



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – December 2023

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of October (always report 2 months behind). October was a good month for the association. Thirsty Buffalo remains as the top performer. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

Julie mentioned that the auditors made the recommendation to her that we have 1099s for all of our locations. She will be working to get this completed in the coming month. Minnesota's new ESST law will make for more work and will cost us a little more money but Julie is working to make sure we are complying with the new law.

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Maria, Kent, Dusty and Jeremy

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$239,433.87
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$16,314.12
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$163,700

Julie is requesting \$163,700 for the month of December.

A motion was made to approve \$163,700 (\$123,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Ryan, 2nd Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (5-0).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

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

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the
month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be January 10th

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



The board meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Attendance: 6 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, and Dusty Pierce

Visitors:

None

Members Present:

Jennifer Kurth

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 November newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of November 2023.

- Ryan 1st, Dusty 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (5-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$634,476.69
- 2.Expenses paid: \$137,754.12 in expenses in November 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$123,831.82 in December 2023
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$158,846.33 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$93,452.70 in December 2023



A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jeremy 1st, Dusty 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (5-0).

We received notice that the tax issue was solved and the money the association paid is being reimbursed.

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

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7th @ 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** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Player Development** - 10K Puck Club is underway. Please keep encouraging your players to keep shooting their shots. Dryland with Austin has been going well and it all seems well-received with players and coaches.
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - The 3v3 skates have been a huge success so far and the kids are loving it. Thank you to all those who are volunteering their time to bring this fun opportunity to our skaters. The Board wants to remind any parents concerned about ice touches that this 3v3 opportunity is bonus ice that does not count against your skater's allocated ice touches for the season.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - The coordinators are going to be looking to request more goalie helmets for the younger ages. They will be submitting a request after they take inventory of what they have and what they would like to add.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.



- **Tournaments** - Thank you to those who stepped up and gave of your time to fill DIBs shifts for the home PeeWee tournament. We are still looking for a home tournament coordinator. Please contact the HOC if you are interested in this position.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - The J-Gold team is formed, with only one team this year. (17 skaters/2 goalies) Good luck on the season boys.
- **Vice President** - No updates at this time.

District 5 Report:

So far the officials have covered 700 games this season. They request that schedulers continue to give advance notice, as well as put games back to back with similar levels so those refs can get multiple games in a night.

The district would like to remind all parents, players and coaches of the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy. Please remind those around you to be respectful towards the refs, coaches and players.

USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy:

Parents are expected to be a positive role model by treating all [players](#), [coaches](#), officials and fellow spectators with respect and support.

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/ spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the [coaches](#) for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- 1) Use of obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.
- 2) Taunting of [players](#), [coaches](#), officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- 3) Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, [players](#) bench, [penalty](#) box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.



Volunteer Report:

This is your reminder that there is a 2-week notice for DIBs requests. This notice will help ensure that DIBs are posted with enough time for volunteers to see and claim the spots. Please plan accordingly. Sarah and Lisa thank you.

There have been a lot of DIBs already posted and claimed - Don't wait until the end of the season to start looking for these.

Upcoming dates at our home rink to keep in mind for DIBs:

- * 1/18-1/21 JR. Gold tournament
- * 2/16-18 Districts
- * 3/15-3/17 State

Concession Stand:

The concession has been running smoothly. The cookies are a success! The WILD night was a big night for the concession stand.

Kent has spoken with JP about fixing the water fountain in the Purple rink. JP is going to see what needs to be done so the water is cold and available to the skaters.

Apparel:

New gear has been ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Nothing new to report at this time.

City of Buffalo:

The silent auction is closed, with Matt Griffith being the lucky new owner of the old Zamboni. Congrats Matt!



Kent and few people are going to be clearing out the coaches/ref room and reconfigure the room to make for more space.

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:

There are 2-3 dashers going up this next month, 2-3 scoreboard ads getting ordered and new advertising for the new Zamboni coming later this season.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Nothing new to report.

New Business:

The Girls' WILD night was a huge success. The players had a great time and were completely surprised. Such a cool opportunity for our U12s. Thank you to those who set up the night to make it a success and a special thanks to all of the fans that helped pack the rink that night. Also, thank you to the WILD for giving this fun opportunity to the association.



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
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with Ice in party and future fundraisers

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 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)

December 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
X	Secretary	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
X	Director	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
	Director	Bridget Lindeman	612.790.0787	April 2026
	Director	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
X	Director	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
	Director	Jake Comee	612.702.0089	April 2026
X	Director	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
	Director	Deb Blaeser		
NOTE: 6 Directors were present for December 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 Kurzahls		
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