



# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – October 2023

## Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:46pm

Reporting on the month of August (always report 2 months behind). August was a good month for us overall. All of our locations seem to be performing fairly well. We received a score of five-stars from the Minnesota Gambling Control Board for our lawful purpose expenditures (LPEs) from July 2022 through June 2023.

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Maria, Mike, Jeremy, Dusty, Jake, Eric and Deb

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$230,909.62
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$42,355.99
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$138,700

Julie is requesting \$138,700 for the month of October.

A motion was made to approve \$138,700 was made (\$108,700 for gambling expenses and \$30,000 for the BYHA).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (8-0).

## Event Schedule

### HOC Meeting:

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

### BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be November 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:** Wednesday and Saturday 5:30pm

### Wild Marsh - Buffalo

**Times:** TBD





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

**Attendance: 10 Directors**

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

**Visitors:**

None

**Members Present:**

Jessica Fudali, Jennifer Kurth and Ryan Otto

**President Report:**

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We would like to welcome Deb Blaeser to the Board of Directors. She is filling the vacant spot on the Board that opened last month.

**Secretary Report:**

No changes made to the September newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of September 2023.

- Jake 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

**Treasurer Report:**

**Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$588,028.33
- 2.Expenses paid: \$49,611.44 in expenses in September 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$84,187.50 in October 2023
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$53,537.32 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$159,758.50 in October 2023





A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Jake 1<sup>st</sup>, Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

We are still waiting on the final numbers from the Ice-in party, but it looks like it will be lower than in years past.

Scheduling will be happening soon, so we will have the upfront referee fees due soon.

**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, November 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.

### HOC Department Updates:

- **Boys High School** - Captains practice has been going for a few weeks now.
- **Girls High School** - Captains practice has been happening with tryouts coming the end of October.
- **Teams/ABC** - Teams have been finalized and declared.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - The coaching clinic is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th 7-9pm at Buffalo High School.
  - o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Jon Varner as the Bantam AA assistant coach.
    - Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).
  - o A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Taylor Ryan as the 15U Head coach.
    - Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).
- **Girls Coordinators** - 15U team is waiting for the results of the high school tryouts before their roster is finalized.
- **Player Development** - 10K Pucks is ready to start. Keep on shooting those pucks! Adam and Keith are also planning to clean out the weight room and get this ready for the season.





- **Mites** - Mites/8U has started now.
- **Squirts** - Excited to roll out the 3v3 league that will be happening this season within the association. This will be a fun change for the players in this group.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - MEGA goalie clinics started this week.
- **Try-Outs** - Tryouts went smoothly this year including the scrimmages for the Bantam level.
- **Tournaments** - We are still looking for a home tournament coordinator.
- **Ice Schedulers** - November and December ice times are coming soon.
- **Jr. Gold** - Teams will be formed after the high school tryouts around November 20th.
- **Vice President** - No updates at this time.

#### District 5 Report:

Ref fees are due at the beginning of the season this year.

D5 is enforcing stricter locker room monitor policies. They will be enforcing fines on the association if incidents occur when a monitor is not present. Due to this change the Board is looking into how to handle this change. The Board is looking at having locker rooms locked until the monitor arrives and is able to unlock the door using a key they check out.

Scheduling meeting is coming up this month, so finalized schedules should be out soon.

Board rosters are complete for this season.

#### 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.



### **Concession Stand:**

We are still looking for a concession stand manager to shadow Pam this season and take over next year. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please reach out to Pam.

### **Apparel:**

New gear has been ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room and start your holiday shopping.

### **Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

Squirts are getting new jerseys with socks this year. Two shooter tutors should arrive soon and a new tv will be installed in the meeting room.

For next year, we will need to give more notice and make a plan for jerseys to be handed out before jumping into scrimmages immediately after teams are formed. Those teams that will be scrimmaging for other association tryouts will most likely get pennies that will need to be returned to help with this.

### **City of Buffalo:**

As of now the City of Buffalo has no immediate plans for updating Peterson or any of the areas of the Civic Center.

### **Wall of Fame:**

If you would like to make a nomination suggestion please contact Dusty Pierce.

### **Tournament Report**

Tournaments for the season have been posted on team pages.

### **Registration Report:**

Reconciliation of DIBs checks has happened this month.





Again, if you are interested in becoming the new Registration Coordinator, please reach out the Board so we can answer any questions you may have.

#### Ice Scheduler Report

Schedules will be updated after the scheduling meeting this month.

#### Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Award Boards should be installed in the lobby next month. This will be a fun new addition for the program to recognize players throughout the years.

Jeremy is working on refreshing the dasher boards. He is also going through the City's list of previous donors and bringing them all up to date.

A motion was made to purchase storage for the curling stones for the cost of \$1,300 or under.

- Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

A motion was made to give Park a \$100 gift for all of his help with moving the stones after the Ice-In party.

- Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

#### Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

No updates at this time.

#### New Business:

Dusty is coordinating the sale of the Zamboni. There will be more details to come on this. If interested, please contact Dusty.

Mike and Kent are going to be looking into jackets for the Board to wear. They will have ideas and prices at the next meeting.



**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)
- Concession Stand Manager (shadow this season)
- 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 8:21 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)

October 2023	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
X	<b>President</b>	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2024
X	<b>Vice President</b>	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2024
X	<b>Secretary</b>	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
X	<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
	<b>Director</b>	Bridget Lindeman	612.790.0787	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
X	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	612.702.0089	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
X	<b>Director</b>	Deb Blaeser		
NOTE: 10 Directors were present for October 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

<b>D5 Rep</b>	Ryan Ferguson
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
<b>Wreath Coordinator</b>	Caitlin Chovan
<b>Marketing Coordinator</b>	Sheryl Workman
<b>Picture Coordinator</b>	Michele Siemek
<b>Registration Coordinator</b>	Danielle Rakos (Traveling Level) Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation Level)
<b>One Goal Coordinator</b>	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
<b>S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator</b>	Rissa Schrick
<b>T.E.A.M. Coordinator</b>	Jolene Frank
<b>Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Jeremy Welter
<b>Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
<b>Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kelsey Harps
<b>Initiation Mite Events Coordinator</b>	Karin Brinkhoff
<b>Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators</b>	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank
<b>Initiation Level Scheduler</b>	Emily Starry
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Sarah Shult Lisa Comee



<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Megan Omann Lena Gawtry
<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
<b>Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator</b>	Lena Gawtry
	Alyssa Domagala
	Tate Moser
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Mike Honsey
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Dusty Pierce