



## Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – January 2021

### Gambling Report:

The meeting this month was held virtually with 9 members present.

Lena presented gambling report. Started 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Lena, Ryan, Jill, Hans, Maria, Shawn, Mike, Brandon, and Danielle

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$186,791.93
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$20,436.25)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$88,200.00

We are reporting on the month of November. We are so appreciative to those who continue to support the BYHA through our pull-tab locations.

We have lost two gambling locations with J's Down Under and Bunkers closing. Our two remaining sites, Thirsty Buffalo and Hitching Post are open and are now the only source of gambling funds.

There is the potential for another PPE loan that will help cover payroll expenses. We will know more in the next few weeks.

A motion to approve \$88,200.00 to cover estimated expenses.

- Hans 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

### Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

Next meeting will be  
TBD

### BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the  
month @ 7:00 pm  
January meeting will be held virtually

### Gambling

#### **THIRSTY BUFFALO**

**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

#### **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 7:08pm.**

**Attendance: 10 Directors**

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

**President Report:**

We would like to invite everyone to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. The February meeting will be held virtually. Please contact Lena if you would like access to the meeting.

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

We are now in Phase 5 of Return to Play with MN Hockey. We continue to meet with MN Hockey and our district to get all of the questions that we have answered. We have received updated rules from MN Hockey that were implemented by the State of Minnesota and/or Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors for the 2020-21 Season. As of today, these are the updated rules that are being mandated from the state and MN Hockey for Phase 5:

- Face Masks must be worn by everyone (Players, Coaches, & Spectators) in the arena at all times
  - **Approved Face Masks:**
    - Must cover both the nose and the mouth to be approved for use. These can be a cloth mask, a disposable mask, a neck gaiter, a scarf, a bandana or a religious face covering.
    - Additional Options:
      - CCM Game On Mask
      - Bauer Concept 3 Face Shield and Splash Guard
  - **Mask Enforcement:** District Directors will now be coordinating with on-ice officials, arena staff and association leadership to enforce progressive penalties for coaches and players not wearing a mask or face covering during all games and practices:
    - First Violation - coaches and players will receive a verbal warning for the first offense.
    - Second Violation - coaches and players will receive a three-game suspension, this will include all on-ice activities until the three game suspension is complete.
    - Third Violation - coaches and players will be suspended for 30 days from all team activities.





- Additionally- associations may be subject to sanctions by their respective District Director for multiple violations of the mask rules.
- Medical exemption - skaters or coaches that have a pre-existing medical condition will need a signed medical waiver that needs to be communicated to the association president and a printed copy will need to be kept with the coach/manager of your team.
- **Locker Rooms** (in Buffalo) will be open to help space out the players. We will also continue to use our staging areas. The doors will remain propped open at all times. There should be no more than 7 people in a locker room at any one time, and all should be socially distanced at least 6 feet. Locker Rooms can only be used to put on skates for players, with the exception of goalies.
- **Equipment Bags** no equipment bags are allowed in the arena (with the exception made for goalies). Small drawstring bags or small backpacks may be utilized to help carry in smaller items and store personal belongings (medications, phones, keys, etc.) Coaches, Managers and Officials may also need to bring in bags that carry supplies for practice/games.
- **Arrive Fully Dressed** - Players must arrive fully dressed (with the exception of their helmet, gloves, skates); Goalies must arrive half dressed. Skaters, with the exception of goalies, must also leave fully dressed, at no time should any individual remove more than their skates, gloves, and/or helmet while in the arena,
- **Arrival and Departure** - Arrive no more than 10 minutes before practice/games; Depart 10 minutes after ice time has ended. Goaltenders will be allowed to enter the arena 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled ice time to allow for more time to put on their equipment.
- **Spectators** - While it is important to limit the number of people in the facility, the following rules pertain to spectators:
  - Practices - Spectators for practices are limited to one spectator per player. Outside of Mites/8U to assist with skates and helmets; however, it is still recommended that there be NO spectators at practices.
  - Games - Spectators for games will be limited to two spectators per player.
    - All spectators will be required to wear a facial covering and maintain proper social distance.
    - While it is important to limit the number of people in the facility, there may be circumstances in which a parent or guardian must also bring in young siblings. This will be allowed, but should be limited as much as possible.
    - Do not congregate in the foyer or hallways before or after the event.





- Miscellaneous:
  - No resurfacing of the ice during games (between periods).
  - No Dryland activities will be allowed at this time.
  - Only active players and 3 coaches will be allowed on the bench during game play. Players who are unable to participate may not be on the bench, but may be in the stands as a spectator.
  - Please enter the Buffalo Civic Center through the main doors and exit through the side doors.

**SCHEDULE:** All traveling level games have been posted to the calendar. The Ice Schedulers have also posted practices for all teams through the remainder of January. Please look at the calendar weekly to ensure that you have the correct times. We try to not make changes, but sometimes it is our only option.

MN Hockey voted and approved the extension of our season. As of right now, district play will continue until March 14th. **Regions will be March 19-21st. And State will be March 26-28th.**

We are still looking for a non-board member Covid Coordinator to help with documenting spreadsheet. If you are interested, please contact Lena.

### Secretary Report:

A motion to approve minutes for the month of December 2020 (these have been posted on the BYHA website). The notes from the Return To Play Meeting scheduled on December 30<sup>th</sup> have been added to the December newsletter.

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

### Treasurer Report:

#### **Actuals:**

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$130,228 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020
2. Expenses paid: \$94,473 in expenses in December 2020
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$75,000 in January 2021
4. Income received (prior month): \$7,500 in revenues in December 2020
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$50,000 in January 2021

The BYHA received a donation from Centra Sota. Thank you to those of you who participate in the Lawn Care Program which helps provide this donation, and a HUGE thank you to Centra Sota!





A motion was made; families who are on 'pause' are responsible for paying ice bills from registration through November. All players will remain on the roster, and if a family decided to 'un-pause' then they will pay for the remainder of the season.

- Ryan 1<sup>st</sup>, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion (9-0).

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Shawn 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion (9-0).

### **HOC Report**

At this time there are 26 traveling and 10 mite skaters who have decided to 'pause' for the remainder of the season. With that in mind, the HOC has asked for some mid-season move-ups to even out the skater numbers across teams.

A motion was made to move 1 player from the PWB1 team to the PWA team.

- Shawn 1<sup>st</sup>, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion (9-0)

A motion was made to move 2 players from the U10B teams to the U10A team.

- Shawn 1<sup>st</sup>, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Move- to happen after their weekend tournament. (9-0)

A motion was made to move 3 players from the U8 team to the U10 team.

- Shawn 1<sup>st</sup>, Brandon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Move-up to happen immediately for girls to join the weekend tournament. (9-0)

A motion was made to move 2 players from the U12B team to the U12A team.

- Ryan 1<sup>st</sup>, Hans 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion (8-1)

**5000 PUCK CLUB:** New deadline is week of February 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Continue to shoot those pucks and turn in your sheets.

### **Ice Scheduler:**

The practice schedule is set through the end of January. District games have been posted. Games will not be moved to accommodate tournaments.



### **Registration Report:**

Jr. Gold team is finalized and declared with 18 skaters and 1 goalie at the Jr. Gold B level.

If you are a coach who has NOT finished your registration, do it ASAP!!

### **District 5 Report:**

Now that the game schedule has been posted to the calendar, coaches and managers will be notified to discuss how Tournaments and Scrimmages can be scheduled.

- There will not be any D5 Hosted tournaments this year.
- At this time, D5 has determined that there will not be any scrimmages in the district. This means we cannot schedule home scrimmages until further notice. This is due to a shortage of officials and does not appear like it will be changing.
- There will not be Squirts or U10 district playoffs this year so the Board would like to look into hosting a 3 on 3 tournament for the players.
- The Mite Jamboree will not happen this year so the Board is also looking at fun options to do at the end of their season.

### **Volunteer Report:**

We will NOT be cashing volunteer checks this year, however, we will still have volunteer options for people and would greatly appreciate people stepping up to fill the spots as needed. We will be hosting Districts for PWA/B1, March 5-7<sup>th</sup> and U12/U15, March 13<sup>th</sup> so we will need help for those days for sure.

### **SAFE Sport / TEAM / SCORE Report:**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Advertising/Sponsorship:**

We need people to participate in the Chevy Test Drive Fundraiser. All you need to do is to go to Ryan Chevrolet and take a test drive. Let them know that you are doing it on behalf of BYHA and that's all. It's that simple. **Deadline to participate is February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Save the date for next year's Ice In Open --- Saturday, September 11, 2021**

### **Equipment Report:**

Nothing new to report at this time.





#### Apparel:

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of those who came out in the cold to shop our 'garage sale' at the Murphy's house! Thank you to Brandon for setting it up! Be watching for times and dates when the apparel shop will be open at the rink.

#### Concession Stand:

The concession stand will not be re-opening this season.

#### City of Buffalo:

Nothing new to report at this time

#### Pro-Shop:

Nothing new to report at this time.

#### New Business:

There will be 5 open positions on the BYHA Board of Directors this spring. Please let the Board know by March if you are interested in running for election.

The BOD would like to invite all BYHA members to our monthly board meetings. Our next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Google Meet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.



## BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

January 2021	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
x	<b>President</b>	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2021
x	<b>Vice President</b>	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2021
x	<b>Secretary</b>	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2022
x	<b>Treasurer</b>	Hans Iverson	763.238.5018	April 2022
x	<b>Director</b>	Brandon Murphy	651.271.2090	April 2021
x	<b>Director</b>	Mike Honsey		April 2022
x	<b>Director</b>	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2021
x	<b>Director</b>	Tiffany Grube		April 2022
x	<b>Director</b>	Jill Ross		April 2020
	<b>Director</b>	Nathan Dixon		April 2021
x	<b>Director</b>	Shawn Kirschner		April 2022
NOTE: 10 Directors were present for January 2021 meeting.				





## BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
<b>HOC President</b>	Yuri Preugschas	763.258.3594	
<b>ACE/HEP &amp; Asst. Coaching Coordinator</b>	Paul Heyerdahl		
<b>Player Development Coordinator</b>	Thomas Johnson Jamie Johnson		
<b>Goalie Development Coordinator</b>	Jon Varner		
<b>A/B/C/5000 Puck Coordinator</b>			
<b>Tryout Coordinator</b>	Derek Rosso Brent Danzeisen		
<b>Scheduling Director</b>	Hans and Sadie Iverson		
<b>Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator</b>	Ryan Huddy Tiffany Dixon		
<b>Away Tournament Coordinator</b>	Jenny Sabetti		
<b>Safesport Coordinator</b>	Kelly Hinnenkamp Michelle Munn		
<b>Squirt Coordinator</b>	Kent Baker DJ Dalbec		
<b>Girls Coordinator</b>	Ben Guck Adam Dalum		



<b>Boys HS Coach</b>	Aaron Johnson
<b>Girls High School Coach</b>	Dave Carothers

## Volunteers

<b>D5 Rep</b>	Ryan Ferguson
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Nathan Dixon
<b>Wreath Coordinator</b>	Erica Wurm
<b>Marketing Coordinator</b>	
<b>Picture Coordinators</b>	Mike and Lora Toussaint
<b>Purchasing Coordinator</b>	
<b>Registration Coordinator</b>	Danielle Rakos
<b>One Goal Coordinator</b>	Matt Griffith
<b>S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator</b>	Rissa Schrick
<b>T.E.A.M. Coordinator</b>	Molly Geislinger
<b>Advertising/Sponsor Coordinator</b>	Shawn Kirschner Shawna Johnson
<b>Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kari Magaard





Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Leota Bemis
Home / Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Shult
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Lena Gawtry
Billing Managers	Jill Ross
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	