



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – May 2023

Gambling Report:

Julie gave a gambling report update. Started 6:45pm

Reporting on the month of March (always report 2 months behind) – we spent more money on games, less money on meat raffles, taxes were a little bit under what we forecasted. There were not any BIG BINGO winners.

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Bridget, Ken, Jake, Dusty, Eric, and Jeremy

Reporting for the month of January:

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$248,593.44
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$25,831.40
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$173,700

Julie is requesting \$173,700 for the month of May. A motion was made to approve \$173,700 was made (\$123,700 for gambling expenses and then \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Jeremy, 2nd Ryan. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (7-0).

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

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Next meeting will be July 9th

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the
month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be July 12th

Gambling

THIRSTY BUFFALO

Bingo: Monday 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Pulltabs: Sunday (12-10pm), Monday -
Thursday (12-11pm), Friday (12-Midnight)
and Saturday (11-12pm)

Meat Raffle: Thursday @ 5:30pm,
Sunday @ 4:00pm

The Heights - Buffalo

Pulltabs: Sunday – Saturday 11am-11pm

J's Down Under - Buffalo

Pulltabs: Monday-Thursday 3pm-11pm,
Friday-Sunday 12pm-12am

Meat Raffle:

Wednesday and Saturday 5:30pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Times: TBD



Attendance: 8 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Bridget Lindeman, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Jake Comee, Erick Kolkind & Dusty Pierce

Visitors:

Boy and Girls HS Hockey Team Captains

Members Present:

None.

President Report:

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Civic Center in the New Rink Conference Room.

A two-week notice to the President is requested for time on the agenda.

Introduction of board members.

Executive Board Member Elections (Voted on by the Board of Directors)

- President – Lena Gawtry
 - Jeremy 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).
- Vice President – Ryan Ferguson
 - Jeremy 1st, Dusty 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).
- Treasurer – Mike Honsey
 - Ryan 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).
- Secretary – Maria Rosso
 - Kent 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).

The board is working on an organization chart for the association. This will be finalized in July.

Secretary Report:

No changes made to the April newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for months of April 2023.

- Ryan 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).



Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$521.394
2. Expenses paid: \$100,459.66 in expenses in April 2023
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$271,000 in May 2023
4. Income received (prior month): \$51,351 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$25,130 in May 2023

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Dusty 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).

BYHA now has a Venmo account. Parents can now make payments through our Venmo account using the account name @BYHA-MN and code 1104

The finance committee will be meeting over the next two months to plan out the budget for the 2023-24 season. This budget will be voted on in July 2023.

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, July 9th @ 7:00 PM in the Purple Rink Conference Room at the Buffalo Civic Center. Members of the BYHA are also able to attend this meeting. If you would like to be placed on the HOC Agenda, a two-week notice to the HOC VP is required.

HOC Department Updates:

- **Boys High School** - Aaron Johnson
- **Girls High School** - Ryan Huddy
- **Teams/ABC** - Wes Asleson
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Risa Peterson and Mark Lemen
- **Girls Coordinators** - Ben Guck and Amy Kotish
- **Player Development** - Derek Rosso and Jamie Johnson
 - 10000 puck club numbers were down - looking to put more of an emphasis on this next year
 - Ryan is working on the results of the Puck Club
- **Mites** - Ryan Huddy and Tiffany Dixon



- **Squirts** - Keith Jerpseth and Joe Saxton
- **Safesport** - Michelle Munn
- **Goalies** - Matt Griffith and Tristin Baker
- **Try-Outs** - Brent Danziesen and Josh Hawkinson
- **Tournaments** - Jennifer Sabetti
 - The HOC would like to increase the number of tournaments for each traveling level team to 4 tournaments. The board will try to work this into the budget.
 - Our tournaments have been approved by the district - paperwork needs to get submitted to MN Hockey
 - PeeWee C: December 15-17
 - JRG: January 18-21
 - BOD/HOC will have to determine cost for registration and number of teams so we can open up the online registration
- **Ice Schedulers** - Hans and Sadie Iverson/Colin and Carly Hribal
- **Jr. Gold** - Matt Frolik
- **Vice President** - Yuri
 - HOC Positions that need to be approved:
 - **AB Level: Wes Asleson (2-year term)**
 - 1st-Eric and 2nd-Jeremy, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Coaching Co-coordinator: Mark Lemen**
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Jake, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Player Development: Adam Stewart (2-year term) and Keith Jerpseth (1 year term)**
 - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Ryan, Discussion: Will the Player Development will have a dryland coordinator that works under them? Yes. All approved and motion passed. 7-0
 - **Mites Co-coordinator: Aaron Johnson (2-year term)**
 - 1st-Jake and 2nd-Bridget, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Squirts Co-Coordinator: Chris Pearsall (2-year term)**
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Ryan, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Safesport Co-coordinator: Tina Klaphake (non-voting role on the HOC)**
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Ryan, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Goalies: Matt Griffith (2-year term) and Tristin Baker (1 year term)**
 - 1st-Ryan and 2nd-Dusty, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
 - **Try-Outs Co-Coordinator: Josh Hawkinson (2-year term)**
 - 1st-Ryan and 2nd-Kent, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).



- **Away Tournaments: Serenity Kurzhals**
 - 1st-Ryan and 2nd-Bridget, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
- **Jr Gold Coordinator: Matr Frolik.**
 - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Ryan, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).
- Open Positions:
 - 10000 Puck Club
 - Home Tournaments

District 5 Report:

MN Hockey ALEC conference went well – there was a drawing and Bridget won \$1000 for the BYHA (will decided later where to use this funds).

MN Hockey is recommending that we have DEI Coordinator (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).

President's meeting will be in July.

Next D5 meeting in August, our rep should be ready to talk preliminary numbers for teams for next year.

Volunteer Report:

Working on the reconciliation of checks vs. hours. Next year we need to have a plan for reconciling the checks before the season starts to make sure that everyone's checks are accounted for instead of doing this in February.

Lisa Comee will be the new Co-coordinator for DIBS.

Concession Stand:

- Nearing the end of the season.
- Closing this weekend for the season. Will re-open on April 30th for the Spring Figure Skating Show.
- Inventory will be completed by the end of June.

Apparel:

- Megan Omann taking over this going forward.
- The apparel room has been repainted and organized.



- Megan is working on new items for next season. We hope to have these for our registration nights starting in July.
- Inventory will be completed by the end of June.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Working on cleaning out the equipment room. Getting rid of junk and putting new shelves up there to organize.

Kent would like the kids to keep their jerseys each year. We are getting about 1 years use out of the jerseys that are being using at the Bantams/15U level. 3-4 years use at the lower levels.

Having Home and Away socks for the upper traveling teams was a huge success this past season. Will continue with that moving forward.

City of Buffalo:

- Still working on the contract with the city for Advertising and Concessions. The new contract will take us through the current lease that we have with the city.
- New Scoreboard has been ordered for the Peterson Rink. The BOD approved \$30k for this purchase and it came in at \$24k. There is a 18–20-week timeline. We should have this up and running for games starting in November.
- JP and the rink crew are fixing up and refreshing things at the rink

Wall of Fame:

Dusty is working on getting this up and running. Have a new nominee. Working on getting another nominee and will do something this fall.

Tournament Report

- Will be hosting a state tournament for the 2023-24 season
- See HOC report above for additional information.

Registration Report:

Dates for 2023-24 Season:

- Thursday, July 20th from 6-9 PM
- Sunday, August 13th from 5-8 PM



- Saturday, September 30th from 9 AM – 12 PM (Mites/Minis only)
- November – TBD (Jr. Gold only)

Ice Scheduler Report

No updates at this time.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Ice in Party- looking for people wanting to get involved with planning these. Ice In Party 2023 will be Sept 9, 2023. Reach out to Jeremy Welter, Amy Jo Linden, or Lena Gawtry if you would like to be involved with this event.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Order your weed control and fertilizer through Community Lawn Care to support BYHA!

Flyers were sent out to the elementary schools promoting the Learn 2 Play and the One Goal Programs. Going forward we should be also sending to St. Francis and Impact Academy.

Trinkets were ordered for the parades – foam hockey pucks and frisbees

New Business:

We will be selling the old Zamboni. More information to come on the bidding process. Dusty will be spearheading this process.

Positions that still need to be filled. (Get your DIBS hours completed when you hold a coordinator position.)

- Home Tournament Director (Districts, Regions, State, Jr Gold Tourney, PeeWee C Tourney)
- 10000 Puck Club (Work under Player Development)
- Recruitment and Retention (work with Mite Coordinators, Parade Coordinator)
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with ice in party and future fundraisers
- Diversity, Exclusion, and Inclusion (NEW)

We have a buffalo statue that will be a part of the Buffalo Roam group. We will be getting it painted and then it will find its new home outside the civic center.

Survey for the 2022-23 season was sent out to the families. The BOD and HOC will be using this information to plan for the upcoming season. Thank you to everyone who fills out the survey.



The BYHA will once again be sponsoring the Little Wild program. Registration will open up on Monday, May 22nd for this program. The Wild will give us 5 early registration spots for this. If interested in a spot, please contact the BYHA President at BYHAPresident@BuffaloHockey.net

New Coordinator Positions:

- Registration (Initiation Level): Alicia Kettenacker (will replace Jenn Eggersgluss)
- DIBS Co-Coordinator: Lisa Comee (will help Sarah Shult)
- Rock on Ice: Jennifer Kurth (will replace the Hawkinson Family)

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Please continue to support the businesses who support us:

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| • A110 Athletics | • CK Seafood |
| • Adjust to Health Chiropractic | • Community Lawn Care |
| • Andy Austin | • CorTrust Bank |
| • Annandale Art and Textile Center | • Coborn's Buffalo |
| • Artistic Me | • CUB Foods |
| • Bayer Built Woodworks | • Dixon Farms |
| • Big Bore Barbecue Co | • Domino's Pizza-Buffalo |
| • Billy D's Crooked Tavern | • First Class Mortgage – Dulcea Arden |
| • BJ's Deli | • Hat Trick Hockey |
| • Brenner Dental Group | • Holiday Station Stores - Annandale |
| • Bridging Hope Counseling | • Huikko's Bowling and Event Center |
| • Buff N Glo Car Wash | • In Hot Water Coffee Shop |
| • Buffalo American Legion Post 270 | • Insurance Center of Buffalo |
| • Buffalo Bison Hockey STP | • J&J Athletics |
| • Buffalo Books | • Jimmy Johns - Buffalo |
| • Buffalo Chiropractic Clinic | • Jimmy's Pizza-Annandale |
| • Buffalo Pizza | • Johnson, Larson & Peterson P. A. |
| • Carlson & Jones, PA | • Kwik Trip –Buffalo |
| • Christensen Group Insurance | • Lakeside Nutrition |
| • City of Buffalo | • LPG & NH3 Supply, Inc. |

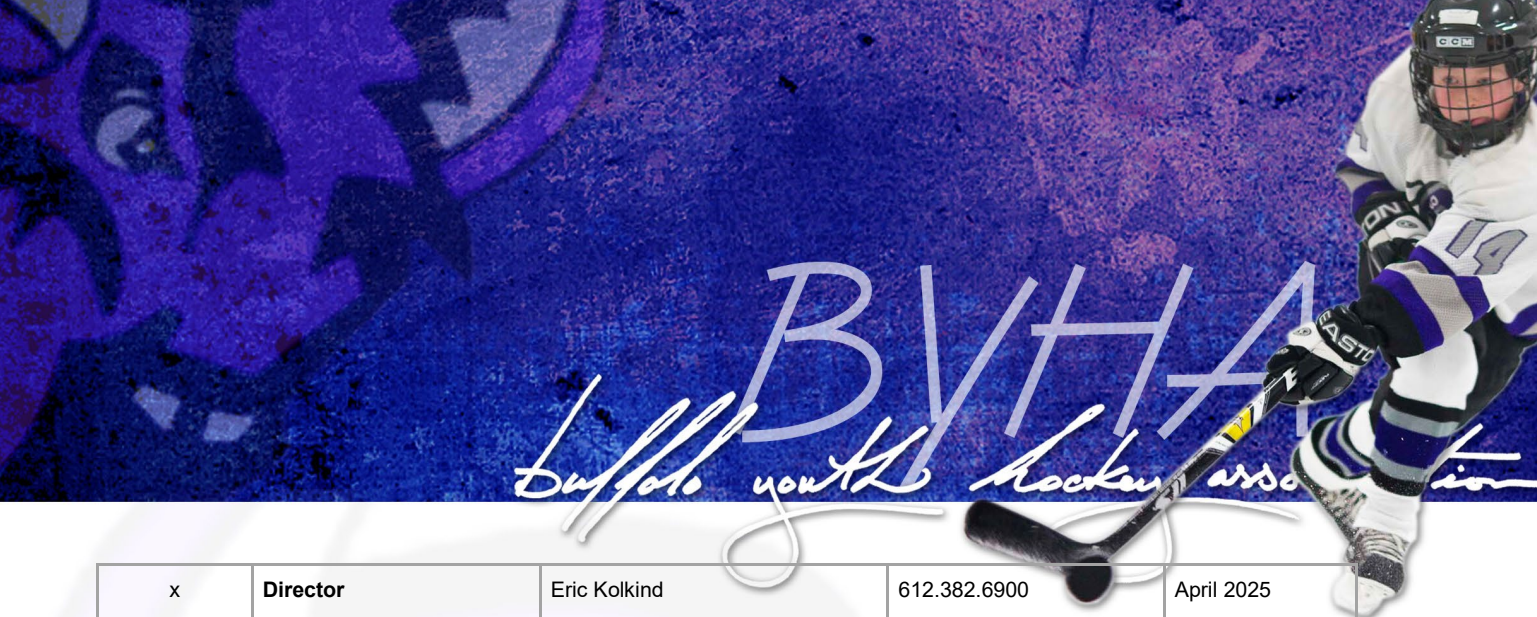


- Mill Creek Inn
- Miller’s Jewelry
- MidCountry Bank
- Old National Bank
- Omann Brothers Paving
- P-M Custom Woodworking
- Play It Again Sports - Buffalo
- ProTech Restoration
- Production Stamping
- Ryan Chevrolet
- SDP Hockey (Select Development Program)
- South Brook Gold Club and Grill
- Spilled Grain Brewhouse

- State Farm – Mark Olson
- Stewart Plumbing
- Sweet Escape Ice Cream
- Sylvia + Louisa
- Taco Bell-Buffalo
- Target-Buffalo
- The River Inn of Hanover
- The Vision Companies
- Thirsty Buffalo
- TruStone Financial
- Waterfront Lakeside Grille
- What’s the Scoop?
- You Betcha Popcorn

BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

March 2023	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
x	President	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2024
x	Vice President	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2024
	Secretary	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
	Director	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
x	Director	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
x	Director	Bridget Lindeman	612.790.0787	April 2026



x	Director	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
x	Director	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
X	Director	Jake Comee	612.702.0089	April 2026
x	Director	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
NOTE: 8 Directors were present for May 2023 meeting.				

BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

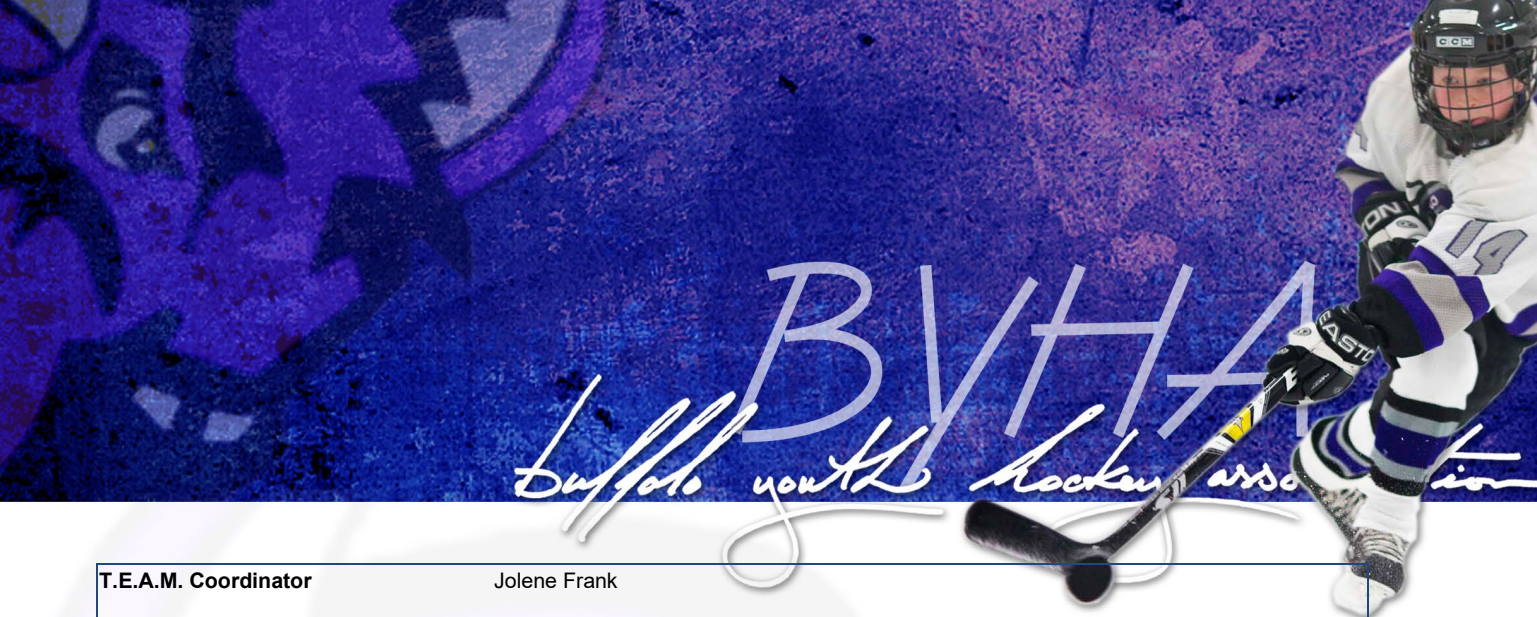
Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Yuri Preugschas	763.258.3594	
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Rissa Peterson Mark Lemen		
Player Development Co-Coordinators	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth Ryan Otto		
Goalie Development Co-Coordinators	Tristin Baker Matt Griffith		
A/B/C Level Coordinator	Wes Asleson		
Tryout Co-Coordinator	Brent Danzeisen Josh Hawkinson		
Scheduling Director	Hans & Sadie Iverson Colin & Carly Hribal		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Aaron Johnson Tiffany Dixon		
HOME Tournament Coordinator	**OPEN**		



Away Tournament Coordinator	Serinity Kurzhals
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Tina Klaphake Michelle Munn
Squirt Coordinator	Joe Saxton Chris Pearsall
Girls Coordinator	Ben Guck Amy Kotish
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson
Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy

Volunteers

D5 Rep	Ryan Ferguson
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos (Traveling Level) Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation Level)
One Goal Coordinator	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator	Rissa Schrick



T.E.A.M. Coordinator	Jolene Frank
Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator	Jeremy Welter
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kelsey Harps
Initiation Mite Events Coordinator	Karin Brinkhoff
Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank
Initiation Level Scheduler	Emily Starry
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Shult Lisa Comee
Social Media Coordinator	Megan Omann Lena Gawtry
Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth



Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Lena Gawtry Alyssa Domagala Tate Moser
Billing Managers	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting – Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce