

# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter - March 2012

**BYHA Board Election**  
**Wednesday April 11th @ 7pm**



## GAMBLING REPORT

Julie Prince reported that gambling numbers were good for January. There were no surprises with the January expenses and the approved and actual amount needed were very close.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> the state made a change to all reporting forms and now includes a one-time inventory adjustment charge. Our unsold ticket tax break will be coming due soon with an estimated refund of nearly \$15,000.

The current year to date gambling has given over \$70,000 towards lawful purpose expenditures.

Gambling provided raffle tickets for the annual "Ice Out" this past week and the entire raffle was run through gambling. A raffle drum was also purchased and used at the "Ice Out" and will be used for future raffles.

We received a letter from the State Gambling Board pertaining to a current gambling employee regarding allegations of impropriety. The employee denied the allegations and decided to resign from her position. Julie talked with the gambling board and we had to change a few "house rules" regarding employee phone use during working hours. We will not need to worry about further action from the state due to the fact that the employee in question resigned. We also had one other employee resign so there are two new openings.

Bingo had a huge night earlier in March bringing in nearly \$600.

Request was made for \$47,788 to cover March expenses. Motion was approved.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### HOC MEETING -

Sunday April 8th @ 7:00 PM

### BYHA BOARD MEETING -

Wednesday April 11th @ 7:00 PM

### BYHA BOARD ELECTION -

Wednesday, April 11th @ 7:00 PM

## GAMBLING

### BUFFALO BAR & GRILL -

Bingo Monday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Pull Tabs

Meat Raffle: Thursday @ 5:30pm &

Sunday @ 4:30pm

### J'S DOWN UNDER -

Meat Raffle: Wednesday & Sunday @

5:30pm

## GAMBLING NUMBERS

Revenue and Expenditures – regulatory basis – for the month ended January 31st, 2012.

Total Revenues	\$ 36,774.00
Less: Total Allowable Expenses	- \$ 14,072.94
Less: Total State Gambling Tax	- \$ 17,925.65
Excess Revenues over Expenses	\$ 4,775.41
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures	- \$ 2,800.00
Revenue: Over (Under)	\$ 1,975.41
Inventory Adjustment - New Forms	- \$ 1,379.17
Profit Carryover This Month	\$101,044.71

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## Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

### President's Report:

Congratulations to our PeeWee black team for making it to the state tournament.

BYHA Board elections are coming up in April and Steve Pearson would like to schedule a special meeting after the April meeting to vote on officers for the upcoming year. In the past, officers have been voted on during the May meeting so this will alleviate a one month period where board officers are not in place. Kris Holthous will be running for Tim Morehouse's remaining term and would be willing to take on the treasurer position during this term to try it out. Candidates for the board are encouraged to put a paragraph together to express why they want to run for the board.

There are several topics that the board needs to think about for the upcoming year. Concussions have been a huge discussion and baseline testing may need to become a part of registration for next year. HOC should think about an easy way for parents to buy the proper equipment that is appropriate for their kids level/age. Cory Carlson would like someone to check helmets next year so kids are properly protected. Steve Pearson thinks that we may need to have a way to check all equipment for kids so they are properly fitted. We may be able to avoid injury due to poorly fitting equipment. Tryout procedures were sent out and Steve did make some minor changes. Some people did have some complaints about goalie evaluations due to the fact that we didn't follow procedure. One major change is that girls need to make a prior commitment if they are going to play girls or boys hockey and have it not depend on what team they make before they decide to change teams. Erik Poncius wanted to know if a new Squirt coordinator will need to be appointed for next year. There is still talk at some levels to shortening the evaluation process and get the teams put together sooner. The current process has been shortened over the past few years but there is a belief that it could be done sooner. Some of the issues this year were due a scheduling problem that didn't allow for much team preparation before the first game. Current Squirt Coordinator Rick Mueller believes that the current evaluation process is the best possible approach. Brent Wittenberg mentioned that we tend to have many of our games loaded in the back end of the season allowing for less practice time the last couple months of the season. It would be nice to spread the games more evenly throughout the year allowing for a better practice to game schedule through the year. There are many different opinions that HOC and the incoming board will need to figure out before next year. We have had several changes over the last few years and we will continue to look at this for next year. A motion was made to approve changes to the current BYHA tryout changes. Motion was approved.

### Registration Report:

Will need to check and see if Kathy and Dan Rodelius will continue as Registration Coordinators.

# WANTED

BYHA Treasurer  
Ice Scheduler  
Try-Out Coordinator  
Picture Coordinator  
Fundraising Coordinator  
Bingo Event Coordinator

### Treasurer Report:

Cheryl Zitir reported that the bank account looks good and there should be a good nest egg for next years budget. We will need someone to coordinate the golf tournament this summer and Ice Out raffle for next year. All fundraisers are important to the association!

### Secretary Report:

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

### Tournament Report:

### Manager Report:

Managers please return all books to top drawer in file cabinet.

### GOAL Report:

GOAL party scheduled for Sunday March 25th from 1-3.

### Fundraising Report:

Waiting for information from Little Caesars...they may want to help out this coming year.



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#### Equipment Report:

Almost all jerseys have been returned. Joe Prince is checking with remaining managers to get all returned. Free Jersey Program is out again and we will try to take advantage of this program. We have already taken advantage of this program in the past and Joe assumes that we will receive some jerseys this coming year. Funds are in place for Squirts and 10U jerseys next year. Erik Poncius wanted to know if we will get new/different jerseys for next year. Joe will take a look at options for a new look and maybe a different or better quality. Bantams had some issues with rings around collar. We had a few people who could not remove the name plate on their jersey and there was a brief discussion as to how to charge for removal or replacement. David Nylander had two Bantam players who quit and did not return their jerseys. It was suggested that we cash volunteer checks for those players until they bring jerseys back. Joe did not suggest that we sell old jerseys at Ice Out this year. Motion was made to purchase new jerseys for 10U and Squirts for next year. Motion approved.

#### Volunteer Report:

Stephanie Kohnen has emailed all people with outstanding volunteer hours whose checks will be cashed. There was plenty of opportunity to fill necessary volunteer hours this year so all checks will be cashed. The total amount of volunteer checks to be cashed is \$14,000.

#### Metro Report:

##### Hockey Operations Report:

Shawn Oberg reported that HOC is wrapping things up and plans to have a meeting with all coaches to recap the season. There has been an ad placed in Let's Play Hockey looking for non-parent coaches. We will need a new Try-out Coordinator and Scheduling Coordinator. HOC talked about not using the entire budget for the outside rink due to outside weather conditions. They also heard some negative comments from goalie parents regarding clinics and will need to discuss things to work on to make goalie clinics better for next year. From a budget standpoint each player paid roughly 35 dollars for the goalies to have clinics this past year. HOC will continue to try and improve these clinics next year and is open to all suggestions.

Regarding the summer program. EuroAmerica will provide clinics for the youth program up through the PeeWee level. This program does not have a game day but will include some 3 on 3 games and a possible pay to play format on Fridays.

Head High School Coach Fairman will have a brochure out in the near future but is torn between what he hears for the High School and youth organizations. Coach Fairman plans to have an aggressive dry-land approach with sessions

running Sunday thru Thursday evenings with one day of games with other associations. Instructors would include Chris Johnson from Augsburg College and the current High School staff. Fairman also wants to get opinions on price point due to the fact that he hasn't run a program like this before. Joe Prince was curious as to why it was an easy decision to have Coach Fairman take over the Bantam and High School Summer program. It was noted that other people had approached the association regarding programs but schedules didn't work. Steve Pearson also mentioned that the final decision is only a recommendation. Coach Fairman's information will be posted online.

HOC also discussed ways to promote young kids to start playing hockey in addition to a learn to skate program. Some feel that we need to possibly lower our fees even further and make it a priority to get new skaters in our program. HOC and the new board will need to come up with ideas to generate numbers at our lower levels.

#### Sponsor Report:

#### New Business:

#### Old Business:

#### Marketing Report:

##### District 5 Report:

Next year you will probably see a North and South in District 5. A different point system may be generated for next season so travel will be less. Procedures were not followed regarding redistricting and it was removed from next year's agenda. We need someone from Buffalo to represent us on District 5. Elections are in April and it would be nice to get someone on the ballot.

Link below for complete D5 meeting minutes:

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

##### **BYHA Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm:**

**Present:** Steve Pearson, Chris Russett, Joe Prince, Cory Carlson, Ed Roethke, Tim Morehouse, Derek Gale, David Nylander, Cindy Loch, Bill Anderson, Julie Prince, Kris Holthous, Erik Poncius, Denny Perreault, Blake Palmer, Brent Wittenberg, Stephanie Kohnen, Rick Mueller, Shawn Oberg

## 2012 Board Nominees

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### 2012 BYHA BOARD NOMINEES

#### Greg Clarke

I wish to run for the BYHA Board. My family has been involved with BYHA for the past five years. I have a son at the squirt level and a daughter who'll be a first year mini-mite next year. I look forward to helping the association going forward.

#### Jim DiOrio

My wife Rhonda, our three kids and I have lived in Hanover for close to 16 years. We have been involved with BYHA for all of those 16 years and we currently have a PeeWee level goalie (Brandon) in the program. We have also had some experience with the Wayzata and Maple Grove-Osseo (OMGHA) hockey associations. I have been self-employed for almost 30 years and feel my business experience, as well as, my ability to get things done can be real assets to the board.

Although I do not have experience coaching hockey, I do have about 25 years of experience coaching youth level baseball, basketball and softball. In all of these years of coaching I have learned kids develop at different rates. I believe it is important to nurture their love of the sport along with developing their skills to make sure each one of them has a positive experience and looks forward to coming back each season.

I firmly believe that hockey should be FUN at all levels and my motto when it comes to decision making will be "Kids First!" I believe education and communication are key components to our future success and areas that our association can and should continue to grow. I also feel the association needs to be strong financially so they can keep ice fees down, offer the best development opportunities for all players and be able to make plans for the future.

Together we should strive to build a program that breeds success at all levels, starting at the bottom and working all the way to the top. I am an extremely strong proponent of recruitment and retention. We need to have growth at the Mini-Mite & Mite level and we need to focus on retention at each level along the way. More players equal a stronger program.

In the end, I envision a program that we can all look back on and feel a great sense of pride and accomplishment about our own personal involvement and commitment.

#### Kris Holthaus

I would like to formally put my name in for consideration for a Board position with the BYHA. I would specifically like to be considered for the one year remaining on Tim Morehouse's seat and would like to spend that year being the Treasurer for the group.

I have a 4 year accounting degree and have a background working in accounting and business administration. I have spent the last 10 years working as a Senior Staff Accountant and an Accounting and Credit Manager. I have limited experience in QuickBooks but have worked on a number of other accounting systems and feel I would pick up what I needed to know quickly.

I have a limited knowledge of hockey but am learning fast. My youngest son is 9 – Johnny Cantin – and plays on the Squirt C team for Paul Heyerdahl. I have older boys who have participated in traveling athletic programs over the years - specifically baseball and basketball - so I have some experience dealing with the issues involved. I have always felt that good sportsmanship and a love/passion for the sport are two of the more important things we can teach our children with these athletic programs. We also teach them about responsibility and reliability, teamwork, strength of character and many other personality traits that they will need to rely on throughout their lives in order to persevere and succeed. Winning is important but I think it is also important to remember that our children are watching us always and it is very important to demonstrate those values we think worthy in our day to day lives.

#### Stephanie Kohnen

My name is Stephanie Kohnen and I am interested in becoming a member of the BYHA Board of Directors. I have two sons that will be a second year mite and a second year squirt next season. In the past four years I have been the volunteer coordinator, managed teams, been the initiation level manager coordinator, and helped coordinate our One Goal program for new skaters. By being the volunteer coordinator and helping with One Goal, I have gotten to meet many new and existing BYHA parents and players. I hope that by being a recognized (and hopefully helpful) face that I am able to be a direct link from the parents to the board with questions, comments, concerns and ideas. Also as an active board member, I hope to further the growth and development of our program by helping increase communication and members.

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### **Dan Nunn**

I would like to nominate Dan Nunn (myself) as a candidate for an open BYHA Board seat.

I am the father of David Nunn. David is a second year mite moving on to squirts next year.

My history for volunteering includes coaching baseball in Hanover, coaching boys and girls basketball in Buffalo, and I am currently Deputy Commander of the North Hennepin Squadron for the Civil Air Patrol. With the CAP, I am a Mission Pilot and Emergency Services officer.

I own my own General Contracting business (Nunn Building Corporation). I build new homes and perform residential remodeling. My previous experience includes business consulting and IT Operations.

I feel that my personal core values of Integrity, Excellence, and Respect will be of great value to the BYHA Board.

Please consider me a candidate for an open Board position.

### **Sally O'Borsky**

My name is Sally O'Borsky and I am seeking a position on the BYHA board. My husband and I have three children involved in youth hockey, a mite, a U10 girl and a Bantam. My husband has coached at various levels for the past 10 years. My involvement prior to this past season has been that of spectator and chauffeur, but I had the privilege this year to be the U10 girl's dryland coach. Small town South Dakota did not offer hockey as a sport, but I competed in other sports through college, even choosing a career in physical therapy because of the positive influence that athletics had on my life. I will be an advocate for boy and girls at all levels of youth hockey, but because of my experience this past year, I have a special interest in promoting the girl's program. I have seen many great changes in the Buffalo youth hockey program in the past 10 years, but I believe that through positive feedback we can make constructive changes that will make BYHA even better for our children.

### **Blake Palmer**

I have been around hockey my entire life as a player, a parent and a coach; for the last six seasons with BYHA. I have both a daughter and a son in the association and have had exposure to both the boys and girls program as a coach. I have also coached with people from other associations in the summer and have received different perspectives about how they run things. I feel I would bring a common sense attitude to the board and would devote my efforts to improving the program. It is because of my experience that I feel I would be an asset to the BYHA board.

### **Eric C. Pederson**

I would like to nominate myself for a board position for the upcoming 2012 election.

My wife Anne and I have been involved with BYHA since 2005. For the 2012-2013 season we will have 3 skaters in the BYHA programs; PeeWee (Bjorn), Squirt (Henrik) and Mini-Mite (Hans). I have been involved as a Mini-Mite coach, team managers and an inaugural member of the finance committee. I would like the opportunity to continue my contributions to the BYHA program by serving on the board and help make the BYHA safer, better and more economical for everyone.

### **Dennis Perreault**

My name is Denny Perreault. I have coached within the association for the last seven years. I have a son that will be a peewee next season, and two year old daughter. I have a vested interest in the current and future state of our association, and would like to help grow our association. Please consider me for a position on the BYHA board.

### **Erik Poncius**

I have been involved in Buffalo Youth Hockey with my son for the past 6 years. I have been a coach for 5 of the years. Along with being a coach I've attended 50% of the board meetings for the last 5 years. I have seen the many challenges that BYHA has gone through, the way it has rebounded, and how it is now growing in the right direction. I would like to be a part of BYHA, administratively, to help the association grow to the next level of competitiveness.





## Board of Directors

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
President	Steve Pearson	612.916.1161	April 2012
Vice President	Cory Carlson	763.232.6494	April 2012
Secretary	Chris Russett	763.443.5275	April 2012
Treasurer	Cheryl Zitun	763.416.7139	April 2012
Director	Cindy Loch	612.490.7300	April 2014
Director	Bill Anderson	763.682.9462	April 2014
Director	David Nylander	612.669.1332	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	612.940.4067	May 2012
Tryout Coordinator	Gary Ramsey		May 2012
Scheduling Director	Monica Kunkel		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Seth James		
Squirt Coordinator	Rick Mueller	612.860.5797	May 2012
Girls Coordinator	John Reynolds	612.325.0060	May 2012
U8 Coordinator	Jim Newman		May 2012
Boys HS Coach	Jason Fairman		
Girls HS Coach	Ray Dahlof	763.684.2079	
BYHA President	Steve Pearson	612.916.1161	April 2012

### BISON BOY'S HOCKEY

# FISH FRY

All you can eat !

Friday March 23rd

4 - 8PM

@

Huikko's Bison Creek

**\$10 Tickets \$10**

Tickets available at

Huikko's

Ice Out Party

High School Hockey Players

**KARAOKE 8pm - Midnight**



## 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

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