



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – February 2023

Gambling Report:

Julie gave a gambling report update. Started 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Lena, Danielle, Mike, Kent, Eric, Ryan

Reporting for the month of December:

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$233,640.83
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$12,298.18
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$150,200

A motion to approve \$150,200 was made (\$110,200 for gambling expenses and then \$40,000 for the BYHA).

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

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

Attendance: 6 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Danielle Rakos, Mike Honsey, Kent Baker, & Eric Kolkind

Members Present:

Ryan Otto

President Report:

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

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

BYHA Board Meeting

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



We would like to invite all of 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 New Rink Conference Room.

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

Secretary Report:

No changes made after sent to the board.

A motion to approve minutes for months of January 2023.

- Kent 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (6-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$606,801
2. Expenses paid: \$116,531.21 in expenses in January 2023
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$111,620 in January 2023
4. Income received (prior month): \$65,132 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$55,083 in February 2023

Light month for revenue due to ice fees waived. Less than \$300 remain in past due ice bills.

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Shawn 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (6-0).

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

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, March 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.



Working on figuring out who is returning to the HOC or re-applying for their positions. There will be some open positions coming up.

Positions opening that we are currently aware of:

- Home Tournament Coordinator
- Away Tournament Coordinator
- Player Development Coordinator (2 needed)
- Safesport Coordinator

If interested, reach out to a board or HOC member for more details.

Girls Varsity hockey is done. Boys varsity is still going.

District 5 Report:

Parent conduct is still a concern. Friendly reminder to keep your behaviors in check.

No March meeting!! In April, our rep should be going ready with tournaments in April and should be ready to talk preliminary numbers for teams for next year.

Volunteer Report:

Hours are not being filled. Checks will be cashed this year for those that haven't completed their hours. LOTS of hours coming up that need to be filled.

There was confusion whether mini mite families have to do hours. Yes, they do. Please refer to the volunteer section of the website for further details.

Concession Stand:

- Candy for pucks. Find a puck at the rink? Bring it to the concessions and exchange it for candy!
- Popcorn machine on the fritz. Need a new one for next year.
- Trying to get by with 2 paid workers during the upcoming tournaments since we are struggling to get people to fill the shifts.
- Vending machine is still doing well.
- Adding girls stuff into a couple extra open spots in the vending machine.



Apparel:

Megan Omann taking over this. Inventory will be taken place and she will work with Mike Honsey to get this transitioned. Ordered sweats and skate blade holders.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Jersey buyouts: PW/12u/15u/Bantams: They can buy their jerseys for \$50. This is for both jerseys. Must buy both.

Squirts and 10us- want to move into the new jerseys next year. Squirts and 10us can buy their current jersey for \$20. This is for both jerseys. Must buy both.

Looking at getting new 1 time use practice jerseys. Discussed the possibility of practice socks. Maybe sell game socks in the shop at the concessions.

City of Buffalo:

Still working on the concession stand agreement.

Wall of Fame:

Dusty is working on getting this up and running. No new updates.

Tournament Report

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

Only 2 mite coaches that weren't able to get rostered due to not completing the necessary items. No other updates.

Ice Scheduler Report

No updates at this time. See D5 report above for a couple things.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Working on scoreboard sponsors.

Ice in Party- looking for people wanting to get involved with planning these.



Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

No updates at this time.

New Business:

Working on getting the buffalo made for the rink.

An email vote was made since the last board meeting in regards to the challenge during the squirt scrimmage fest. A request was made for money to go toward prizes for the SuperDeker and fastest shot challenges.

A motion was made to approve \$1000 for gift cards and prizes. 1st Dusty. 2nd Jeremy.

Discussion: There were concerns about this being brought up so late. There were also concerns about number of teams being down, including some teams having to be removed from the scrimmage fest. Lastly, there was concern costs given we are only taking in \$400 per team, so well below the going rate.

Motion denied. (3-5). No votes coming from Danielle, Shawn, Kent, Eric, & Mike.

Board of Directors: There will be 3 openings this year. If interested in running, contact Lena Gawtry by 6:45pm on March 8, 2023 with your intent to run at byhapresident@buffalohockey.net or by phone 612-386-1104.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

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 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	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
	Director	Shawn Kirschner	612.245.0051	April 2025
	Director	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
x	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
x	Director	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
x	Director	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
	Director	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
NOTE: 6 Directors were present for February 2023 meeting.				

BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Yuri Preugschas	763.258.3594	
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Rissa Peterson Mark Lemen		



Player Development Coordinator	Derek Rosso
	Jamie Johnson
	Jennifer Johnson
	Ryan Otto
Goalie Development Coordinator	Tristin Baker
	Matt Griffith
A/B/C/5000 Puck Coordinator	Wes Asleson
Tryout Coordinator	Brent Danzeisen
	Bob Schroeden
Scheduling Director	Hans Iverson
	Sadie Iverson
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Ryan Huddy
	Tiffany Dixon
Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Kelly Hinnenkamp
	Michelle Munn
Squirt Coordinator	Joe Saxton
	Keith Jerpseth
Girls Coordinator	Ben Guck
	Amy Kotish
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson
Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy

Volunteers

D5 Rep	Ryan Ferguson
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Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Erica Wurm
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinators	Michele Siemek
Purchasing Coordinator	
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos (travel) Jenn Eggegluss (mites/minis)
One Goal Coordinator	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator	Rissa Schrick
T.E.A.M. Coordinator	
Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator	Shawn Kirschner Jeremy Welter
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator	Leota Bemis
Home / Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti
Volunteer Coordinator	Sarah Shult
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Lena Gawtry/Tate Moser



BVHA

Buffalo youth hockey association

	Sara Kubu/ Megan Omann
Billing Managers	Shawn Kirschner Lakeside Consulting – Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce