



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – April 2024

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of February (always report 2 months behind). It was a great month for the association. Our top selling location continues to be Thirsty Buffalo. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

This month there was the scheduled expense of the storage facility fee.

At noon on April 28th, there will be bar BINGO at Thirsty Buffalo. Flyer to be sent out to the BYHA members to share with family and friends.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$249,764.84
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$3,934.94)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$169,200

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Maria, Mike, Kent, Jake, Dusty, Bridget, Jeremy, and Eric

Julie is requesting \$169,200 for the month of April.

A motion was made to approve \$160,200 (\$119,200 for gambling

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Next meeting will be May 5th

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be May 8th

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: Saturday 4:00pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Pulltabs: 11am-10pm

Evelyn's Wine Bar - Buffalo

Pulltabs and ETags: 5pm-9pm



expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Jake, 2nd Bridget. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

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

Attendance: 10 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Dusty Pierce, Bridget Lindeman, Jake Comee, and Eric Kolkind

Visitors:

Members Present:

Jennifer Kurth, Ryan Otto

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 Purple Rink Conference Room.

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

Secretary Report:

No changes made to the March newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of March 2024.

- Jeremy 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$515,164
- 2.Expenses paid: \$59,211 in expenses in March 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$63,190.09 in April 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$117,595 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$37,858 in April 2024



A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1st, Dusty 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

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

BOD/HOC Report

We would like to invite all BYHA members to start attending the BOD/HOC meetings. This is a great way to see what is going on throughout the association.

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5th @ 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.

There are many open positions coming up on the HOC this spring. If you are interested in finding out more information, please reach out to any member of the HOC.

HOC Department Updates:

- **Boys High School** - Summer STP registration is open.
- **Girls High School** - Summer STP registration is open.
- **Teams/ABC** - Tentative team numbers for next season are as follows: (these are not set in stone, but rather just a tentative estimate for the year ahead). Squirrels-5/6, Peewee-4/5, Bantam-4, U10-2, U12-2, U15-2. The HOC also mentioned the possibility of having the U15As and Bantam AA join the high school teams for a weekly morning practice this season. Also, looking into possibly having a Bantam C team next year.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Jake reviewed the proposed coaching software and feels that it would be a great tool for our coaches to utilize.
 - o A motion to approve \$4,000 for the purchase of the new coaching software recommended by the HOC.
 - Jake 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).
- **Girls Coordinators** - Looking to set up meeting with 15s and parents to discuss the upcoming season and the possibility of adjusting tryouts around the high school tryout schedule.



- **Player Development** - No updates at this time.
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - Waiting on feedback on the 3v3 games this year.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Tournaments** - We are still looking for a home tournament coordinator. Please contact the HOC if you are interested in this position. The plan is to book the tournaments right away in May in hopes to get a better selection of tournaments for each age group.
 - o A motion to change the number of tournaments for the Squirt/U10 level from 4 to 3 for next season.
 - Kent 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-1, Dusty).
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - The Jr. Gold State Tournament was a huge success. The tournament directors were very impressed with BYHA and all that it did to make it a successful and fun weekend for the teams. The tournament brought in over \$15,000 for the association. Thanks to all those who stepped up and helped with this and a special thanks to Lena for going above and beyond at the tournament as well as the banquet.
- **Vice President** - No updates at this time.

District 5 Report:

D5 is looking for ways to improve the availability of refs. One proposal is to increase the age of refs to 16 years old so they are able to ref more games.

Game misconducts were up this season, D5 is looking for ways to handle this in the future. Possibility of taking away the extra game penalty and instead getting the player off the ice before things get to the misconduct.

Looking at holding the Squirts/U10s end of season tournaments earlier in the future.

D5 is still looking into ways to make a U13 and U16 work in the coming years.

Neck guards - According to D5, if it was designed to be a neck laceration item, it will count for this upcoming year. Refs will be planning to make a neck guard/mouth guard check before each game.



Roster deadlines this year are December 31st. There are no exceptions to this.

D5 is looking into having a Bantam C level next season.

Associations need to review their handbooks and prepare any wanted changes.

Any Squirts and U10 teams that want to play at the end of season tournament need to save a game from their game count.

A motion to approve standard lodging for the ALEC conference for HOC and BOD members was made.

- Eric 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (6-3, Jeremy, Jake and Maria).

Volunteer Report:

The DIBs shifts have wrapped up for the season and the end of season audits are underway. Thank you for all those who helped fill the DIBs positions this season.

Concession Stand:

The concession stand inventory is underway and should be completed by next month.

Apparel:

We are still looking for a new apparel room manager to help design and order new apparel. Please reach out to anyone on the Board if you have questions or are interested in this position.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Kent is talking with Hockey Yak about putting together a sweatshirt/jogger/hat combo to have at registration.

City of Buffalo:

New floors have been installed in the rink. The new zamboni has arrived and is getting the wrap done once the design is finalized.

A motion to approve the purchase of up to \$10,000 on a second clock in Peterson.

- Mike 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (8-1, Dusty).



Wall of Fame:

Nothing new to report.

Tournament Report

Nothing new to report.

Registration Report:

Nothing new to report.

Ice Scheduler Report

Nothing new to report.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Waiting on the Zamboni images to be finalized for the wrap.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

One person has reached out for more information about this position.

New Business:

Upcoming Rock on Ice:

June 12th 7-9pm

August 14th 7-9pm

Voting closed at 8:30pm.

A motion to approve the counting of the votes.

- Jake 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (9-0).

A motion to approve two more board members to help with the second counting of the votes.

- Jeremy 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (8-0, Eric absent for vote).



Election Results:

- * Matt Adams - 65 votes
- * Kent Baker - 68 votes
- * Deb Blaeser - 75 votes
- * Jennifer Eystad - 43 votes
- * Chris Hammer - 28 votes
- * Adam Hennen - 57 votes
- * Ashley Kleist - 47 votes
- * Jennifer Kurth - 35 votes
- * Matt Rickheim - 79 votes
- * Bob Schroden - 44 votes
- * Write in: DJ Dalbec - 1 vote
- * Write in: Darren Glur - 1 vote
- * Write in: Jessica Fudali - 2 votes

Congratulations to Matt Rickheim, Deb Blaeser, Kent Baker, Matt Adams and Adam Hennen on their new Board of Director positions.

And a big thanks to all the members who showed up to vote.

A motion to approve the discarding of the counted ballots.

- Jake 1st, Bridget 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (8-0, Eric absent for vote).

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)
- Registration Mite Coordinator (work with Mite Coordinators and Parade Coordinators)
- Registration Coordinator (Shadow this year)
- Recruitment and Retention Coordinator
- Apparel Manager
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with Ice in party and future fundraisers



Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.



Please continue to support the businesses who support us:

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

April 2024	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
X	President	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2024
X	Vice President	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2024
X	Secretary	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
X	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
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
	Director	Deb Blaeser		April 2024

NOTE: 10 Directors were present for April 2024 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 Lena Gawtry
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Alyssa Domagala Tate Moser
Billing Managers	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce