

# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter - March 2015



## GAMBLING REPORT

Julie Prince provided the gambling report from January 2015. A full report is on file for review. Expenses for January were higher than approved and estimated due to an extra payroll that month and a large bill from Larson Allen for their audit. Julie made a request for \$48,700 to cover the March expenses. The motion to approve this request was made by Brian Swenson and seconded by Bill McNamara. Motion approved 8/0.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### **HOC MEETING -**

Sunday April 5th @ 7:00 PM

#### **BYHA BOARD MEETING -**

Wednesday April 8th 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

Revenues and Expenses for the month ended January 2015

Total Revenues	\$43,104.00
Less: Total Allowable Expenses	\$31,946.21
Less: Total State Gambling Tax	\$14,704.00
Excess Revenues over Expenses	\$11,157.79
Less: Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures	\$64,704.00
Revenue: Over (Under)	(53,546.21)
Profit Carryover This Month	\$111,384.18

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Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Kohnen at 6:53 p.m.

the tournament and filled all vacant volunteer positions

**President's Report:** We will have several board positions open for the April election. We also need to fill the following volunteer positions: Marketing, Picture Coordinator, Home Tournament Coordinator. The new board will need to take over the job responsibilities left vacant by the board members whose terms have expired.

**Treasurer Report:**

Our current balance is \$195,005. There is \$70,000 in outstanding checks and one deposit of \$4000 for and adjusted actual balance of \$128,000. The accounts receivables from outstanding balances has now decreased to \$2977. Any player who has a remaining balance will not be allowed to register for the 2015-2016 season until these balances are paid in full. Bank reconciles are complete for the previous month.

**Secretary Report:**

The minutes were approved as presented and posted.

**Tournament Report:**

Koren presented the board with an income/expense report on all tournaments hosted by BYHA this season. Based on this report and the registration for each tournament she has made the following recommendations for the board to consider when moving forward with planning the tournaments for the next season: Combine the Bantam/U14 tournament; Drop Pee Wees; Consider moving the Cupid classic one week earlier and the Jr. Gold tournament to late January

We hosted the Bantam B region tournament and received good feedback for the weekend. The boy's high school hockey booster club coordinated

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

**Board**

**Elections April 8th 6:00-8:00  
p.m.**

**See candidate's bios at the  
back of this newsletter.**

**VOLUNTEER positions need  
filling before next season.**

For the weekend. BYHA will split the proceeds with the boy's booster club. A special thank you to Monica Kunkel and Steve Pearson for coordinating the tournament.

BYHA would also like to thank Koren Swenson for her efforts as Tournament coordinator for past few years. The new tournament coordinator will be April Swenson.

**Volunteer Report:**

We have approximately \$14,000 in volunteer checks that will be cashed because the hours were unfulfilled. There were 29 open positions that were not filled during the Bantam B Region tournament. This was the last opportunity for parents to complete their hours.





#### Manager Report:

No Report. Volunteer needed to fill this position for next season.

GOAL Report: No report. Volunteer coordinator needed.

#### Fundraising / Marketing Report:

The golf tournament /break the ice social will be held on September 19th at the Wild Marsh. Teams were given the option to either prepare a non-perishable basket or donate \$75 cash that will be used to make additional baskets for the fundraising event. Parades: The new board should start on organization of the parades right away. BYHA usually participates in the Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose parades. We also operate a demonstration area in the park during Buffalo Days. We have a shooting area, distribute flyers and give away BYHA items that will need to be ordered. Confirm previous location in the park with Chamber of Commerce.

#### Equipment Report:

ONE Goal: Matt is requesting new sets of equipment with some larger sizes included. A motion was made to purchase 20 sets of large ONE goal bags. Motion made by Matt Frolik and seconded by Blake Palmer. Part of this equipment will be purchased through a \$1000 donation from a parent who had a matching fund donation through United Way. There will be a date posted soon for final equipment turn-in.

Bids for new jerseys will be requested. The board will vote on this in May with ordering for the new jerseys after that meeting. Teams receiving new jerseys this year include: Squirts/U10, Pee Wees/U12.

#### Registration Report:

No Report.

#### Hockey Operations Report:

A summary of the joint HOC/Board meeting held March 7th was given:

Tryouts: Tryouts will be completed for everyone except for Squirts before MEA. Consider opening up MEA ice time to the city vs. running scheduled BYHA practices. We will try to bring in outside teams for scrimmages during tryouts.

Coaches: Continue to try for non-parent coaches, but we only had one applicant last year. Continue to offer more training, mentoring and resources for coaches.

Ice Hours: Discontinue twice a day practices next year. Combine levels and hours with more pond hockey offered during open ice times. Mites: Reevaluate the program and consider going back to skill groups.

Girls: John plans to talk with Delano regarding their plans so that we can prepare earlier. The co-op plans are very unclear for the future.

Timeline: HOC continues to work on developing a timeline that can be distributed to parents that outlines everything BYHA offers throughout the whole year.

#### Marketing:

No further report.

#### Sponsor Report:

No Report.

#### Old Business:

City Report: Lee Ryan presented a new option for streaming live games. It is called LiveBarn. The company comes in and installs the cameras for free. Subscriptions are then sold for \$15/month. Lee will schedule a representative from the company to do a presentation in May. Lee is also requesting the start dates for BYHA hockey clinics so that he can schedule the other fall clinics. Consultant's report from the city became available to Lee today. A small group from the board will meet with Lee to discuss the findings.



#### **New Business:**

Scholarship: A motion was made to increase our scholarships offered to senior BHS students to three \$1000 scholarships to be offered to one senior boy, one senior girl and one junior gold /U19 player. We will donate \$7000 this year to be added to maintain the fund that we have already established through the 877 endowment fund. This motion was made by Brian Swenson and seconded by Matt Frolik. Approved 8:0. The BHS committee will choose the candidates, but we will update the guidelines to make sure the candidate meets the following guidelines: a current year hockey player; a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0; accepted into an accredited post –secondary program. Sally O'Borsky will contact the high school with our guidelines and plans to increase our scholarship contributions.

Next month we have new board member elections. We will need to have the ballots ready and the voting sign - in book. Two member will need to tally votes.

Wall of Fame program, High School Scholarship Program, Parade/Marketing Coordinator will require continued attention by the new board.

#### **D5 Report:**

Full report online at D5 website.

#### **Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. was made by Kris Holthaus and seconded by Matt Frolik. Approved 9/0.

## Directors

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
	Al Padua/Kohner	763-432-346	April 15
Vice President	Blake Palmer	763.428-9989	April 2015
Secretary	Sally O'Borsky	612-240-1989	April 2015
Treasurer	Kris Holthaus	763.227.3798	April 2015
Director	Brian Swenson		April 2016
Director	Glen Kathrode		April 2016
Director	Yuri Preugschas		April 2017
Director	Brandon Ruiter	763-682-0942	April 2015
Director	Bill McNamara	612-819-7025	April 2015
Director	Heidi Sohler	763-439-5225	April 2016
Director	Matt Frolik		April 2016



## Hockey Operations Committee

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Bob Driver		May 2016
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Kevin Brisk		
Player Development Coordinator	Brian Braccini/ Dave Carrothers		May 2016
A/B/C/ Coordinator	Duncan Ryhorchuk		May 2016
Tryout Coordinator	Tony Persons/Lori Clark		
Scheduling Director	Nicole Grahek		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Seth James		
SAFE Coordinator	Alena Gawtry		
Squirt Coordinator	Brad Rassmussen		May 2016
Girls Coordinator	John Reynolds		May 2014
U8 Coordinator	Mike Ennis		May 2016
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson		
Girls HS Coach	Ray Dahlof	763.684.2079	





## Volunteers

Position	Name	Phone
D5 Rep	Brandon Ruiter	
Equipment Manager	Matt Frolik	
Wreath Coordinator	Troy Huebner	
Marketing Coordinator	Blake Palmer	
Picture Coordinator	Teresa Braccini	
Purchasing Coordinator	Matt Frolik	
Registration Coordinator	Jill Fillyaw	
G.O.A.L. Coordinator		
Sponsor Coordinator		
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator		
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator:		
Home Tournament Coordinator	Koren Swenson	
Volunteer Coordinator	Koren Swenson	
Website Administrator	Shawn Oberg	763.477.5428
Billing Managers	Pam Kathrode	763.682.6909
	Andie Johnson	
	Joan McNamara (Cash Receipts)	763.682.2120
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Jim DiOrio	763.684.1366

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## **Bios of those running for a board position:**

### **i. Dan Symanietz**

My name is Dan Symanietz and I am interested in filling one of the open BYHA board positions. I have been in the Buffalo Hockey Association for nine years now – I will have a Pee wee and a Bantam for the upcoming season. I believe there are many great things within the BYHA program but as with any organization there is always room for growth. If elected I would like to focus on building the program, retaining our current families and continue to bridge the gap between our youth and the high school programs.

### **ii. Dan Nunn**

My name is Dan Nunn and I am excited to express my interest in running for an open BYHA Board position. My son David just completed his first year of Pee wees and his fifth full year with BYHA hockey.

I am a Senior Project Manager for Charles Cudd De Novo Custom Homes and have been in construction project management for over 20 years.

My love for the game of hockey extends back to my youth hockey days, to playing adult men's league hockey into my thirties. It's exciting and rewarding to have a son in youth hockey and I find that I can't get enough of the experiences I get to share with my family and friends at the rink each season.

Personally, I have coached youth sports (baseball, basketball) for our three boys and daughter every year since 2002. It is very rewarding to be a part of each child's sport experience and witnessing their growth and maturity as they become better individuals and better teammates.

As a part of the BYHA board I will apply my positive attitude, sense of fairness, passion for youth development, and love of the game of hockey at all times.

I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve on the BYHA board next season and I would greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Nunn

### **iii. Ken Ruth**

My name is Ken Ruth and I would like to run for a position on the board. I have been a part of the association for the past eight years. I have two daughters in the program: a second year 12U and a fifth year 8U. I have coached JR Gold for 9 years outside of BYHA. I have supported the association as a coach for six years coaching mini mites, mites, 10U, and 12U. I helped with the mite pre-season clinics, evaluated tryouts, and volunteered to help with parades. I want to continue to build on the success of the current board by applying my hockey experience as a player, coach, and parent/volunteer while also becoming a voice for the girls program.

### **iv. Brandon Murphy**

BYHA involvement includes the past four years and I currently have a mite and two mini-mites in the association. Professionally I am the Recruiting Director of IT Search & Consulting at Versique. I have also served as the Wright County Pheasant Forever Chapter's President for three years and have been involved in other sporting groups locally.

Youth sports involvement through participation and coaching has always been present in my life, including basketball, football, golf & baseball. This includes several years officiating youth sports as well. Although I do not have a hockey playing background, I do have a love for the game and youth development through sports.

We have a great association filled with great kids and parents. I would like to be part of the solution in helping grow the association into new levels of success and ensuring fun experiences for each athlete in our association. I am a firm believer in youth sports developing and teaching invaluable life skills and lessons, all while making life long memories.

v. Kyle Koren

I am interested in running for the BYHA board. I have been impressed with the association since our kids began playing and I would like to contribute to the ongoing success of the association. I grew up playing hockey for Spring Lake Park through youth and high school, then through college at Gustavus. My wife, Michelle, and I have lived in Buffalo for the past 10 years. We currently have a daughter (Mackenzie) who will be a second year mite next year, and a son (Tanner) who will be a second year mini-mite next year. I am coaching at the mini-mite level and Michelle is coaching at the mite level. From an education standpoint I have a Finance degree from Gustavus and an MBA from St. Mary's University. I have 14+ years of experience in Finance/Accounting positions including budgeting and forecasting. I believe I can bring valuable insight from different viewpoints (parent, coach, boys hockey, girls hockey), as well as perspective from the younger age group of players and getting kids into the association. I hope to use these different viewpoints to help the overall development of the kids and the program.

vi. Michelle Otto

I have been a hockey mom of 4 with BYHA for 20 years, I believe we need to get back to the way things used to be and that is a program that is for all our skaters, we need work on building up all levels of the program. I feel communication between Coaches, team managers, parents and the board is a must, it helps to get feedback thru out the year as to how to continue to improve. I think it is important for parents to be more informed as to the day to day aspects, and that would be to get all information out in a timely manner, post newsletters in the lobby. The association is strong financially and I would like to see that funding go to all players to develop thru out the season not just the summer programs.

In the end I would like to see a program were all proud to be a part of and have our kids participate in!

vii. Scott Winter

Buffalo resident with 2 boys in hockey. I have coached in the association for the last 6 plus years. I have coached multiple sports over the years including gymnastics and football. I bring multiple perspectives based on my years of experience in organizations, from startup groups to managing highly established organizations. I have been able to successfully participate as a independent contributor and including organizational leader. I am married and have 3 children in the Buffalo school district.





## BYHA Ballot 2015

You may vote for up to but no more than 5 candidates.

Kyle Koren ☐

Brandon Murphy ☐

Dan Nunn ☐

Michelle Otto ☐

Ken Ruth ☐

Dan Symanietz ☐

Scott Winter ☐

Write in Candidate(s)

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