



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – September 2023

Gambling Report:

Julie gave a gambling report update. Started 6:46pm

Reporting on the month of July (always report 2 months behind). First month of the year is off to a good start at all locations. The end of year audit is happening now. Julie is working on gathering all games, receipts and needed tax information. Money will be given for the Ice-In raffle prizes (Ice fees and Sparks machine).

Board Members Present:

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$188,553.63
Carry over increase / (decrease)	-\$8,354.85
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$143,700

Julie is requesting \$143,700 for the month of July. A motion was made to approve \$143,700 was made (\$103,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Mike, 2nd Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (7-0).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Next meeting will be October 1st

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be October 11th

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 5:30pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Times: TBD



The board meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance: 10 Directors

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

Visitors:

None

Members Present:

DJ Dalbec, Tiffany Dixon

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 New Rink Conference Room.

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

Secretary Report:

No changes made to the August newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of August 2023.

- Ryan 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$528,499.01
- 2.Expenses paid: \$35,254.56 in expenses in August 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$62,799.36 in September 2023
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$97,226.02 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$27,646.00 in September 2023



A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Jeremy 1st, Kent 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

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, October 1st @ 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** -
 - o This year's teams will be the following:
 - Bantam (4 teams) AA, B1, B2, B2 (equal B2s) approximately 13 skaters and 2 goalies per team
 - U15 (1 team) U15B approximately 12-14 girls (with girls from Delano and NWC)
 - PeeWee (4 teams) AA, B1, B2, C (approximately 13-14 skaters and 1-2 goalies per team)
 - U12 (3 teams) A, B1, B2 (approximately 10-11 skaters per team)
 - Squirt (5 teams) A, B1, B2, B2, C (approximately 12 skaters per team)
 - U10 (2 teams) A, B (approximately 12 skaters per team)

A motion was made to change the U12s team designation to two larger teams instead of three smaller teams.

- Eric 1st, Bridget 2nd. Discussion: The larger teams at that size would be tough. The smaller team size was not successful at the U10 level two years ago. The 'A' team said they would take the smaller number of 10 girls. Motion did not pass (4-5) (No: Ryan, Maria, Mike, Jake, Jeremy).
- **Coaching Coordinators** - The new Bantam AA coach has been brought up to speed on duties and expectations.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.



- **Development** - No updates at this time.
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Safesport** - All BOD and HOC members need to get their Safesport completed by deadline.
- **Goalies** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - Be sure to signup for Dibs shifts for tryouts and good luck to all skaters!
- **Tournaments** - Tournaments are posted on team pages.
- **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 Officials Scheduler has resigned. With this change, three regions will be created for scheduling scrimmages.

Hazardous weather: the traveling team will decide whether or not the game will be played. We will not follow school districts cancellation policy.

MN Hockey - looking to discuss school waivers this year.

Reminder that locker room monitor policies are in place at the start of clinics.

Looking to build a mite league this year with the U8/Mite teams. Scheduling will start at the end of November with game limits.

Reminder there is a five game limit prior to rosters being set.

Mike Gram is going to be the league coordinator to replace Bill.



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.

Everyone should have turned in their DIBs check prior to clinics and tryouts. No skaters are allowed to tryout without this turned in.

Lena is coordinating with Sarah and Lisa to make sure they have a common email in the association set up.

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.

Concession Stand:

We are currently looking for a concession stand manager to shadow Pam this season and take over next year. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please reach out to Pam.

Looking into setting up a "family card/account" for the concession stand. This would allow families to load money onto a card or account for kids to use without using cash.

Apparel:

New gear has been ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room.

Gear that was ordered at registration from Hat Trick Hockey is starting to arrive. Please stop by Hat Trick to pick up your gear if you placed an order.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Equipment has been ordered and arrived including: goalie equipment, practice jerseys, helmet stickers, 3v3 jerseys and goalie tryout jerseys.

Vending machine has been fixed and is working.



City of Buffalo:

Still waiting for the signed contract back from the City of Buffalo for the concession stand lease.

The new scoreboard has arrived and it is ready to install.

Thanks to the City of Buffalo for helping set up the Ice In party in both rinks.

Wall of Fame:

If you would like to make a nomination suggestion please contact Dusty Pierce.

Tournament Report

Tournaments for the season have been posted on team pages.

Registration Report:

The Registration Coordinator has resigned. A huge thank you to Danielle Rakos for all her hard work these past few years. Thanks Danielle!

If you are interested in becoming the new Registration Coordinator, please reach out the Board.

Ice Scheduler Report

There will not be a district meeting for scheduling scrimmages. Each association will need to work on this on their own after the game scheduling has been completed.

There is a 5 game limit until rosters are complete. Keep this in mind when scheduling.



Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

JP and Jeremy are looking for the best way to utilize the space in the rink for sponsorships.

New sponsor boards from Bayer Built and Community Lawn Care. Thank you to both companies for the new 3-year sponsorship.

The Award Boards should be installed in the lobby next month.

Social Indoor reached out and offered a 3-year term for \$300/year for inside the bathroom stall doors. Jeremy will be getting more details on this in the coming weeks.

A big thank you to Play It Again Sports for being this years Ice In party title sponsor.

Final numbers for the Ice In party are being tallied and should be ready to report at next month's meeting. Thank you to all those that helped with this event.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

No updates at this time.

New Business:

There is an open position on the Board after Danielle's resignation. This is a one-year term that will need to be refilled in May 2024. The candidate with the next highest number of votes in April was Deb Blaeser.

A motion was made to offer Deb Blaeser the open spot on the Board for the remainder of the 1-year term to replace Danielle.

- Jake 1st, Mike 2nd. Discussion: This 1-year term will end in May 2024. Motion passed (9-0).

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)
- Concession Stand Manager (shadow this season)
- 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

***** ALL Board and HOC members need to be fully registered and rostered by 9/30/23 or we will be fined. We will also not be able to start scheduling scrimmages until this is complete. Get this done ASAP!**

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 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)

March 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	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
X	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
	Director	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
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
NOTE: 10 Directors were present for September 2023 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

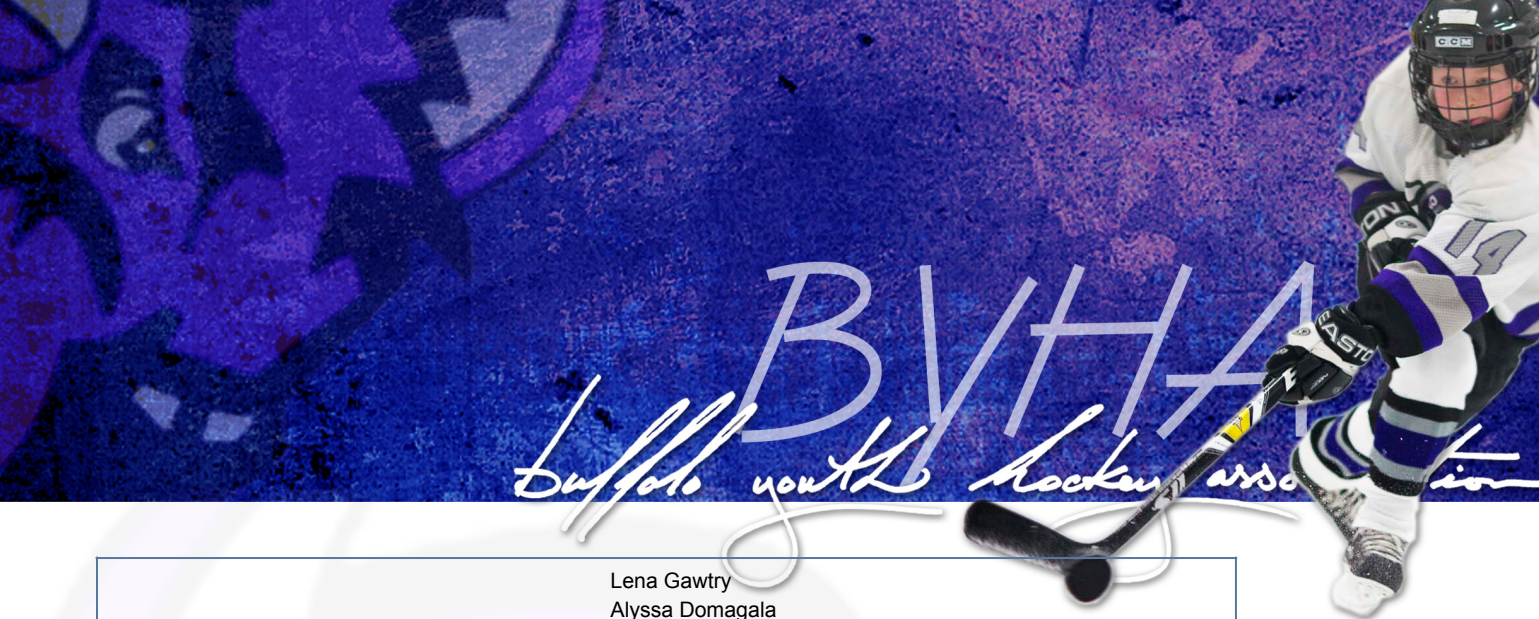
D5 Rep	Ryan Ferguson
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Danielle Rakos (Traveling Level) Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation Level)
One Goal Coordinator	Matt Griffith Chris 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



BVHA

Buffalo youth hockey association

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