



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – March 2018

Gambling Report:

Julie Prince presented gambling report. Started 6:47pm

Profit Carryover From this Month	133,317.14
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(49,341.53)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	59,700.00

A motion for \$59,700 to cover estimated tax expense.
Kyle 1st, Scott 2nd, All Approved and motion passed.

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

President's Report:

- ROCK on ICE ... ONE LEFT THIS YEAR ! → April 6, 2018 from 7-9pm
- BYHA Board Elections on April 11th 2018. There will be 5 Open positions and 6 candidates running for those spots. See the end of the newsletter for candidate biographies.
- Voting takes less than 5 minutes – Stop by, cast your ballot and away you go.
- Dave Calicut was awarded into the HOF for Buffalo Hockey. Thank you Dave for all you have done and given to the BYHA hockey community!
- Survey to be sent out this year to collect feedback. Watch for an email coming out in 2-3 weeks.
- ICE In Party planning is starting ☺ - Getting dates selected early.

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

April 8th, 2018
(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



Secretary's Report:

Fully approved minutes for month of February 2018
Motion by Danielle 1st; Hans 2nd; All Approved.

NOTE – Handbook will be updated... Brian is working on this item and will email the board for needed approvals.

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$109,128.61 as of February 28th 2018
2. Expenses paid: \$97,220 in expenses in February 2018
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$75,000 in March 2018
4. Income received (prior month): \$91,745 in revenues in February 2018
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$20,000 in March 2018

Treasury report was approved. Kyle 1st; Mat 2nd ; Motion passed. All approved.

Registration Report:

Nothing to Report this month. BYHA Board will discuss tweaking the registration process next year. Ideas welcome for improvements.

Tournament Report

Nothing to Report this month



SAFE Sport/TEAM before Ice Report:

Not only did these skaters work hard on the ice, they worked hard at school and made the A/B Honor Rolls. Way to go guys! These skaters will be awarded with a party!

BUFFALO YOUTH HOCKEY

S. C. O. R. E. PARTICIPANTS



2017 - 2018

Darius Alston	Isabelle Hansen	Hans Pederson
Beau Altman	Latham Johnson	Henrick Pederson
Ian Bacik	Skylar Heyerdahl	Tyler Rassmussen
Emmitt Baker	Spencer Heyerdahl	Brady Relter
Max Barton	Claire Kinneberg	Kaley Ruth
Juan Baxa	Natalie Kinneberg	Lauren Ruth
Grace Bergstrom	Owen Klaphake	Cody Ryan
Jake Bergstrom	Anna Kubu	Parker Ryan
Cole Brisk	Nick Kubu	Cece Ryden
Cory Chrest	Riley Kunkel	Jack Ryden
Jacob Ennis	Bridget Laho	Sophia Ryhorchuk
Isabel Ferguson	Tristan Lenton	Johnny Schmidt
Asher Galdonik	Andrew Lotthammer	AJ Smiglewski
Ayden Gawtry	Willi Magaard	Nicole Swartzer
Jacob Gazett	Nikalus Manninen	Barrett Torkelson
Brody Geislinger	Jake Martin	Gavin Valli
Lucas Grahek	Tomas Munger	Griffin Valli
Nate Grahek	Olli Niemela	Raegan Wurm

When: Saturday, March 24th

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: Buffalo Civic Center

What: Fun Skate, Dinner, and Awards

One Goal:

Nothing New to Report



Fundraising Report:

Nothing new to Report.

Manager Report:

Nothing new to Report

Equipment Report:

Nothing new to Report

Volunteer Report:

Nothing New to Report

Hockey Operations Report:

Getting positions filled for upcoming year. Announcements coming in April 2018 after the Board Meeting. .

There are still a number of open positions upcoming on the HOC Board please fill out an application. If you have any questions please contact Dave Carothers.

Concessions/Pro Shop :

Shutting down Pro Shop this year. Getting ready to reopen next season.



City of Buffalo:

LED lights - looking for information from the City when this will move forward. Details: (1.52yr payback)
45k total cost rebate = 17K.

Currently It is not in the City of Buffalo Budget. – Brian working with Lee and City to figure out a plan.

Call for BYHA representatives to be at the City meetings going forward - at least 1-2 people from BYHA to represent our Civic Center and Hockey interests.

Marketing / Recruitment / Retention Report:

Growing the BYHA Association for specific groups. POST CARD Drop idea - Through the Post Office.

Advertising / Sponsorship / Marketing BYHA to the Business Community:

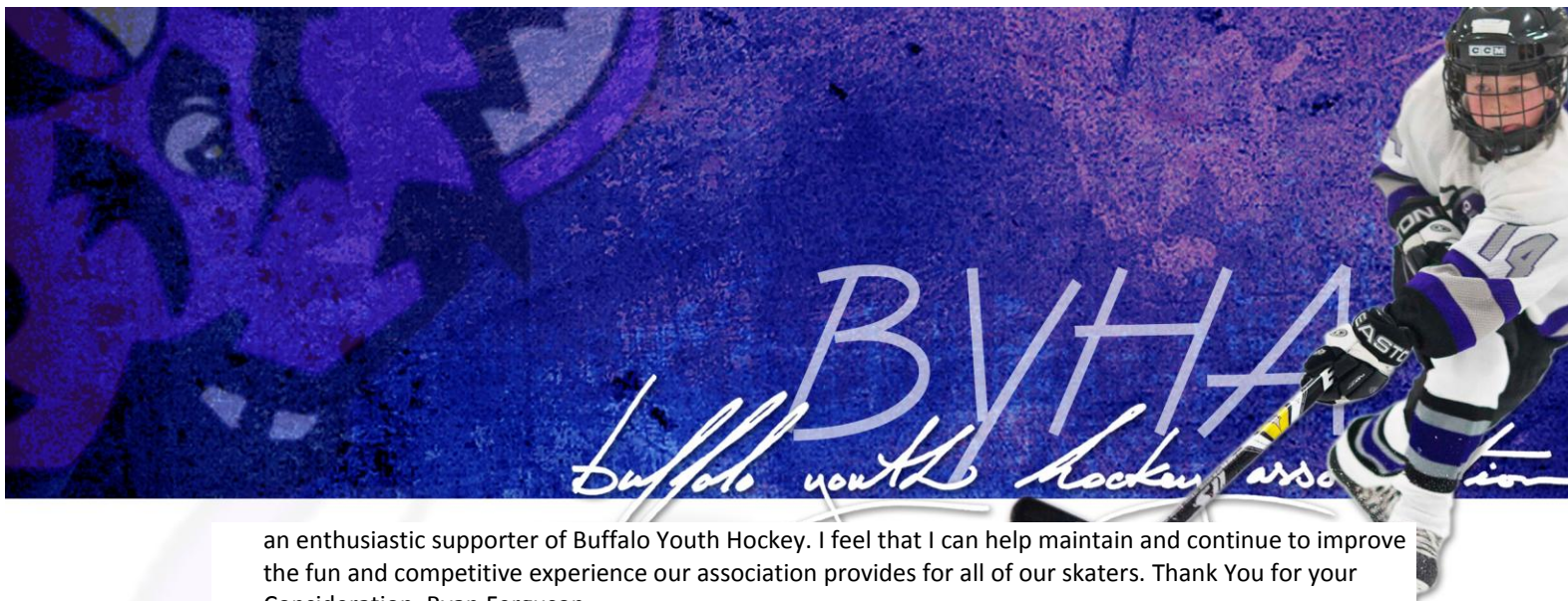
Smig will run this section. Role is to fill Dasher boards, Create Banners and sell Advertising on Jerseys
Note - Community Lawn Service contract was resigned for this upcoming year.

District 5 Report:

Nothing new to report this month.

BYHA Biographies / Candidates for April 11th 2018:

1. Ryan Ferguson - My family and I have lived in Buffalo since 2004. I have two skaters in the BYHA, a 10U B skater and a Group 2 Mite skater. My wife and I have managed a Mite team for the last three seasons and have volunteered for several additional events. I feel I have sound common sense and interpersonal skills that can be of use to our association. Over the last several years, I have also coached Buffalo youth in lacrosse, football, baseball and soccer. My day job is in a public service field, where my day-to-day responsibilities include the supervision of field personnel, as well as scheduling and some budget work. I also conduct some training and presentations for outside entities and civic groups. Most importantly, I am



an enthusiastic supporter of Buffalo Youth Hockey. I feel that I can help maintain and continue to improve the fun and competitive experience our association provides for all of our skaters. Thank You for your Consideration, Ryan Ferguson

2. Kyle Koren - I have been a board member for the past three years and I am interested in serving for a second term. While on the board I have been a part of the finance committee and also run the One Goal (learn to play hockey) program. I grew up playing hockey for Spring Lake Park through youth and high school, then through college at Gustavus Adolphus College. My wife, Michelle, and I have lived in Buffalo for the past 13 years. We currently have a daughter (Mackenzie) who will be a first year 12U next season, and a son (Tanner) who will be a first year Squirt next season. I have coached at the mite and mini-mite level for the past four years and Michelle has continued to be an assistant coach for our daughter's teams. Professionally I have an extensive background in finance, budgeting, and forecasting. I believe I can continue to bring insight from different viewpoints (parent, coach, boys hockey, girls hockey), as well as continuing to run the One Goal program to help bring kids into the association. I hope to use these different viewpoints to help the overall development of the kids and the program.
3. Brandon Murphy - I have been involved with BYHA for the past seven years, next year I will have a Pee Wee, Squirt, Mite and a Mini in the association. The past three years I have been a board member, holding the role of Vice President currently. Professionally I am a Talent Acquisition Director at UnitedHealth Group. I have also served as the Wright County Pheasant Forever Chapter's President and have been involved in other sporting groups locally. I have coached youth in several sports and spent many years officiating at the youth and high school levels. I am passionate about the game of hockey and youth development through athletics. We have a great association filled with tremendous kids and parents. I would like to continue being part of the solution in helping grow the association into new levels of success and ensuring positive experiences for each athlete in our association. I am a firm believer in youth sports teaching valuable life skills and lessons while creating life long memories and relationships. Thanks, Brandon Murphy
4. Danielle Rakos - I currently have 2 kids (Emma & Easton) in the association at the (mini) mite level. Last year I took over the role of registration coordinator for the association and am a regular attendee of the BYHA board meetings. Because of this, I have a fairly good understanding of the administrations of the association. I feel fortunate to be a part of such a strong association that will hopefully only become stronger!
5. Angela Kinneberg - Our family has been involved with BYHA for 5 years now, and many more years to come! I am a military wife for the last 17 years and 6 more to go. While stationed at our last active duty base, I was involved in the spouses club on base. I held the positions of Secretary, Vice-President, and President the year we merged the enlisted spouses club with the officer spouses club. Since our daughters started playing hockey at BYHA, I have managed 4 teams and enjoyed doing that each year. It was a way to get to know the players and their families better. I truly want the best for the BYHA association. I see



how it can grow positively in the years to come!

6. Lena Gawtry - Hi BYHA Families, my name is Lena Gawtry. I was born in Embarrass, MN (way up on the iron range...it is the coldest spot in the nation), attended school in Virginia, MN and then moved to the cities to attend college at Bethel. I have always loved playing and watching sports, especially hockey. My husband, Chris, and I relocated to Buffalo 14 years ago and have two children, Ayden (PeeWees) and Maehli (Mites). I have been apart of the BYHA for 8 years and I am running for a position to be on the BYHA Board of Directors (BOD).

Ever since we first joined hockey, I have been very involved with our association starting out as a team manager and did that for 3 years. Then I became the Safesport Coordinator for Buffalo (one of my current positions). With being the Safesport Coordinator, my main goal is to make hockey a safe environment for all involved-skaters, coaches and parents whether they are on the ice or off of the ice. I pride myself on listening to and understanding the issues and working hard. I strive to be a contributor and work to find win-win solutions.

From being the Safesport Coordinator, I have been able to work with the BOD and other committee members to start our TEAM and SCORE programs. These are great programs that are helping develop skills at the younger levels and reward those upper level skaters that are working hard on the ice and off of the ice at school. With building a strong base at our younger levels and then moving up in the age groups, I feel that our association is going to continue to grow and be strong in the future. It is great to see the kids develop their skills and grow over the years...and most importantly, have FUN!

Professionally, I am the Marketing and Sales Manager for a local Lake and Pond Company. I have been able to use my marketing skills in aiding our association through social media platforms and as the Webmaster (you probably have received a handful of emails sent by me). I am eager to continue helping our association keep the lines of communication open.

Being involved with youth hockey has been eye opening and rewarding. It really shows that it "takes a village" to have an association as large as we do, but there is absolutely no better job out there. The relationships that I have formed have been amazing and I look forward to those that are yet to come.

Hockey has become upfront and center with my family and we love every minute of it! I have a deep respect for the sport and what it teaches kids about hard work and commitment. I feel that it is a privilege to be involved with such an amazing organization and I look forward to being involved in its future. Thank you for your consideration and see you at the rink!

Motion to adjourn – Kyle First ; Ken Second – All Approved 8:35pm



MAR 2018	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
x	President	Brian Swenson	952.237.7034	April 2019
x	Vice President	Brandon Murphy	651.271.2090	April 2019
x	Secretary	Scott Winter	763.222.3340	April 2018
x	Treasurer	Hans Iverson	763.238.5018	April 2019
x	Director	Kyle Koren	612.310.4871	April 2018
x	Director	Danyelle Hansen	612.258.8796	April 2019
x	Director	Ken Ruth	612.889.1710	April 2018
x	Director	April Swenson	763.331.1521	April 2020
x	Director	Mat Meyer	763.516.0761	April 2019
x	Director	Adam Smiglewski	612.590.3417	April 2020
	Director	Open – won't be filled till Spring election cycle		



Hockey Operations Committee

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Dave Carothers		
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Joe Zelenak		
Player Development Coordinator	Tomas Johnson 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	Scott Winter
Equipment Manager	Ken Ruth
Wreath Coordinator	Bob Baxa
Marketing Coordinator	
Picture Coordinator	
Purchasing Coordinator	
Registration Coordinator	Primary: Danielle Rakos
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:		
Home Tournament Coordinator	April Swenson	
Volunteer Coordinator	Erica Zielin Wurm	
Website Administrator	Alena Gawtry	
Billing Managers	Pam Kothrade	763.286.2980
	Joan McNamara (Cash Receipts)	763.682.2120
Hall of Fame Committee Chair		