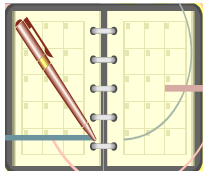
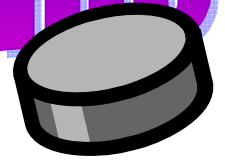




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April 2009



BYHA's 2009 Schedule of Events!!

Hockey Operations Meeting Sunday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

BYHA Board Meeting Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm

BYHA to Welcome Impact Hockey This Summer

In our quest to continually improve player development for all the skaters in the program, we are excited to introduce Impact Hockey for the 2009 summer. Impact Hockey is an established hockey program with expert instructors that connect with young players to improve their game. Their philosophy is to have a small player-to-instructor ratio so that each player receives individual instruction. Impact Hockey will focus on the whole game of hockey; including, skating, puck handling, shooting and on-ice thinking. Sessions will also include two dryland training days each week. Impact Hockey will start the week of June 22 through July 30th for squirts to bantams. Mite sessions will run from July 6th through 30th. Don't miss a great opportunity to improve your players overall skills with a proven program in the convenience of our home rink. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Johnson at 952.545.PUCK (7852).



Quote of the Month: *Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. ~Vince Lombardi~*



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, 2012
Secretary: 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: Rick Mueller	763.498.8255	April, 2010
Director: Bill Anderson	763.682.9462	April, 2011
Director: Mark Worner	763.497.3826	April, 2011
Director: Cory Carlson	763.682.1593	April, 2012
Director: Mike O'Neill	763.683.6409	April, 2012
Director: Chris Russett	763.443.5275	April, 2012

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
Wreath 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



April Board Meeting



- **Gambling Report:**

Compliance review due April 24 and on track for turning in on time. Lost almost \$7,000 in February but gambling seems to be turning around and March looks like we made about \$3,500. February loss due to annual expenses of audit and payment for the storage unit otherwise February would have been profitable. Reevaluating contributing back to BYHA as gambling starts to improve. Cheryl motioned to accept \$10,000 from gambling. Donnie 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for expense coverage at \$33,450 for May expenses. Bill motioned and Bob 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. We need a few more members on the gambling committee. Please contact Thona if you are interested at thonamn7@aol.com.

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 PM.

- **President's Report:**

Thanks to those outgoing board members and current board members for a really tough year. Donnie is excited about seeing some new faces and new energy to the board. We have had great contributions from so many of our membership that are not at our meetings but continue to show up and help. Thank you.

- **Secretary's Report:**

Brenda motioned to approve March minutes, Cheryl 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

- **Treasurer Report:**

Have not collected much in receivables since people have been done skating. Bill Anderson volunteered to make collection calls. About \$20,000 in the general fund and \$47,000 in fundraising fund. Paid \$20,000 of \$36,000 February ice bill. With the \$10,000 contribution from gambling, we should be able to pay off February ice. Finance charges will begin on all past due balances.

Have set July 30 as golf tournament. Hole sponsors and auction items are needed. Please contact Cheryl with any questions or contributions at cherylzitur@yahoo.com.

Finance committee has been formed and consists of Cheryl Zitur, Monica Kunkel, Eric Pederson, Brian Swenson, and Rick Mueller. They have met and have preliminary cost model for board to see before next meeting and discuss at May meeting. Would like to see representation of all levels for input. Please contact Cheryl if interested in participating.

Fundraising is going to be handled by finance committee to filter the decision making better and Heidi Quiring will handle the wreath fundraiser. Cheryl presented raffle idea for next season. They will continue to look for new fundraising ideas.

- **Registration Report:**

Online USA Hockey/MN Hockey will open on May 1, 2009 for the 09-10 season. As soon as you are registered, your bar codes can be forwarded to Monica Kunkel. BYHA registration opens August 1, 2009. Would like to have all payments able to be made on line.

- **Tournament Report:**

Missy will remain tournament director for one more year and Kim Wahl will shadow. Thank you to Brenda McDonald for the great work at the Regional tournament. Thank you to Kirsten Tappe, Kari Magaard, Vicki Noetzelmann, Mary Jo York, Cindy & Scott Varner for all their hard work preparing and running the State tournament. Overall, tournaments went really well. We did make less in 08-09 than the year before. Did not sell pizza at tournaments – the prior year we made about \$1,700 on pizza. Presented items for changes for next year: 1)Would like to add an announcer and a music/dj position for next year. 2)Would like to run multiple minor official training sessions. 3)Would like to have coaches part of home tournaments to help fill those level tournaments. 4)Will have photographer and t shirt vendors the same for all tournaments.

- **GOAL Report:**

GOAL party was sponsored by Kim and Chris Wahl and went really well. Thank you Kim and Chris!

- **Fundraising Report:**

Heidi Quiring will be doing the wreath fundraiser only. Finance committee will handle the other fundraising items.

- **Manager Report:**

Squirt/U10 and above - Kari Magaard not present.

Mite/Mini-mite – Cathy Reller will be taking Deb Lee's spot.

Discussion about adding another manager position at mite/mini-mite level. Also discussed if the board should approve team managers.

- **Equipment Report:**

Derek Gale was not present.

- **Volunteer Report:**

Stephanie Kohnen will probably stay with DIBS. Had additional hours because of the added regional and state tournaments. Missy will get numbers to Stephanie for the tournaments. Stephanie will have recommendation next month for amount of required hours.

- **Metro Report:**

No report.



April Board Meeting



- **Hockey Operations Report:**

Mites and squirts open forum workshop will be April 26 or 27. There will be an invitation to members to come and talk about making the program better. HOC meetings are open to membership each month. Bob will confirm date and the membership will be notified. Still working on producing a survey online. Donnie will pay the \$40 out of his own pocket if that is what it takes that to get online – will be online and run up to one month. Home tournaments will count as a tournament. Positions for HOC – 2 maybes otherwise everyone remains the same. Looking at adding people to help support the workload. Would like to have more communication with D5 rep.

Next meeting is Sunday, May 10th at 7:00 pm.

- **Sponsor Report:**

Bob – within the next month will get going on the sponsors for this year. Will be looking for someone to help with sponsorship duties. Please contact Bob if you are interested at furn@inbox.com.

- **Old Business:**

Criminal case is still pending.

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

- **New Business:**

Bylaws were discussed. Steve motioned to pass changes, Donnie 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Changes are below. Underlined portions are additions and *Italic portions* have been deleted.

ARTICLE VI

Membership

The following shall be considered a member in good standing: Any parent or legal guardian who lives, or has kids attending school within School District #877, or a hockey community currently cooping with the Buffalo High School Hockey Program, and has a child registered in the Buffalo Youth Hockey program and is current with all financial obligations.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings of Members

Section 1: Annual meetings of the members shall be held in April of each year, and at such time reports of the corporation's officers shall be presented and the election of new directors shall be conducted or otherwise concluded. The annual meeting will be held on the same date, time, and location as the April Board of Directors meeting.

Section 2: Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting to each member entitled to vote thereat to the last known address of such member as the same appears on the books of the corporation. Said notice shall state the exact date, time and place of said meeting as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3:

N/A

Section 4: Special meetings of the members, for any purpose or purposes, shall be called by the President, or shall be called by the Board of Directors, or at the request *in writing* of five (5) members. Such call shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting. Written notice thereof shall be given to the members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Notification via e-mail and posting on the BYHA web site shall be considered sufficient written notice. *in the same manner as for an annual meeting.* Business transacted at all special meetings shall be confined to the purposes stated in the call.

Section 5: Monthly meetings of the members will be held to review the organization's gambling operation. A monthly gambling report shall be presented for approval by the Board. These reports will be presented at the beginning of each monthly Board of Directors meetings. *membership present. All members present may vote on all matters related to the conduct of gambling, and give prior authorization for all expenditures of gross profits from gambling. Members shall confirm that the expenditures presented for approval are less than or equal to the amounts previously authorized. Written notice of each meeting including date, time, and location shall be given in the organization's monthly newsletter.*

ARTICLE X

Board of Directors

Section 3: Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President in accordance with Article VIII, Section 2. *at any time and shall be called by him whenever requested to do so in writing by any member of the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings may be given to each director personally or by mail at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. A special meeting may be called without notice to the directors if a full Board convenes and all agree to the holding of the meeting at such time and place and waive all rights of notice thereof. Any action, which might be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if done in writing, signed by all of the Board of Directors.*



April Board Meeting



Section 5: The Board of Directors may from time to time determine the order of business at their meetings. The usual order of business at their meetings shall be as follows:

- The meeting is called to order by the President at the time and on the date of the meeting
- Roll call - Quorum being present, the meeting proceeds with business.
- Read by Secretary of minutes of previous meeting and their consideration and approval.
- Report of officers.
- Report of committees.
- Consideration of communications.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.
- *Motion to Adjournment.*

ARTICLE XVI

BYHA Member Handbook

The BYHA Member Handbook will provide the framework and guidelines for the day to day business of the Association. The Board of Directors may make revisions and additions to the handbook as they deem necessary. All changes will be published in the monthly newsletter.

We have pull tabs at Buffalo Bar and Grill and meat raffles are Sundays at 3:30 and Thursdays at 5:30. Missy would like tournaments have their own pucks. Will need game pucks and possibly practice pucks. There was discussion about the association standardizing the warm ups so parents are not buying every year. Let's think about and revisit next month.

- Marketing Report:

No report.

- District 5 Report:

Tournament reports-March 4 meeting minutes were approved. Very impressed with how well Buffalo did with the year end tournaments. Great job, very well run.

Initiation level Guidelines-

Kevin Dublin, former head of MN Hockey, spoke on behalf of getting all associations back to following the MN hockey Initiation Level Guidelines. Provided handouts outlining the program.

Brian Johnson-Mite report from committee spoke on: History of I.P. Program, 10 year old handout from USA Hockey, Program started in D5 in 1993, Need strong foundation at IP level.

Kephart wants/needs at the very minimum our presidents email- as well as Buffalo's tax return ASAP.

D5 board members will come and speak with our board if so desired. (To explain what they do.)

Doug Foster-Another thank you to Buffalo regarding the tremendous effort in regards to year end tournaments in Buffalo.

Foster wants projections of girl numbers at each level and teams projected.

Missing Buffalo Games that need reporting-
Buffalo Squirt A- SAE18 STMA VS. Buffalo 3/18/09
Buffalo 10U B G10U 34 Hutch VS. Buffalo 2/15/09
10U B G10U 22 Crow River VS. Buffalo 3/5/09

Spoke about recruiting/retaining girl players and goals to accomplish such. Provided handout.

Jeff Carlen appointed the new D5 tournament Director position. Will be meeting in August/September to familiarize affiliates with tournaments. Process.

Two awards from MN hockey given out:
Selena Berning President of LDC for her efforts.
Mike Mooney -Director of Officials.

Officials report- Mike Mooney

Gave report on infractions from 08/09 season. Again mentioned the terrific job Buffalo did in regards to year end tournaments and how impressed the refs were that worked those games. Gave names of officials that are being sent to various camps/seminars. Fall Ref clinics will be announced on website relatively soon - keep checking if interested in refereeing.

Votes on Motions-All passed.

15 min. periods for all d5.

12u level games being offered in D5.

15 min periods for peewee c games.

Amend move up policy for D5 mite to follow MN Hockey but retain must play at lowest level (2/3 of team must be age appropriate).

Resurface 14U passed.

Officials fee's passed.

D5 sled donation passed.

Elections-No non incumbent challenges-

Pres-Tim Hanson, 1ST V.P. - Brian Johnson, Treasurer- Robert Hantge. White ballot declared all in favor.

Awards given out- Buffalo received 1 plaque from D5.

Present: Rick Mueller, Donnie Thompson, Leslie O'Neill, Bill Anderson, Mark Worner, Bob Furneisen, Cheryl Zitur, Bob Driver, Monica Kunkel, Thona Olson, Mike O'Neill, John Reynolds, Deb Lee, Chris Russett, Heidi Quiring, Stephanie Kohnen, Missy Otten, Shawn Oberg, Eric Pedersen, Ed Roethke, Cory Carlson, Scott Goodmanson, Brenda McDonald, Todd Otten, Shaanan Sullivan, David and Nancy Monsrud.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie O'Neill

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.



What is the HOC?

Throughout the season the term HOC comes up in conversation from time to time around the glass at the rink or in the newsletter. HOC is an acronym for Hockey Operations Committee. The HOC is responsible for all on-ice player development as well as coaching development. In all aspects, this separate committee will report to the BYHA Board of Directors and all recommendations and proposals will be passed through to the BYHA Board of Directors for approval. Currently there are nine positions on the HOC; including, Vice President, A/B/C Director, Coaching Director, Girls' Director, Ice Schedule Director, Tryout Director, Initiation Director, Player Development Director and Squirt Director. In addition, both the high school coaches attend the meetings. Meetings are conducted prior to the Board of Director's monthly meeting. If you are interested in being part of the HOC, or you have any questions, please contact Bob Driver at 612.799.7675.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities!!

Gambling Committee

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.

HOC

HOC Tournament Advisor

Please contact Bob Driver if you are interested in any volunteer position at 612.799.7675.

Thank You!!

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 February 28, 2009

Total Revenues:	25,924.12
Less: Total Allowable Expenses:	-20,453.23
Less: Total State Gambling Tax:	<u>-12,430.78</u>
Excess Revenues over Expenses:	(6,959.89)
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures:	<u>(-18,187.09)</u>
Revenue Over <Under>:	(6,959.89) =====
Profit Carryover This Month:	11,227.20 =====

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