

Bison Blueline

BYHA TREASURER NEEDED!!

Cheryl Zitur's term will be over this Spring and BYHA will need someone to take over the Treasurer position. Please contact a board member if you have any interest.

4 BOARD POSITIONS OPEN THIS SPRING

Buffalo Youth Hockey Association

BYHA's Schedule of Events

- > HOC Meeting
December 11th, 2011
- > BYHA Board Meeting
December 14th, 2011
7:00 PM

GAMBLING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT BYHA

- ◆ Buffalo Bar & Grill –
Bingo Monday 7:00p–9:00p
Pull Tabs
Meat Raffle: Thursday's @
5:30p and Sunday's @ 4:30p
- ◆ J's Down Under –
Meat Raffle: Wednesday's &
Sundays @ 5:30p

GAMBLING REPORT

Julie Prince reported that the association's year end audit is complete (June 2010 – June 2011) with numbers showing a profit carryover over \$122,000. That is an increase over \$45,000 from the previous year. September gambling numbers were really good but tax rates continue to rise so profits will decrease for the remainder of the year. Gambling paid \$550 to the association to reimburse for bingo volunteers.

We need a Bingo Coordinator to help organize an association bingo night. We have one shot each year for this type of fundraiser and would hate to let it pass. Julie Prince is willing to help. Please contact Julie or the board if you have interest.

Request was made for \$30,000 to cover November expenses. Motion was approved.

Gambling Numbers

Revenue and Expenditures – regulatory basis – for the month ended September 30th, 2011

Total Revenues	\$ 31,349.00
Less: Total Allowable Expenses	-\$ 11,112.79
Less: Total State Gambling Tax	-\$ 5,511.19
Excess Revenues over Expenses	\$ 14,725.02
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures	-\$ 550.00
Revenue Over <Under>	\$ 14,175.02
Profit Carryover this Month:	\$ 104,497.89

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November Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

President's Report:

Four board positions will be open after this year. Members leaving will be Steve Pearson, Cory Carlson, Cheryl Zitur and Chris Russett. We need people to step up to fill in open positions. Seth James wanted to know if we could get new sheets printed for clock in old arena.

Steve talked about the increased burden on coaches this year regarding recertification and coaches paying fees. This year, USA Hockey really ramped up the training with age appropriate online modules that include testing at a coaches cost of \$10 per module plus the \$40 USA Hockey fee. Coaches already show a huge commitment to BYHA and it is recommended that we give the \$10 Minnesota Hockey portion of the fee back to the coaches. All the coaches need to do is fill out a request form posted online to receive credit to their account. It was also brought up that we supply each coach at the traveling team level a jacket so we all look uniform. A motion was made to supply jackets to all traveling level coaches...motion was approved. Eric Lindvall will head up the effort to accept bids and purchase jackets. Team pictures were setup with SportStar Photography. As part of the deal we will have a large poster with all traveling teams and a separate poster with mite and mini mite teams displayed in the lobby. We did have some complaints with the selection of photography companies due to the fact that SportStar is not local. We would like to give them a one year run and see how it works. We are working on putting up a fairly good size warming house by the outdoor rink to house more kids. We are currently working on a budget for the project thinking it could cost around \$2,000. The warming house would be the final piece in the outdoor rink project.

Registration Report:

All coaching certification needs to be completed by December 31st. We have a count of 365 skaters registered this year compared to 369 last year.

Treasurer Report:

We currently have around 200k in bank. We paid \$14,000 for new jerseys and \$4,000 for outdoor Zamboni. Accounts

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Bingo Event Coordinator

Picture Coordinator

Fundraising Coordinator

Pee Wee Tournament Coordinator

BYHA Treasurer

receivable to date is at \$31,000. Raffle tickets being printed so everyone will receive tickets by the end of the month. Tickets will need to be returned by late January – early February. Cheryl will send out a note in the near future looking for “Ice Out” volunteers to help plan the end of year bash.

Secretary Report:

Motion was made to approve October minutes. Motion was passed.

Tournament Report:

All Buffalo home tournaments are full or close to full. 14U tournament has 6 teams but would like 8. PeeWee and Squirt C tournaments have one slot available and the Jr. Gold tournament is full.

Thanks to all who help with our Buffalo hosted tournaments... they are a great fundraiser for the association.

REMINDER: St. Johns University is planning on playing a game in Buffalo on January 7th. We would like to find someone interested in coordinating this event. Please contact a board member if interested.

Manager Report:

Deb Carlson has had the opportunity to train all traveling team managers. There is great information for all managers posted on the website under the managers corner.

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November Meeting Minutes continued...

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GOAL Report:

No report.

Fundraising Report:

No Report

Equipment Report:

Most jersey's are handed out at all traveling levels. We have three squirts that are using goalie gear this year so we are running short on goalie equipment. Placed order for Mite goalie gear and all socks are in for all levels.

Volunteer Report:

Wreath volunteer opening are filling up and things are running fine.

Metro Report:

Hockey Operations Report:

Eric Lindvall presented the HOC report.

There was talk of the importance of getting coaches registered asap. Also discussion of making changes to the bylaws regarding HOC.

Brian Braccini was recommended for Squirt A coach.

Chris Russett was curious as to why Brent Wittenberg wasn't recommended for the Squirt A position that he held last year and if the reasoning had anything to do with the recommendation that HOC members not hold head coaching positions. It was also mentioned that we seem to take some of our best hockey people and drive them away. Derek Gale pointed out that the coach being recommended was also a good hockey person which was not disputed.

Seth James mentioned that we have had other coaches in the association that are on the HOC. Why do we bypass that recommendation on certain occasions and not on others?

Eric said that we had good candidates for the position and that HOC recommended who they thought was the best person for the position. All agreed that the new coach will do a good job and a motion was made and passed to approve Bryan Braccini for the Squirt A Coaching position.

Questions were raised during the meeting as to why the Squirt

process is so long. Rick Mueller stated that the process is much shorter than in the past and will continue to be evaluated.

Steve Pearson said that we need to support the people who we empower to do the job. Eric Lindvall is working on the coaching process and how coaches are selected.

Rick Mueller presented the recommendation of equal B teams at the squirt level which is supported by HOC. Squirt coaches voted 7-5 for equal B teams.

Joe Prince asked why the B1 and B2 idea was even brought up.

Rick Mueller and Steve Pearson said that it started when we had 5 Squirt teams but now that we have 4 it doesn't work.

Rick talked about conversations with people that have had experience with equal B and unequal B teams and that it is not a good idea to have unequal B teams at the Squirt level.

Talk of like ability, do we want to be competitive or teach skills.

Motion was made and approved to move foreword with HOC recommendation of equal B teams at Squirt level.

Sponsor Report:

Derek Gale received information from previous coordinator.

New Business:

Old Business:

Marketing Report:

District 5 Report:

Eric Lindvall gave a quick overview of D5 meeting. Registration was discussed and there were scrimmages held prior to rostering.

Only one association was at fault and it wasn't Buffalo.

Link below for complete D5 meeting minutes:

<http://district5.pucksystems2.com/page/show/14765-meeting-minutes>

BYHA Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm:

Present: Steve Pearson, Ed Roethke, Julie Prince, Cindy Loch, Chris Russett, Derek Gale, Eric Poncius, Cory Carlson, Joe Prince, David Nylander, Cheryl Zitur, Seth James, Rick Mueller, Ann Russett, Brian Smrz, Eric Lindvall, Denny Perreault, Jill Fillyaw, Jen Huebner, Troy Huebner, Todd Braun, Mark Fillyaw, Joe Zelenak, Glen Kothrade, Cathy Reller, Seth James, Deb Carlson, Jill Russek

Board of Directors

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
President	Steve Pearson	612.916.1161	April 2012
Vice President	Cory Carlson	763.682.1593	April 2012
Secretary	Chris Russett	763.443.5275	April 2012
Treasurer	Cheryl Zitur	763.416.7139	April 2012
Director	Cindy Loch		April 2014
Director	Bill Anderson	763.682.9462	April 2014
Director	David Nylander		April 2014
Director	Tim Morehouse	763.498.8900	April 2013
Director	Derek Gale	952.292.5375	April 2013
Director	Joe Prince	763.331.5035	April 2013
Director	Ed Roethke	920.427.2253	April 2013

Hockey Operations Committee

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Shawn Oberg	763.477.5428	May 2012
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Eric Lindvall	763.497.3826	May 2012
Player Development Coordinator	Brent Wittenberg		May 2012
Tryout Coordinator	Gary Ramsey		May 2012
Scheduling Director	Monica Kunkel		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Seth James		
Squirt Coordinator	Rick Mueller		May 2012
Girls Coordinator	John Reynolds	612.325.0060	May 2012
U8 Coordinator	Jim Newman		May 2012
Boys HS Coach			
Girls HS Coach	Ray Dahlof	763.684.2079	
BYHA President	Steve Pearson	612.916.1161	April 2012



Volunteers		
Position	Name	Phone
D5 Rep	Eric Lindvall	
Metro Rep	Jim Cooper	763.628.4684
Equipment Manager	Joe Prince	763.331.5035
Wreath Coordinator	Heidi Quiring	763.497.8476
Marketing Coordinator	Derek Gale	952.292.5375
Picture Coordinator		
Purchasing Coordinator	Steve Pearson	612.916.1161
Registration Coordinator	Dan Rodelius	
	Kathy Rodelius	
G.O.A.L. Coordinator	Steph Golden	763.732.9868
Sponsor Coordinator		
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Stephanie Kohnen	763.248.1836
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator:	Deb Carlson	
Home Tournament Coordinator	Deb Lee	
Volunteer Coordinator	Stephanie Kohnen	763.248.1836
Website Administrator	Shawn Oberg	763.477.5428
Billing Managers	Annie Aslesen (Billing)	763.682.6909
	Sherry Englund (Deposits)	
	Joan McNamara (Cash Receipts)	763.682.2120
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Chris Bonnell	763.684.1366