officials have talked with WSOA about joining. He said, "Not for a while". I asked if they would be willing to join WSOA. He said, "No". I told the group that we are looking for an acknowledgement from the folks from Willmar that there is a problem; real or perceived, and that it needs to be addressed.

The motion to allow mites to play outside of the district was ruled out of order by Doug Kephart. He said that it would violate MN Hockey rules. He can waive the rule on a case by case basis but we can't have a blanket policy allowing it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.

Present: Rick Mueller, Leslie O'Neill, Bill Anderson, Mark Worner, Bob Furneisen, Cheryl Zitursky, Bob Driver, Monica Kunkel, Thona Olson, Mike O'Neill, Michelle Otto, John Reynolds, Deb Lee, Dave Calof, Chris Russett.

Board of Director Nominees:

James Anderle

I would like to be considered for one of the BYHA Board seats during the upcoming election in April. I have previously held positions on the Hockey Operations Committee where I developed and implemented enhancements to the Mite and Mini-Mite program, many of which are still in place today. Over the years, I have also volunteered many hours coaching all levels from Mites through Bantams. Through these experiences I have seen many success stories of our players as they have grown into adulthood, unfortunately, I have also seen stories that have led to our players hanging up their skates.

If elected, I intend to bring more focus on giving the game back to the kids. This focus will continue to be rooted in developing the skills of every hockey player, helping them reach their potential, however, it will also emphasize how important it is to have fun, placing the players' development and friendships above winning and losing.

If elected, I intend to work with my fellow board and association members to improve our program while monitoring closely how our money is spent. I intend to help identify and either modify or eliminate policies and/or current practices that are not consistent with BYHA or USA Hockey guidelines. I also intend to seek out and implement new policies that will promote a positive hockey environment for our players for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

David F. Calof

Is BYHA ready and open to having a Board Member with Strong Accounting and Business Skills, and a Fresh Outlook? BYHA is getting past some significant financial issues, and naturally has financial challenges in keeping costs for the kids affordable. I have extensive experience in working with such challenges. I'm a CPA - was a partner in a large firm (who are currently the auditors for the pull tab operation) for 25 years, and served many Not-For-Profit Clients. I have served on several boards, including Eden Prairie and Lakeville Athletic Associations and currently serve on a board of a small NFP in North Mpls. I have served as a volunteer in my community throughout my career, and hope to plug into my home community here in Buffalo. I coached for 20+ years - soccer, not hockey, but with a child in the program and knowledge of the sport, I enjoy the kids and have time to serve. I have also been a big brother, confirmation group leader, scout leader, among many activities. I can be reached at 612-804-3456 if anyone would like to chat.



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Board of Director Nominees:

Reese Dickson

Reese Dickson has given a verbal nomination.

Mike O'Neill

My name is Mike O'Neill and I would like to be elected to the Board of directors of BYHA. I have been a member of the BYHA for the past 9 years. I have coached from mites to peeeweess and have volunteered countless hours in contribution to BYHA. Hockey is one of my greatest passions and I would like the opportunity to help this association take it to the next level. I would like to see Buffalo become more of a hockey town. I will work hard as a director to ensure that BYHA is a great place for our kids to play hockey and learn life lessons.

Steve Pearson

Please accept this as formal notice of my desire to run for another term on the BYHA Board of Directors. I have two primary reasons for my desire to remain on the board:

First, I am thoroughly familiar with the ongoing criminal investigation regarding the theft of a significant sum of money from the BYHA. I want to see this case to a successful conclusion and feel that I can offer more to the case while still active on the Board.

Second, as a Board we have taken some steps to put new life into this association and bring it back from serious debt. I want to continue along that course and work toward our goal of once again being financially healthy. Only then can we begin to significantly reduce ice fees and enhance opportunities for all levels of play.

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.

Board of Director Nominees:

Chris Russett

My family has been involved with BYHA for the past five years with two boys currently playing at the Squirt and Mite levels. I have helped out with coaching at the mite level for the past four years and my wife has been involved in varying capacities from managing to registration. My family values the time that is spent being involved with BYHA. We need to make sure that others not only find value in BYHA, but value BYHA.

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 seven months ending January 31, 2009

Total Revenues:	24,242.56
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-10,318.70
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-13,039.70</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	884.54
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>-0.00</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	884.54 =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	35,622.37 =====

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