



# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – February 2024

## Gambling Report:

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

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

We have received our 5-Star rating again this month. Evelyn’s should be reporting next month.

Prize Bingo is scheduled at The Heights, April 6th at noon and at Thirsty Buffalo, April 28th at noon.

## Board Members Present:

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$247,824.54
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$13,281.13
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$161,700

Julie is requesting \$161,700 for the month of February.  
A motion was made to approve \$161,700 (\$121,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

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

## Event Schedule

### HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM  
Next meeting will be March 3rd

### BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be March 13th

### 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





**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 Comee, Eric Kolkind and Deb Blaeser

**Visitors:**

Four representatives from the Bantam AA team, (Alex Baker, Cooper Dalbec, Ethan Johnson and Guthrie Lind), came to say thank you to the BOD for the jerseys they wore in the VFW Tournament.

**Members Present:**

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 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 January newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of January 2024.

- Ryan 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).

**Treasurer Report:**

**Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$594,690.25
- 2.Expenses paid: \$108,691.23 in expenses in January 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$109,882.12 in February 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$129,655.54 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$59,966.83 in February 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.





- Jake 1<sup>st</sup>, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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**

The BYHA has approximately \$26,000 in unpaid ice bills at this time. 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. If you have any question please don't hesitate to reach out to Mike Honsey (BYHA Treasurer).

### **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, March 3rd @ 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.

The HOC is looking at a way to have better tournament selection for next year. Talking with coaches and coordinators to make sure we are choosing the best tournaments for our association.

And again, 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** - 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** - February is the final month in the 10,000 Puck Club. Keep shooting your shots and don't forget to turn them in at the end. The BYHA is approaching 1 million pucks!
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - Goalie clinics are complete for the season. A lot of good feedback this season. One thing to look at in the future would be to have goalie clinics in January as well.
- **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:

D5 is asking associations to remind coaches, parents and players to BE KIND and BE RESPECTFUL. This is in response to numerous complaints this season from refs regarding the behavior of both parents and coaches. Each season the number of reports continues to increase. D5 is looking toward a zero-tolerance policy for next season.

MN Hockey is preparing their 'Play where you live' policy which they plan to have in place for next season. D5 will keep each association updated as these policies are put into place.

The ALEC Conference is coming up May 3-4th at the Marriott MPLS. The BOD is required to send attendees.

### 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:

\* 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 up to 2 weeks to have all DIBs shifts reported and recorded.

#### Concession Stand:

The concession stand manager reached out and informed the BOD that the popcorn machine was on the fritz and we are in need of a new one ASAP.

A motion was made via email on January 28th in the amount of \$2,000 for the purchase of a new popcorn machine.

- Eric 1<sup>st</sup>, Bridget 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion, and motion passed (8-0).

#### Apparel:

New gear, including new choppers and UNRL hoodies being ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room.

We are also 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:

The curling stones are put away. Need to check with JP about permanent storage.

#### City of Buffalo:

The new Zamboni should be arriving very soon. Jp is also working on new flooring throughout the rink as well as new speakers in Peterson Rink.

#### Wall of Fame:

Dusty presented the two new Wall of Fame members, Steve Heyerdahl and Alena Gawtry. Thank you to both members for all you have done for the BYHA!

#### Tournament Report

Nothing new to report.



### Registration Report:

The HOC is talking about having an earlier registration date to possibly get a better idea of numbers of the upcoming season.

We are currently looking for a new Registration Coordinator (or 2). If you are interested, please reach out to the Board.

### Ice Scheduler Report

Nothing new to report.

### Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Jeremy is working on finalizing a few verbal commitments for advertising.

### Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Nothing new to report.

### New Business:

Please watch your emails for the end of year survey. Please fill one out for each skater in your family.

Don't forget that if you are interested in running for one of the open BOD positions, you will need to submit your bio to Lena before the start of the March meeting.

The 877 Scholarship group reached out to the BOD about a donation. Asking for more information.

### **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 8:36 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)

February 2024	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
X	<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: 11 Directors were present for February 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

<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