



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – April 2022

Election Night:

Voting started at 6:30pm. Ryan Ferguson and Hans Iverson were the election judges this year. Thank you to all of those who came to vote on election night.

Gambling Report:

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

Board Members Present: Lena, Ryan, Maria, Shawn, Hans, Mike, Kent, and Dusty

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$246,623.11
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$27,607.40
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$170,700.00

Reporting for the month of February. Rent was higher this month due to the increase in e-tabs sold. Overall it was a good month. Julie has been in contact with the new owners of Wild Marsh about the possibility of getting pull-tabs up and running in the near future.

A motion to approve \$150,200 was made (\$120,200 for gambling expenses and then \$30,000 for the BYHA).

- Mike 1st, Kent 2nd. 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 May 1st

BYHA Board Meeting

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

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



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

Attendance: 10 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Maria Rosso, Hans Iverson, Mike Honsey, Shawn Kirschner, Kent Baker, Dustin Pierce, Tiffany Grube and Jill Ross

Members Present:

Jessica Fudali, Pam Baker and Ryan Otto

President Report:

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:

The following updates were made to the March newsletter after it was posted.

- The updated gambling numbers from Julie because those were not available at the time of the March meeting.
- The addition of the voting ballot.

A motion to approve minutes for month of March 2022 (these have been posted on the BYHA website)

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$462,599.45
2. Expenses paid: \$38,998.66 in expenses in March 2022
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$28,000 in April 2022
4. Income received (prior month): \$78,588.11 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$30,000 in April 2022



A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Tiffany 1st, Jill 2nd. No Discussion and the motion passed (9-0).

Discussion was had about paying the President up to \$4,000 for the work done in the last two years. With the increase of workload for the President during the 2020/2021 season, it was brought up as a way to compensate for the extra work. It was brought up last year and tabled until the end of this season for a vote in April.

A motion to approve a payment of \$4,000 to the President (Lena) was made.

- Mike 1st, Hans 2nd. Discussion: This is something that will need to be reviewed annually, and this is for this year only. Motion passed (9,0).

We are also looking into the possibility of getting access to more open hockey ice times throughout the summer. Kent is going to speaking with JP to see about whether or not the rink can be used anytime there is an attendant on the premises.

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, May 8th @ 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.

Coordinator Updates:

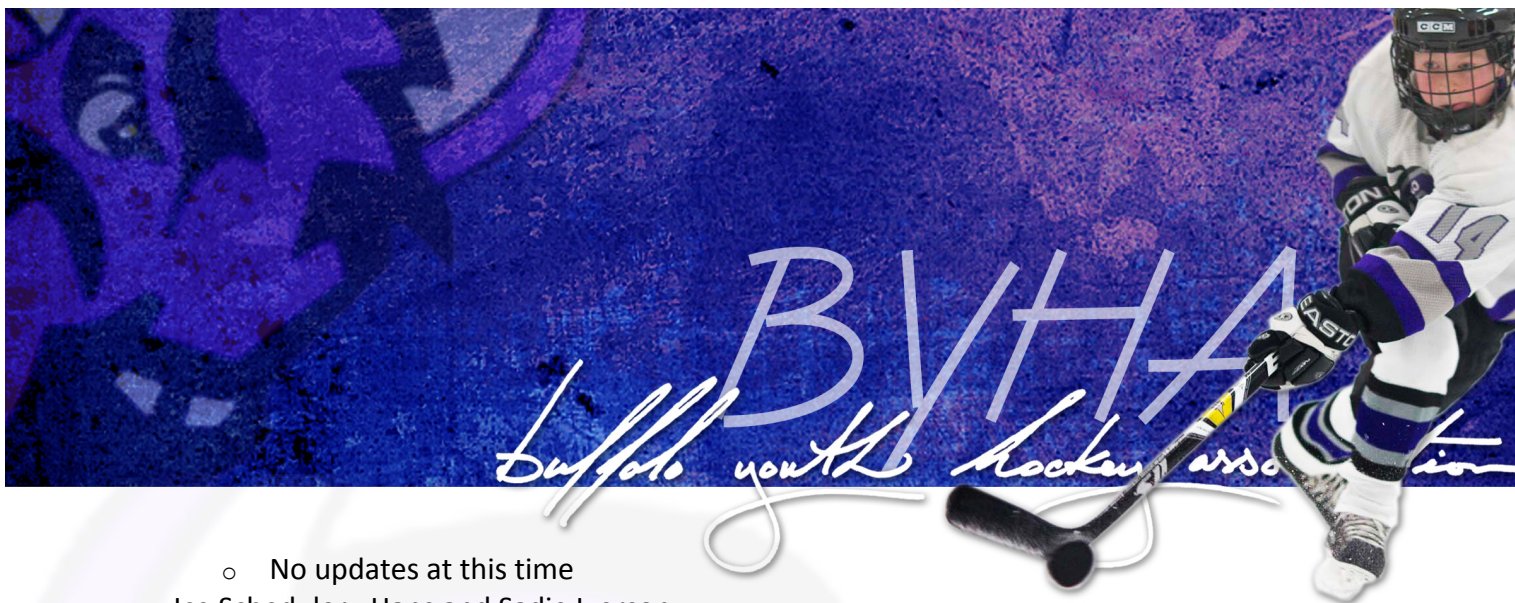
- Board: Lena Gawtry
 - Open Positions:
 - Vice President HOC
 - Girls Co-Coordinator
 - 8U Co-Coordinator
 - Tryouts Co-Coordinator
 - Squirt Co-Coordinator
 - Tournaments



- Boys High School: Aaron Johnson
 - Upcoming schedule was provided to BYHA
 - Registration is open for summer programs
- Girls High School: Ryan Huddy
 - Upcoming schedule was provided to BYHA
 - We will most likely be having a Varsity and JV team next year. Estimated around 28 skaters.
- AB: Wes Asleson
 - D5 meeting in April – Wes did a great job presenting the information to D5 BOD. It sounds like D5 is now on board with having a PeeWee level C with others in D5 in full support as well.
 - Peer move ups: 4th graders that have birthdays in June, July or August can now peer up with their grade level and make the team where they land during the tryout process. They will no longer automatically get moved to the lowest team offered.
 - Any mite move ups would still be required to be on the lowest team offered at that level.
- Mites: Ryan Huddy and Tiffany Dixon
 - Would like to have two summer Learn to Skate Sessions – June and August
 - Promotion at pre-schools in Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose and Annandale
 - Little Wild – Wednesday nights in September
 - MN Wild will also help promote
- Squirrels: DJ Dalbec and Keith Jerpseth
 - No updates at this time
- Coaching Coordinators: Paul Heyerdahl, Risa Peterson, Mark Lemen
 - Coaches application is moving to a Google Doc
 - Questionnaire being sent out to coaches on player development
 - Non-parent coaches – looking to budget for six at this time
 - Coaches meeting – look at moving this back to October (have session breakouts like we did last year)
- Girls: Ben Guck and Amy Kotish
 - HP numbers are really low
 - Huddy would like a survey sent out to all JV eligible players (July/August)
 - Looking into the possibility of changing to a 13U in the future
- Player Development: Derek Rosso and Jamie Johnson
 - 10,000 Puck Club (Jennifer Johnson)
 - Prizes have been ordered for this year – distribution will be set up
 - Participation was good



- Shot over 1 million pucks as an association
- Hockey Labs proposal (Pilot for Summer Training Program) – propose that we subsidize and push this program – Ask the Board for \$5 per kid and then each family would kick in the remaining \$5/kid.
 - Pay through Venmo
 - Daily content: workouts, stick handling, hockey sense, shooting
 - Leaderboard
 - We can monitor and recognize on social media
 - If works – roll this out association wide for the 2022-23 season
- Changes for next year:
 - Would like to see more practice times. Will be setting a meeting with ice schedulers to discuss the options: Reduce the number of tournaments each team plays, budget more ice, formalize ratio of practices/games
 - Will talk with Katrina to find out what works best for skating next year. Try to have her earlier in the season; possibly a different structure where her team would join a practice during their regular hours.
 - Dryland
 - Waiting to hear feedback form coaches for how things went this past season with Wilson.
 - Would like to have dryland continue to be scheduled through the ice schedulers next season with 3 designated areas to limit confusion.
 - Coaches meeting – look into bringing in USA Hockey speaker
- Tournaments: Jennifer Sabetti
 - 2021-22 Season: \$86,000 was spent for traveling level team tournaments.
 - Peewee/12U and Bantam/15U all had 4 tournaments
 - Squirts/10U had 3 tournaments
 - Average cost for a tournament in \$1,400
 - If we decrease the number of tournaments for next season by one, we will save around \$24,000
 - Budget needed for 2022-23 season would be around \$62,000
- Safesport: Kelly Hinnenkamp and Michelle Munn
 - No updates at this time
- Goalies: Jon Varner, Tristin Baker, and Matt Griffith
 - No updates at this time
- Try-Outs: Brent Danzeisen and Bob Schroeden



- No updates at this time
- Ice Scheduler: Hans and Sadie Iverson
 - Ice Recs needed for 2021-22 season
 - How many hours are allocated to the BYHA – how many do we use?
 - # Of ice touched per week at each level
 - # Of games – do we limit
 - # Of scrimmages – home and away
- JRG: Matt Frolik
 - No updates at this time

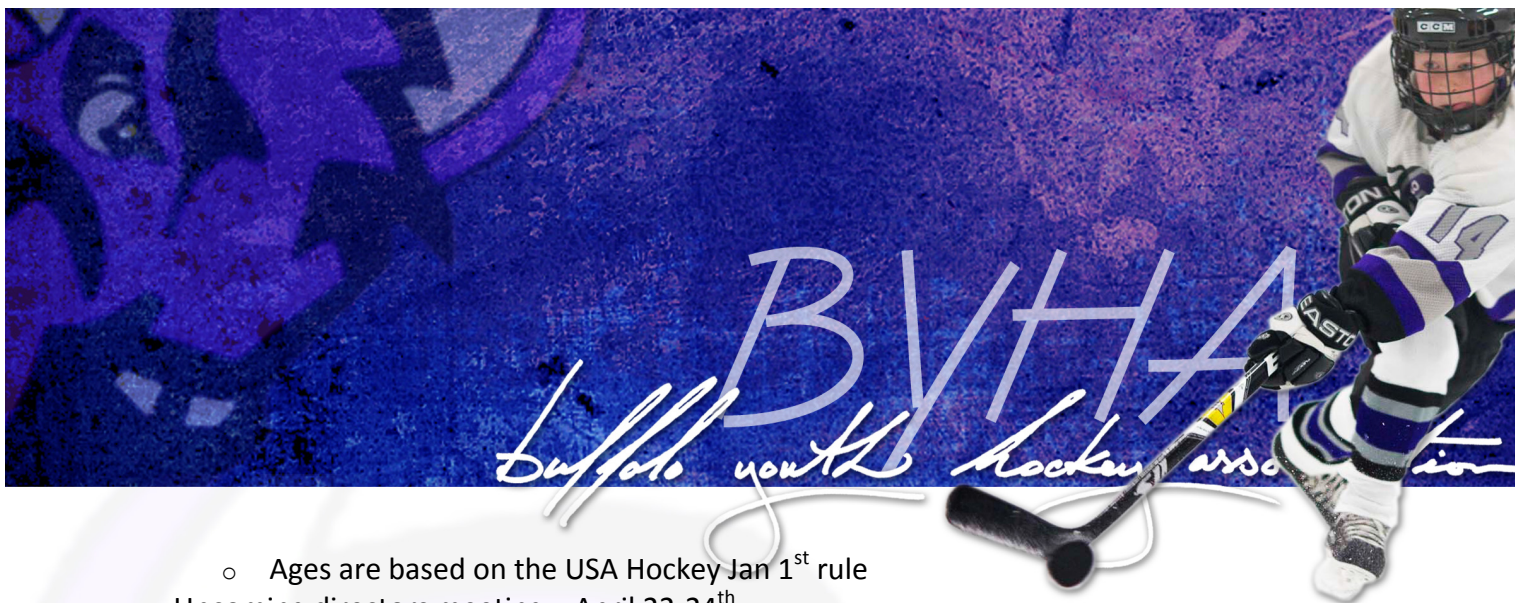
Guest Speaker:

No speakers this month.

District 5 Report:

(As provided)

- Thank you from D5 for hosting districts and regionals – nothing but positive feedback
- All bills have been sent out to each association.
- Officials: Just under 2,100 games – typical for a season; Michael Kephart is done. We have a new Director of Officials – Ryan Symazsky will be taking over this next year and Michael will be assisting.
 - Promote new referees in Buffalo. Ideas to accomplish this? Pay for 1st year ref fees, Ref representation at registration nights or informational meeting?
- Girls Report: participation in HP is down, would like to push this more next year
- Game Sheets – Signed up again for next two years; will be taking feedback to try to make the program run better.
 - Should be statewide next season
 - Lena is storing the 3 iPads at her house for the summer
- MN Hockey Leadership Conference in St. Louis Park – cost is \$30; April 30th and May 1st
- MN Hockey New Rates (fees are increasing for 2022-23 season)
 - 6U participants at \$15 (currently \$0)
 - 7/8 participants at \$50 (currently \$46)
 - 9-12 participants at \$61 (currently \$46)
 - 13-18 participants at \$70 (currently \$46)
 - Adults no change from current \$46



- Ages are based on the USA Hockey Jan 1st rule
- Upcoming directors meeting – April 22-24th
 - School waivers: Possibly play where you live – would be a grandfather process
 - Helmets: who and when on the ice; EMTs/Off-ice officials, coaches in handshake line
 - Girls U13 and U15-18: Where are we losing girls?
- Start looking at declaration for next season
 - Levels of play offering a Pee wee C and possibly a Bantam C options for teams
 - U13 for girls?
- New D5 Board members
 - VP – Karl Anderson (STMA)
 - Secretary – Lena Gawtry (Buffalo)
- Next meeting is Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm – St. Augusta Legion

Volunteer Report:

A HUGE thank you to all those families who stepped up and helped to cover shifts this past season. We really can't do it without you and an added thanks to those who went above and beyond. Thank you.

Shawn is looking at a smoother way to collect the DIBS checks for next year. We are also looking at only having one category of DIBS to eliminate some confusion. Also looking at increasing the amount of the DIBS check or the number of hours that are required per family.

Concession Stand:

The small refrigerator is not working properly. Kent is going to take a look to see if it can be easily repaired. Pam is also looking into replacing the two microwaves over the summer.

Apparel:

Mike is looking into a few options for hats and some other gear. The hope is to have everything ordered by June so it will be ready at registration night.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Kent and Nate are starting to look at jerseys and socks for next season.



City of Buffalo:

We are still waiting on the Feasibility Study from Lee. The City has said that this was complete but has not produced it yet. JP is going to be taking over the Ad/Sponsorships from Chris and would like to meet to discuss our agreement with the City.

JP is also in the beginning stages of planning a 'Beer and Bags Fundraiser' for a new Zamboni. He is hoping to have breweries, a band, and a beanbag tournament. More details to come. If you would be interested in be a sponsor, please contact JP.

Tournament Report

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

Mark your calendars!

July 28th 6-9pm

August 14th 5-8pm

October 1st New Mite registration 9am-12pm

Looking at getting promotional signs for registration (yard signs, banners, large sign rental)

Advertising/Sponsorship:

Ice In Open – Saturday, September 10th

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

We would like to set aside a budgeted amount for promotional items such as mascot costume, flag bearer for HS home games, etc. Also would like to promote Minis/Mites throughout the elementary schools with flyers.



New Business:

Parade dates:

- Buffalo 6/18
- Annandale 7/4
- Hanover 8/6
- Montrose 8/21

Election Results:

Thank you to everyone that came out to vote. We had 75 voters show up for our elections. Here are the election results for our four open Board positions.

Shawn Kirschner – 63 votes
Mike Honsey – 55 votes
Jeremy Welter – 48 votes
Eric Kolkind – 43 votes
Maria Rosso – 37 votes
Ted Wurm – 32 votes
Ryan Otto – 1 vote (write-in)

3-Year Term:

Shawn Kirschner
Mike Honsey
Jeremy Welter
Eric Kolkind

Additional Notes:

A HUGE THANK YOU to Tiffany Grube, Hans Iverson and Jill Ross for their service on the BYHA Board of Directors. We appreciate all you did to help make our association great!

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.



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)

April 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		April 2022
x	Treasurer	Shawn Kirschner		April 2022
x	Director	Hans Iverson	763.238.5018	April 2022
x	Director	Mike Honsey		April 2022
	Director	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
x	Director	Tiffany Grube		April 2022
x	Director	Kent Baker		April 2024
x	Director	Jill Ross		April 2022
x	Director	Dustin Pierce		April 2024
NOTE: 10 Directors were present for April 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		
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
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	Leota Bemis



Manager Coordinator	
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	