



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – January 2024

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of November (always report 2 months behind). November was a good month overall for the association. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

We are still receiving our 5-Star rating which is great to hear. Julie is also working with Evelyn’s Wine Bar and Muffy’s to get a small stand up and running in February. We are excited for the new location.

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Maria, Mike, Dusty, Jeremy, and Bridget

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$233,824.54
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$5,609.33)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$151,700

Julie is requesting \$151,700 for the month of December.

A motion was made to approve \$151,700 (\$121,700 for gambling expenses and \$30,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Ryan, 2nd Bridget. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (6-0).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Next meeting will be February 4th

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be February 14th

Gambling

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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 4:00pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Pulltabs: 11am-10pm



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

Attendance: 11 Directors

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

Visitors:

None

Members Present:

Jennifer Kurth, Susan Davis, Ryan Otto and Shawn Kirschner

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 December newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of December 2023.

- Ryan 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0). (Deb Blaeser was not present for this vote).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$632,990.80
- 2.Expenses paid: \$102,078.63 in expenses in December 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$127,986.41 in January 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$88,001.33 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$127,020.59 in January 2024



A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jeremy 1st, Kent 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

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

Mike has received a lot of questions about Quickbooks this season. A reminder that the association is now billing through Quickbooks and no longer using SportsEngine for billing.

We also want to remind everyone that the January ice bills are NOT going to be waived this year. The BOD feels that with increase in the cost of ice, the added fourth tournament, and the extra cost for player development (power skating sessions, new weight room equipment, and adding a paid trainer) this year, it would be in the best interest of the association to not waive January ice bills. Please make sure you double check your player's account to ensure you are up to date with payments. Players will not be allowed on the ice for district play-offs if they are listed as past due. Thank you for help with this.

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. On the BOD, we will have 5 open spots this April for our members to vote on, and many on the HOC as well. Attending meetings would be a great way to see if running for an open board spot is of interest to you. If you are interested in running for a board position, please feel free to reach out to any of the board members with questions you may have.

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4th @ 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 and going really well. We are on track for 1.2 million pucks shot this year for the association! Great job to those players who are putting in the work. You will have through February to turn in your shots.
- **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** - Team managers need to make sure that any parents helping with locker room duties have their current SafeSport turned in. Parents, if you are signing up for locker room duties, you need to have completed your SafeSport training.
- **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.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.
- **Vice President** - No updates at this time.

District 5 Report:

The Squirt meeting at D5 went well. The year end tournaments are being scheduled so please be patient as the dates and times are being scheduled. The plan is to have all tourneys set by early February.

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.

Also, we would like to remind you that if you claim a DIBs shift, you need to be there. We cannot accommodate last minute cancelations. 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:

- * 2/16-18 Districts
- * 3/15-3/17 State

Reminder that you must be 18+ for all game day duty positions except music which can be 16+ years of age.

Please note that it will take 2 weeks to have all DIBs shifts reported and recorded.

Concession Stand:

A motion was made to offer free popcorn and beverage for the teachers at the high school Teacher Appreciation Night. Both boys and girls.

- Mike 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

The concession stand is now serving Nautical Bowls!

Apparel:

New gear is being ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

The curling stones need to be moved to the storage area. Kent will help coordinate this with volunteers and a couple of the Bantam teams.

The coaches room is looking good. A lot more space and way less junk.

City of Buffalo:

Mike and Lena are meeting with planning committee to talk about what plans they have in store for the rink facility.

The new water cooler will be installed soon. The new Zamboni will be here in February. JP is installing new flooring throughout the rink in the coming weeks.

Wall of Fame:

Dusty will be presenting his choices for the Wall of Fame in the coming weeks.

Tournament Report

Nothing new to report.



Registration Report:

It came to the Board's attention that the mite rosters (players, coaches and managers) were not finalized before the lock date on 12/31. This has since been resolved and approved with D5.

Ice Scheduler Report

Nothing new to report.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The new zamboni will have an advertising wrap coming next month. Two more dashers are ordered and Jeremy is talking with JP about getting the lighted sign updated.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Nothing new to report.

New Business:

A motion was made to provide the Annandale Rink Rats with up to 2-90 minute sessions of ice.

- Mike 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to approve \$150/team for the 6-3v3 teams attending the Delano in the Park. (3 girl teams, 3 boy teams).

- Maria 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to allow the Girl Scout Troop to sell their cookies at the rink the second week of February.

- Mike 1st, Dusty 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

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 8:35 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)

January 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
X	Director	Deb Blaeser		
NOTE: 11 Directors were present for January 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 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