



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – March 2017

Gambling Report:

Julie Prince presented gambling report. Started 6:45pm

Profit Carryover From this Month	155, 570.00
Carry over increase / decrease	2,153.00
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$56,200.00 (same as last month)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

President's Report:

Voting occurs for 2 vacant seats April 2017 – [Vote on April 12th 2017]

Here are the list of candidates:

April Swenson
 Ryan Ferguson
 Molly Geislinger
 Aaron Eggersgluss
 Jamie Kaiser
 Adam Smiglewski
 (Good Luck to the candidates)

*** Ballot is on the last page of this newsletter***

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:
 Sunday April 9th, 7pm
 (Held on the Sunday before board meeting)

BYHA Board Meeting
 Second Wednesday of the month @
 7:00 pm

Gambling
Thirsty Buffalo
 (FKA - Buffalo Bar and Grill)
 Bingo Monday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
 Pull Tabs

Meat Raffle: Thursday @ 5:30pm
 & Sunday @ 4:30pm

J'S DOWN UNDER -
 Meat Raffle: Wednesday & Sunday
 @ 5:30pm



Here are the Bios for the candidates:

April Swenson:

My name is April Swenson and I am running for one of the open positions on BYHA's board of directors. I grew up in Montrose and Buffalo, attended Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose schools and I am a 1999 graduate of Buffalo Senior High School, I am also currently a full-time student set to graduate this June with a medical assisting degree. My husband is also a 1998 graduate of Buffalo Senior High. We have 4 children, Maddy 16, Brecken 12, Kennedy 10 and Honor 7. Maddy is the manager of the boys' varsity hockey team, plays lacrosse for Buffalo High School and is also in orchestra. Brecken is a first-year peewee this year and plays lacrosse. Kennedy was a mite player and I am hoping she will be on the U10 hockey team next year and she also plays lacrosse. Our youngest Honor, has participated in BYHA's one goal program and loved it. She is also in dance and will start her first year in lacrosse this year. In one way or another my entire family is involved with BYHA and we all love it and enjoy participating and volunteering. I also managed a travel team for the first-time last year and I enjoyed being there for parents that had any questions or concerns, organizing fun events for the kids, and helping out the coaches if needed. I am currently BYHA's home tournament director for the last two years which involves a lot of organization, volunteering, reaching out to local businesses for sponsorship, working with other organizations to plan dates for each tournament and making sure each tournament we host is beneficial and enjoyable for our youth skaters and for our association.

This year BYHA and myself and volunteers hosted six different, successful tournaments with two being district final tournaments and the last one being a regional tournament which qualified two PWAA teams to advance to state. During this tournament, I worked closely with District 5, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey to make sure the proper rules were set in place and followed according to those organization's ways. The tournament was very successful and I hope that we are offered to host another regional tournament in the future. I will also enter my second year of coaching girl's lacrosse this year. I love to coach and I love to be involved with local organizations. Up until this year I was also the marketing director for the Buffalo Youth Lacrosse Club board.

I feel that my outgoing, open personality and my knowledge of our community can benefit BYHA with obtaining new sponsors if needed, working with current sponsors and working with local businesses to be involved with our association. I believe in putting the kids first and making their time in hockey successful, fun, beneficial and something they will remember for years to come. With that being said I am very excited about this opportunity to be more involved in a sport and organization that myself and my family loves and enjoys so much. Thank you for considering me for one of these positions.

Ryan Ferguson:



My family and I have lived in Buffalo since 2004. I have two skaters in the BYHA, a Group 3 Mini-Mite and a 10U. My wife and I have been Mini Mite managers for the last two seasons and enjoy volunteering for the kids. I admittedly do not have a serious hockey background, but feel I have sound common sense and interpersonal skills that can be of use to the association. I have coached Buffalo kids in soccer, baseball, and football over the last several years, and feel I understand a youth coach's perspective. While my occupation is not in a financial field, I do coordinate, schedule, and maintain a substantial budget in regards to training 140 personnel as part of my duties. Most importantly, I am enthusiastic about Buffalo Youth Hockey. I feel I can help maintain and continue to improve the fun and competitive experience the association provides for all of our skaters.

Jamie Kaiser:

It's a great day to join the hockey board! My name is Jamie Kaiser and I would like to be considered for one of the open BYHA board positions.

My wife Nina and I have three Mite skaters (Rylan, Brennan, & Grayson) and two younger skaters eagerly awaiting their turn to lace up. We moved to Buffalo two years ago and plan to stay for the long haul.

I have been involved in youth sports my entire life as a participant and coach. I coached baseball (all ages) for 5+ years and also worked as the Recreation Coordinator for the city of East Grand Forks, MN. I was a three-sport athlete and played collegiate baseball.

I am a member of the MN Air National Guard and previously served in the ND Army National Guard; where I served two tours in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am the founder of Wright County Living and will soon be launching the Trailblazer Society; a fundraising group aimed at giving a boost to local non-profits and charities. I have been a licensed real estate agent since 2012 and my business, Trailblazer Real Estate, is affiliated with Keller Williams here in town.

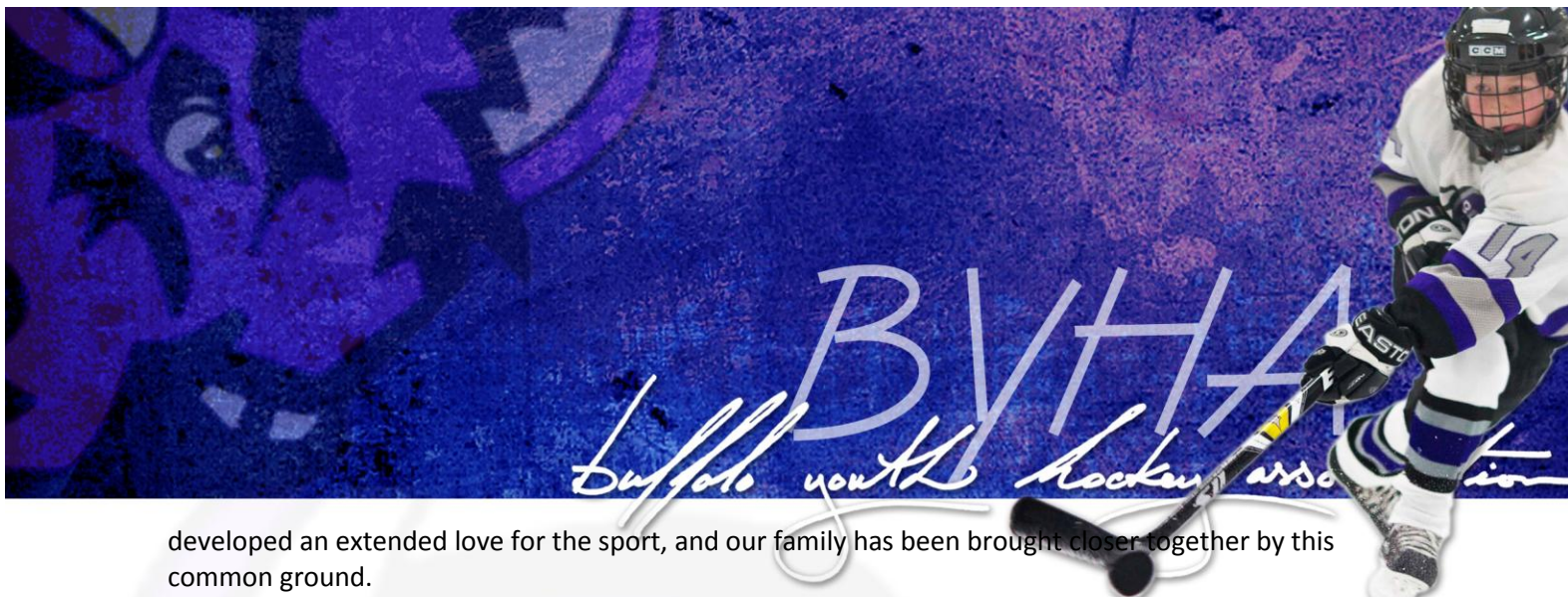
I look forward to continuing the Board's great work and helping make the hockey experience a positive and lasting one for all of the kids and parents involved. Thank you for your support!

Molly Geislinger:

I have been a "hockey" parent for the last four seasons. Currently, my son is finishing up his last year of mites as my daughter is finishing up her first year of mites.

Over the last four years, I have been a team manager, helped to organize the past ICE OUT event, volunteered for tournament dibs, and I currently hold the T.E.A.M Sports Coordinator position.

I never thought we would be hockey parents - it was something that we told ourselves we would never be. Now, I can't imagine not being a part of the hockey world. We have met so many amazing people,



developed an extended love for the sport, and our family has been brought closer together by this common ground.

I look forward to many years to come of being a hockey mom and hope to bring my ideas forward and provide opportunities for others to be heard.

Aaron Eggersgluss:

I would like to be considered for the open board positions for the BYHA. I have loved the game of hockey for 25 years. Currently my 7 year old son is on the U8 Group 3 Ranger team that my wife is the manager for. We have been in the association for 2 years now and have decided to become more and more active. I graduated for Delano in 2001 and then spent the next 11 years in the armed forces. I have held numerous positions in both combat and non-combat related fields. Currently my job could best be described as operations for a garage door company.

I'd like to serve on the board because I plan on being in the association for at least the next decade. I want to ensure that our association is the standard that others come to expect from their own. That our skaters get the support, coaching and mentoring to not only prepare them for whatever they may come to on the ice but also off the ice. I want to ensure that our coaches, managers and coordinators have the support they need to do their jobs at every level of play.

Mostly I want to ensure that anyone that wants to play the game has the opportunity to; and that our program continues to succeed at every level of competition.

Adam Smiglewski:

My name is Adam Smiglewski, although many of you know me as Smig or Coach Smig. I have coached hockey since I was 13 years old, so for 31 years now. I have been a part of several different associations and have seen many successes and struggles so I feel I bring a unique perspective. As a parent/coach with a boy entering PeeWee's and a boy and a girl in mites I would be a strong advocate throughout the organization. I bring a never ending passion to BYHA and would like to contribute and give back to the greater good while serving as a board member in anyway possible. I would be honored to earn your vote!

Agenda was sent out prior to meeting.

Secretary's Report:



Fully approved minutes for month of Feb 2017
Motion by Dan / 2nd by Danielle All Approved.

Treasurer Report:

February

Lost -78,578.78 in the month of February on revenue of \$63,130 and expenses of \$141,709.33. Drivers for the loss is we paid December and January ice fees in the month and January ice fees were over plan.

We also had a 9k loss in the concession/proshop/apparel area and paid our referee fees for District 5.

YTD

We have lost \$90,901 YTD on revenue of 433k and expenses of 524k.

We budgeted to lose 50-60k and pull from the reserves.

Depending on gambling income the remainder of the fiscal year we may need to pull more reserves but strong gambling income could bring us close to budgeted dollars.

2016/17 ice fees are down to \$9,000 outstanding and past due. That is 28 accounts. Additional email notices were sent this week and several have responded.

A new list will be put together the week of March 13th.

Balance Sheet

Ended the month with \$100,999 in cash. This is the lowest we've had all year.

March Anticipated Expenses- 90k

March Anticipated Income- 60k

March Anticipated loss 30k

Motion to approve 50k for ice fees and 56,200 for gambling expenses for April 2017

Brian 1st; Kyle 2nd; All approved.



NOTE – There is an outstanding question about concession and this will be addressed at the April 2017 Board meeting.

Registration Report:

BYHA is looking for a Registration Coordinator – Please contact the BYHA board or Jill Fillyaw if interested.

Currently at 390 – 2016/2017 season.

Tournament Report

There will be a trainer for next year tournaments.

SAFE Sport/TEAM before Ice Report:

1. Locker Room Policy – will be addressed coming months
2. Social Media policy has been updated.

One Goal:

Kyle - One goal setting up equipment turn in. 75 sets of gear out being used.

Fundraising Report:

N/A



Manager Report:

N/A

Equipment Report:

Ken Ruth reporting:

- Purchased 2 cases of pucks (\$200 dollars total)
- Looking to order replacements for garment bags and jerseys – more to come in the next month.

Kyle – Grant has been applied for at this time. (additional gear)

Volunteer Report:

Volunteer report – Erica Wurm

1. 30 people did not make the number – 2 from multiple skater families.
2. 1/3 of Dib units are waived due 111 of 296.

Discussion on the following topics occurred:

Adding a 'No Show' Policy like other associations.

Recommend Penalties: Adding more hours; \$25 fine; consider raising the hours +2.

Attending parent: Molly comments on volunteer hours. – does not recommend raising hours; (hits multi – family skaters the hardest.

Asking more questions about volunteer hours in the survey; exploring donation policy of volunteer hours.

Outcome: Form a committee to create a comprehensive volunteer policy and will present this in 2 months (May / June 2017)

Hockey Operations Report:



Girls update: Thank you to Mark Nordvall for attending the meeting. David Schmidt gave an update on girl's numbers. If all the HS girls players return we have 25 skaters and 3 goalies. We have 12 skaters and 2 goalies that will be 15U eligible (not including girls that played HS hockey last season) We have 12 skaters at the 12U with 0 goalies (2 of these skaters played PW hockey this year). We have 19 age eligible 10U skaters along with 17 mites and 13 minis. David will continue talks with NWC – our best chance of another team working with us to combine if needed.

Yuri – Please pass on to the board that they should invite Nicole to the ice budget meeting this summer so we do not over budget for some of the older teams as they are already on the ice 6 days a week.

5000 puck club update: We have the following players who completed the 5k puck club this year. Nate Grahek PWAA, Marlo Reynolds 10UB, Andrew Lotthammer PWBP, David Nunn BB1B, Brock Arvola, Suirt A Max Barton, Emmitt Baker, Lucas Grahek, Sam Crosbie, Coy Meyer, Johnny Schmidt, Juan Baxa, AJ Smiglewski, Ian Bacik. Please update the Buffalo Hockey website with these players for their accomplishment.

It was also discussed to have a gold, silver, bronze levels of achievement to get more players involved. How does the following breakdown look? Please send me what changes you would make:

Gold – accomplish 5k pucks, 5k situps, 5k pushups, and achieve stick handling goals

Silver- accomplish 5k pucks, and stick handling goals, 2k pushups, and 2k situps

Bronze – accomplish 5k pucks, stick handling

Concessions/Pro Shop :

Next Year = Credit Cards

Pro Shop will be closed for the summer.

City of Buffalo:

Nothing at this time.



Marketing Report:

N/A

District 5 Report:

D5 Elections for new members held in April 2017 – See the website for details if you want to participate.

No D5 meeting in March - Elections in April.

Old Business:

New Business:

Discussion Topic:

Does BYHA add another scholarship since we have another Jr. Gold team?

Need to take up Naming the 'New' Arena to something else.

Matt Rund speaking on the subject of paying for Bantam tickets. Cost is \$35 per player. Bantam B has 14 players. Total ask is \$595 for dinners and tickets.

U12 extra was also added. \$35 per skater with 21 people. Total requested = \$770

4-0 approval by Board with 3 board members abstaining the vote because of players on the team.

2 Open Board Positions to be filled for 2017... April is the Voting Month for Board Members.

Andy – time is expiring.

Yuri - time is expiring.



Time to get the word out for BYHA Board Member position vacancies.

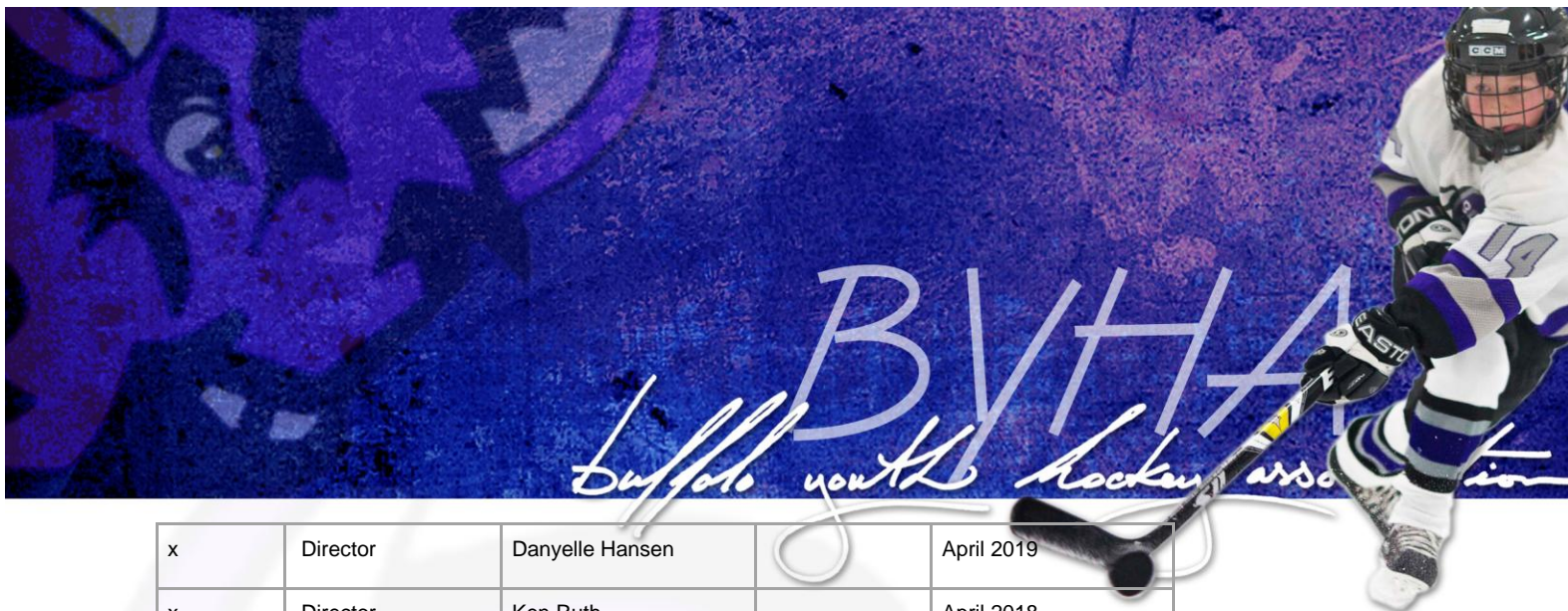
HELP WANTED:

Needs for Coordinators of the following for 2017 / 2018 season

- Marketing Coordinator
- In-House Sign-age
- Wreaths
- Registration Coordinator
- Concession Coordinator / Oversight

Motion to adjourn - Brandon /. Dan All Approved – Mar 8th 2017 9:04pm CT

HERE Mar 2017	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
x	President	Yuri Preugschas		April 2017
x	Vice President	Brian Swenson	952.237.7034	April 2019
	Secretary	Scott Winter	763.222.3340	April 2018
	Treasurer	Hans Iverson		April 2019
x	Director	Kyle Koren		April 2018



x	Director	Danyelle Hansen		April 2019
x	Director	Ken Ruth		April 2018
x	Director	Dan Nunn	612.558.8760	April 2017
x	Director	Brandon Murphy		April 2018
	Director	Andie Johnson		April 2019
x	Director	Mat Meyer		April 2019

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Hockey Operations Committee



Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Dave Carothers		
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Joe Zelenak		
Player Development Coordinator	Bryan Braccini John Varner		
A/B/C/ Coordinator	Rick Mueller		
Tryout Coordinator	Brad Rassmusson Duncan R.		
Scheduling Director	Nicole Grahek		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Derek Rosso Kent Baker		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Steph Kohnen		
SAFE Coordinator	Alena Gawtry		
Squirt Coordinator	Todd Barton John Varner		
Girls Coordinator	John Reynolds David Schmidt		
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson		
Girls High School Coach	Mark Nordvall		



Volunteers

D5 Rep	Dan Nunn	612.558.8760
Equipment Manager	Ken Ruth	
Wreath Coordinator	Troy Huebner	
Marketing Coordinator		
Picture Coordinator		
Purchasing Coordinator		
Registration Coordinator	Jill Fillyaw	
One Goal Coordinator	Kyle Koren	
G.O.A.L. Coordinator	Michelle Otto	
Sponsor Coordinator		
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Jessie Lenton	
Squirt and Above Level Team Manager Coordinator:	Matt Rund	
Home Tournament Coordinator	April Swenson	
Volunteer Coordinator	Koren Swenson	763.682.5222
Website Administrator	Alena Gawtry	



Billing Managers	Pam Kothrade	763.286.2980
	Andie Johnson	
	Joan McNamara (Cash Receipts)	763.682.2120
Hall of Fame Committee Chair		

BYHA 2017 Voting Ballot

April 12, 2017

There are 2 vacant positions BYHA is choosing to fill this year.

Please choose only 2 people from the list of 6.

_____ Aaron Eggersgluss

_____ Ryan Ferguson

_____ Molly Geislinger

_____ Jamie Kaiser

_____ Adam Smiglewski

_____ April Swenson

_____ : Write in _____

If you choose more than 2 your vote will not be counted.

*** Alphabetical order by last name ***