



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – May 2020

In response to COVID-19, our May meeting was held online. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10th. Watch your email or the website for any updates.

Gambling Report:

Julie Prince presented the gambling report. Started at 7:00pm.

Board Member Present: Lena, Ryan, Hans, Maria, Brandon, Danielle, Tiffany, and Mike

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$94,548.62
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$2,905.86)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$11,100.00

We are reporting on the month of March. Due to the current situation there has been no gambling happening at our locations. We are hopeful that next month restaurants and bars will be open. Julie also applied for the Federal PPE Loan in the amount of \$40,000 to cover staff expenses during this time.

A motion to approve \$11,100 to cover estimated expenses.

- Hans 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and Motion Passed (7-0).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

Next meeting will be
TBD

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.

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

Meat Raffle: Thursday @ 5:30pm, Saturday
@ 3:00pm & Sunday @ 4:00pm

J'S DOWN UNDER -

Meat Raffle: Wednesday & Saturday @
5:30pm

BUNKERS -

Pulltabs: Saturday & Sunday @ 11-12

Bingo: Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

HITCHING POST - Annandale

Pulltabs: Sunday (12-8), Monday (Closed),
Tuesday-Thursday (5-9), Friday (4-11) and
Saturday (11-11)

Meat Raffle: Saturday (12:30)



The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm.

Attendance: 8 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Hans Iverson, Maria Rosso, Brandon Murphy, Danielle Rakos, Tiffany Grube, Mike Honsey and Shawn Kirschner

President's Report:

We would like to invite everyone 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, although this month we needed to adjust and hold the meeting online. All members are still welcome to attend the online meetings and will just need to contact Lena for the link to join.

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

Currently, the rink is being painted and cleaned to ensure it will be ready to go once we get the green light to start back up. At this time, it is unclear what the activities will look like when that happens. We will use the guidance from USA Hockey and MN Hockey as well as what the state provides for what is allowed and what is not allowed. Numbers allowed in the rink as well as cleaning times in between each group are all being considered.

Jersey drop-off will be coordinated with all team managers. Please return your jerseys to your team manager ASAP.

The end of season surveys have gone out and we have received 84 responses so far. Please help us by filling out the survey so we can continue to improve how we serve you.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve \$45,000 to cover estimated expenses for the month of April. Since there was only a partial meeting last month this is to be added to the May minutes.

- Maria 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and Motion Passed (8-0).



A motion to approve minutes for month of April 2020 (these have been posted on the BYHA website).

- Mike 1st, Tiffany 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).

Treasurer's Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$28,623.23 as of April 30th, 2020
2. Expenses paid: \$72,532.67 in expenses in April 2020
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$14,000 in May 2020
4. Income received (prior month): \$28,154.90 in revenues in April 2020
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$25,000 in May 2020

In the month of February we had an error on our financials. We worked through this error with CLA to identify and correct the problem. A deposit in the month of February was included in our general ledger twice due to an error with automated account reconciliation.

As a result a motion was made for \$30,000 from Gambling to correct the error.

- Ryan 1st, Mike 2nd No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (8-0).

Due to the current situation, we understand that next year could be tough financially for the association. The BOD will need to prioritize expenses to ensure that we can run a successful season. Things such as, but not limited to; warm-ups, new jerseys, summer program sponsorships, SCORE, TEAM, 5,000 Puck Club are all being looked at. The BOD also plans to discuss with the City of Buffalo what accommodations they can assist with.

As we start the process for budgeting for the 2020-21 year we will need to be mindful the lost revenue from the gambling association as bars will be closed for at least 75 days. This will result in the association needing to find cost savings for the next fiscal year.

A motion to approve \$3,500 paid to the Ice Scheduler for the 2019/2020 season.

- Mike 1st, Hans 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (8-0).

A motion to approve the treasurer report.

- Ryan 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (8-0).



HOC Report

The BOD and HOC will be holding their joint meeting hopefully in person in June. No date has been set.

District 5 Report:

The next D5 meeting will hopefully be held in June.

District 5 would like to review the handbook of all associations in the off-season, which will begin this month for the BOD.

SAFE Sport / TEAM Before Ice / SCORE Report:

Some items from these programs still need to be picked up. We will notify members once the Civic Center is open and we are able to get the items. Thank you again for all of those who participated and all of those who helped with the programs run smoothly.

Tournament Report

The BOD is waiting for recommendations from USA and MN Hockey as to what the tournament season will look like for next year.

Volunteer Update:

The BOD has approved to cash the remaining volunteer checks from those who have not fulfilled their hours. Sarah and Erica have notified these members. The BOD is also going to discuss the future of DIBS and how we can get more participation throughout the season.

Registration

The tentative dates for registration are as follows: (Please note that these are subject to change. Please watch your email for up to date information.)

July 30 6-8pm

August 15 9-12pm

October 3 9-12pm

Concession Stand:

Charity has been given permission to clean out the concession.



Apparel:

It was noted that in the future, we will need to run three separate tills and three separate reports for the Concession Stand, Pro Shop, and Apparel.

Apparel inventory will be happening in June once we are allowed into the shop.

Equipment Report:

We are organizing jersey turn in times for team managers. All jerseys need to be returned to each team manager as soon as possible. Please coordinate with your team manager so that they may have all jerseys ready to drop off in one load to assist in making drop off go smoothly.

New Business:

The banner for the PW B1 Team will be ordered soon. Thank you to Sarah Schult and Erica Wurm for sponsoring this.

Managers will be refunding unused team funds to each of the players. Watch for communication from your manager regarding this.

We still have openings for the following positions.

- Home Tournament Coordinator
- Recruitment/Retention Coordinator
- 5000 Puck Club Coordinator
- Ice Scheduler


Ice-In Party is planned for September.

The Board is working on a way to still have our voting happen soon. We will reach out to all members once we have a plan in place. (see ballot and bios below)

BYHA Voting:

We have 1 open position on the BYHA Board of Directors. We have 2 candidates running for the board. Elections for this position will take place at the board meeting in April. (Please watch your email to see how it will be run this year). Check out their bios below and be sure to vote.



	
For Official Use Only: _____	
OFFICAL BALLOT	
2020 BYHA ELECTION BALLOT	
BYHA Members must SIGN IN at April Board meeting to vote. VOTE for UP TO ONE (1) DIRECTOR.	
Please mark to the left of selected candidate with (X)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DUSTIN PIERCE
<input type="checkbox"/>	JILL ROSS
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write in Candidate:
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Dustin Pierce

My goal is to fill the open position on the Buffalo Youth Hockey Board of Directors. I believe I would make a great candidate for the open position on the board of directors based on my experience with the program, leadership skills, and training. Those that know me in and around the community would agree that I would be a great advocate for the players and families involved in the program. I am also interested in the position to have a better understanding of the operations and planning that go into running this program, as well as, provide answers to the many questions we, as parents have over the course of the season. Above all else I want a clean, fun, safe and fair program for the kids. Hockey is a great game, in my opinion, the best game. I want the best for the kids and their families. I hope to help as a board member.

EXPERIENCE:

1998 – 2002 HEAD COACH, BYHA BANTAM B2 Co-head coach - Bantam B2 boys.

2015 – CURRENT COACH, BYHA Coach / Assistant coach – Mites and Squirts

EDUCATION:

JUNE 1997 GRADUATE, BUFFALO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Football, Hockey, and Baseball. Member of the leadership council 1996-97



SKILLS:

- 5yr Cub Scout Den leader for two den groups with a total of 16 scouts currently
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Foreman and member of the safety committee – work
- Former BYHA bantam coach 1998-2002
- Current assistant coach for Mites & Squirts
- Church council member at Grace Lutheran

I have been a part of BYHA most of my life beginning in the early 1980's as a player at the youth level and finishing it off as a 3-year varsity player graduating in 1997. I coached bantam hockey out of high school for 5 years before moving away from home. Since then I have worked hard, traveled, got married, and started a family. My wife Joleen and I relocated to South Haven 6 years ago and our children are in the Annandale school district. My boys started hockey and here I am right back in the very system I grew up with. Scouting has been a source of pride in our family because of the emphasis on giving back to the community and doing one's duty to God and country. There are no "try-outs" all are welcome, all participate, and all contribute. I am a member of my church council at Grace Lutheran Church in South Haven, MN. We have small but wonderful church family. Our hearts are always by the water, frozen or not!! I enjoy any and all outdoor activities when we have time. Hunting, fishing, water sports, boating, camping and swimming to name a few and it always involves family and friends. We love to get out in our community whether it be fund raisers, local fish fry's, or concerts. We like local shops, and restaurants in and around our area as well and never shy away from a garage sale or two in summer. We love to spend time with friends and family on the lake or near the fire. All are welcome!

Jill Ross

I am seeking a position on the Buffalo Youth Hockey Program Board of Directors. Anyone that knows me would say that I truly do give 100% to those things that I am passionate about. Having grown up a small- town girl, in a small town that didn't offer Hockey, I never thought that Hockey was going to be one of those things. My twin daughters, Sydney and Avery, wanted to learn to skate and asked to try the One Goal Program and very quickly fell in love with skating. We started with the BYHA program just 2 years ago and were excited to be a part of the first U8 all girls team here at Buffalo and are currently part of the U10 program. I personally have also been actively involved in the program from the very start, stepping onto ice with skates on for the first time ever in 2018 so that I could become an assistant coach for the girls' team. Again, having grown up in a small town that didn't offer Hockey, I didn't know all the rules of the game, and have learned so much through being a coach, working with the girls on the teams, and watching all the amazing BYHA parents/families around me. I believe that our program is unmatched from any other program out there. You can see the passion and love that all the BYHA families have for this association and sport. While I LOVE being involved on the bench as a coach with the girls, I believe that I can offer even more to the program by being a part of this Board.



Professionally, I am the CFO at Wellbeats, Inc for the past 3 years. My team is accountable for planning, reporting and management of the Company's financial and operational results. I am responsible for guiding financial decisions, working closely with the CEO and driving results through strategic partnerships. I have a 15+ career in accounting and finance including roles at Boulay, US Bank and most recently as the Controller/Director of Accounting at North Memorial Health. I have a B.S degree from St. Cloud State University and an active CPA license. I have also been very active in Buffalo-Hanover- Montrose School from the day our children started school. I currently serve as the Treasurer for the Hanover Elementary School PTO Board.

As a member of the BYHA board, I would bring a new and fresh perspective. To be a part of giving ALL the Youth current and to come, the "BYHA experience" would be an honor. I look forward to actively participating and helping to continue grow this amazing association to be the best it can be.

#Hockeyisfamily

Additional Notes:

The BOD would like to invite all BYHA members to our monthly board meetings. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the New Rink Conference Room, however during this time the meetings are being held online. If you would like to join the meeting, please reach out to Lena to receive access.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.



BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

May 2020	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
X	President	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2021
X	Vice President	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2021
X	Secretary	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2022
X	Treasurer	Hans Iverson	763.238.5018	April 2022
X	Director	Brandon Murphy	651.271.2090	April 2021
X	Director	Mike Honsey		April 2022
X	Director	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2021
X	Director	Tiffany Grube		April 2022
	Director	Nathan Dixon		April 2021
X	Director	Shawn Kirschner		April 2022



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Yuri Preugschas	763.258.3594	
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Paul Heyerdahl		
Player Development Coordinator	Thomas Johnson Jamie Johnson		
Goalie Development Coordinator	Jon Varner		
A/B/C/5000 Puck Coordinator	John Reynolds		
Tryout Coordinator	Scott Winter Derek Rosso		
Scheduling Director	Nicole Grahek		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Wes Asleson Ryan Huddy		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti		
Safesport Coordinator	Kelly Hinnenkamp Jason Munger		
Squirt Coordinator	Kent Baker DJ Dahlbec		
Girls Coordinator	David Schmidt Jenny Sabetti		
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson		



Girls High School Coach

Dave Carothers

Volunteers

D5 Rep	Ryan Ferguson
Equipment Manager	Mat Meyer Nathan Dixon
Wreath Coordinator	Bob Baxa
Marketing Coordinator	
Picture Coordinators	Mike and Lora Toussaint
Purchasing Coordinator	
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos
One Goal Coordinator	Kyle Koren and Matt Griffith
S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator	Rissa Schrick
T.E.A.M. Coordinator	Molly Geislinger
Advertising/Sponsor Coordinator	Shawn Kirschner
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kari Magaard
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Jess Lenton Leota Bemis



Home / Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti
Volunteer Coordinator	Erica Zielin-Wurm
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Lena Gawtry
Billing Managers	Hans Iverson
	Tiffany Grube
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	