



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – January 2022

Gambling Report:

Julie Prince presented gambling report. Started 6:49pm

Board Members Present: Lena, Ryan, Maria, Danielle, Hans and Tiffany

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$250,192.97
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$14,644.21)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$171,200.00

We are reporting on the month of November.

The BYHA gambling had a great month at all of our locations. E-tabs are doing very well at all our locations. The Purse BINGO we hosted at The Heights was a success and the business owners were very happy. They would like us to continue hosting these more often throughout the year.

The new owners of Trail’s End Pub are looking to end the BYHA gambling contract. They haven’t given a final end date at this time but we expect it to be in the next month or two.

Julie has hired a new accounting firm, Schlenner, Wenner & Co. to start for the month of January. We feel this will be a good fit for our association.

Thanks for supporting BYHA!

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Next Meeting will be February 16th
(Note the date change due to the Buffalo Strong event)

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

Trail’s End Pub

(Formerly the HITCHING POST) - Annandale

Pulltabs: Sunday (12-7pm), Thursday (5-9pm), Friday (4-11pm) and Saturday (11:30-11pm)

Meat Raffle: Saturday @ 12:30pm

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



A motion to approve \$171,200 to cover estimated expenses.

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

The board meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: 9 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Maria Rosso, Danielle Rakos, Hans Iverson, Tiffany Grube, Mike Honsey and Dustin Pierce

President Report:

Randy Haskins, a representative for the Buffalo Strong group came to speak about the Buffalo Strong Day taking place on February 9th, 2022. They will be having speakers and special events all week long. Randy showed a short video about the upcoming speaker, Clint Malarchuk. Clint will be meeting with goalies and the boys and girls high school teams on February 9th at 5pm at the rink.

A motion was made to donate \$2,500 towards the Buffalo Strong event.

- Hans 1st, Dustin 2nd. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

We would like to invite everyone 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. Due to the Buffalo Strong event, our February meeting will be moved to February 16th in the Conference Room.

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

Secretary Report:

A motion to approve minutes for month of December 2021 (these have been posted on the BYHA website).

- Ryan 1st, Mike 2nd. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$415,121
2. Expenses paid: \$117,431 in expenses in December 2021
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$81,000 in January 2022
4. Income received (prior month): \$123,068 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$93,000 in January 2022



A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Mike 1st, Dustin 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

A motion was made to add Sara Kubu as the BYHA bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer.

- Hans 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

A motion was made to waive January ice bills.

- Mike 1st, Ryan 2nd. Discussion about what to do with the money currently in our account. Future ideas for the rink as well as the association. All are happy we can give back to the BYHA families. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

The finance committee will be meeting to finalize the player accounts for this season. Any player whose account is past due will be contacted and will not be able to participate in BYHA activities until their account is up to date.

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

10,000 PUCK CLUB is going great. We are close to reaching the **Million Puck Mark!** Remind your skaters to keep shooting those pucks as there is still time for them to reach the 5,000, 7,500, or 10,000 goal. The 10,000 Puck Club coordinators are looking into celebration options if we reach a Million Pucks! Keep shooting!!!

A motion was made for Amy Kotish to be the Girl's Coordinator.

- Maria 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

The ABC Coordinator, as well as others on the HOC, have been working together with other associations to see how team placement can be adjusted in the future to best benefit the kids. This group of volunteers was able to get a spot on the agenda at the D5 meeting in April. At this meeting, the group will propose a few ideas that they think may better serve the kids. This is not the first year BYHA has run into mismatched team levels, and we appreciate parents' understanding as we are trying to navigate these issues within the limits set by D5 and Minnesota Hockey.



The PWB2 team asked if they could set up scrimmages with willing PWC teams. Unfortunately, this is not allowed according to MN Hockey rules. Lena verified this and asked if there could be exceptions made but, at this time, the only time you are allowed to cross divisions is at the Jr. Gold and 15U level.

The Bantam AA team will be participating in the VFW Post Season Tournament. They will be given a few extra ice times for practices leading up to the tournament. The team will also need to add a VFW patch on their jerseys to be able to participate.

There is committee being put together for the HP/Tier 1 nominations. They will be meeting the first part of February to start the process.

Scrimmagefest – Bison Stampede (Squirt and 10U):

The dates have been set for February 12-13th. Due to the number of games needed for each team, the Squirt A team has opted to pull out of the tournament to make room for each team to get four games. They were able to pick up a different tournament in Proctor.

A motion was made to reimburse \$925 to the Squirt A team for the Proctor tournament.

- Maria 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (7-0).

The Scrimmagefest committee is hoping to have a Super Deker challenge where every skater has the opportunity to compete for the highest score and the chance to win the Super Deker. Each skater will be given a certain number of chances and can buy more chances if they wish. They are also looking at having a 'hardest shot' competition which will be run the same way.

A motion was made to approve the request for \$1,000 for the purchase of two Super Dekers, sticks and some other prizes for the Scrimmagefest.

- Maria 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (4,3). (Dustin, Mike and Danielle)

District 5 Report:

D5 is now going allowing scrimmages for Bantam A/B and 12UA/B teams. The scrimmages are to be scheduled Monday through Friday.



Kim Monahan, the D5 Girl's Coordinator, has been organizing Olympic-style scrimmages for the girls. She has had a lot of positive feedback and will continue with it for the girls.

Registration Report:

No updates at this time.

Volunteer Report:

BYHA is hosting Districts February 18-20th and 25-27th as well as Regionals in March. We will need a lot of volunteers to pick up Dibs shifts to help things run smoothly. Please be watching your email for upcoming available shifts. If you are having any trouble signing up for a shift, please let your team manager know.

Concession Stand:

The concession stand continues to run smoothly. Tiffany and Pam are continuing to work with JP and Lee about the details regarding the equipment in the concession stand. Pam is also looking into consolidating our vendors and working only with Viking Coke.

Apparel:

The apparel shop will be open for shopping anytime the concession stand is open. Our orders have been slowly arriving from vendors. New stuff will be added this week, including more chopper sizes and stocking hats.

Equipment Report:

The replacement socks have not arrived yet and we do not have a delivery date for these at this time. We are also going to be selling some more of the old jerseys from the storage room in the apparel shop in the coming weeks.

City of Buffalo:

No updates at this time.

Pro-Shop:

No updates at this time.

Ice Scheduler:

No updates at this time.



Advertising/Sponsorship:

No updates at this time.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention

We are still looking for someone to fill this role.

New Business:

We have open positions! Please contact the Board if you are interested in a position.

- Concessions Stand Workers (16 years or older)
- Recruitment /Retention Coordinator
- Tournament Coordinators (will report to Jenny Sabbetti)
 - Home Tournament Coordinator (Jr. Gold)
 - Home Tournament Coordinator (Districts)

The 50th Anniversary of the BYHA coming next year, and we are looking to put together a committee to help plan events throughout the 2022 season. T-shirts, banners, Rock on Ice events, Alumni games are just a few ideas so far. The Board was also approached by the Buffalo Chamber about possibly putting together a pond hockey event to coincide with the Kites on Ice Festival next winter. Please reach out the Board if you would have interest in helping with either of these events.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.



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
- Coburn'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 2022	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 2022
	Treasurer	Shawn Kirschner		April 2022
x	Director	Hans Iverson	763.238.5018	April 2022
x	Director	Mike Honsey		April 2022
x	Director	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
x	Director	Tiffany Grube		April 2022
	Director	Kent Baker		April 2024
	Director	Jill Ross		April 2022
x	Director	Dustin Pierce		April 2024
NOTE: 8 Directors were present for January 2022 meeting.				



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC President	Yuri Preugschas	763.258.3594	
ACE/HEP & Asst. Coaching Coordinator	Paul Heyerdahl Rissa Peterson Mark Lemon		
Player Development Coordinator	Derek Rosso Jamie Johnson		
Goalie Development Coordinator	Jon Varner		
A/B/C/5000 Puck Coordinator	Wes Asleson		
Tryout Coordinator	Brent Danzeisen Bob Schroeden		
Scheduling Director	Hans Iverson		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Ryan Huddy Tiffany Dixon		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Jenny Sabetti		
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Kelly Hinnenkamp Michelle Munn		
Squirt Coordinator	DJ Dalbec Keith Jerpseth		



Gils 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
Wreath Coordinator	Erica Wurm
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinators	Michele Siemek
Purchasing Coordinator	
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos
One Goal Coordinator	Matt Griffith
S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator	Rissa Schrick
T.E.A.M. Coordinator	
Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator	Shawn Kirschner Shawna Johnson
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	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/Megan Omann
Billing Managers	
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	