



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – June 2023

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of April (always report 2 months behind). We had a cash bank start up of \$3,000 for Wild Marsh. Julie is checking on the pull tab hours for Wild Marsh and will update us when she finds out. Overall, we had a really good month in April. Thirsty Buffalo also had a big Bingo winner of \$13,000 this month.

Board Members Present:

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

Reporting for the month of April:

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$232,218.71
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$16,374.73)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$166,700

Julie is requesting \$166,700 for the month of June. A motion was made to approve \$166,700 was made (\$126,700 for gambling expenses and then \$40,000 for the BYHA).

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

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



Attendance: 9 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Maria Rosso, Mike Honsey, Danielle Rakos, Bridget Lindeman, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, and Dusty Pierce

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.

The board is working on an organization chart for the association. This will be finalized in July.

Secretary Report:

No changes were made to the May newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for the month of May 2023.

- Jeremy 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$533,464.31
- 2.Expenses paid: \$28,312.37 in expenses in May 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$271 in June 2023
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$25,130 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$25,130 in May 2023

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Jeremy 1st, Danielle 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (8-0).

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 finance committee will be meeting over the next month to continue working on the budget for the 2023-24 season. This budget will be voted on in July 2023.



Mike will be setting up a safety deposit box at Old National Bank for the price of \$50/year. This will be used to store financial document as well as DIBS checks. Mike and Lena will also need to remove Shawn Kirschner from the Old National account and will be adding Maria Rosso to the account.

Lena and Mike are also looking into setting up a BYHA/President cell phone. This will be something that pass from president to president that will allow for a BYHA phone number that is not linked with someone's personal account. This will help with apps such as Venmo, email, and Square.

A motion to approve the purchase of phone with service plan was made.

- Kent 1st, Honsey 2nd. No Discussion. All approved and motion passed (8-0).

HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be held on Sunday, August 6th @ 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.

Boys High School - Aaron Johnson

This year we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Buffalo Boys Hockey. They are planning a celebration for the night of December 22nd.

1:00-2:00 PM Alumni vs. Alumni All Graduation years

- * 2:15-3:15 PM Alumni vs. 50th Anniversary team
- * 4:00 PM JV vs. Rogers
- * 6:00 PM Varsity vs. Rogers
- * 8:30 PM Buffalo Hockey Social Huikko's

The Boys Hockey Corn Hole tournament fundraiser will be held Tuesday, July 11th, 5pm at Huikko's. Cost is \$50/team. See link for registration details [Boys Hockey Corn Hole Tournament Fundraiser](#)

STP is off to a great start this summer. We have over 170 kids participating. They could still use goalies at the bantam and squirt levels.



Girls High School - Ryan Huddy

STP on the girls side has been going well in the first weeks.

Teams/ABC - Wes Asleson

The association is continuing to grow. Looks like we will be adding a team at the Bantam level and possibly the Squirt level. Our number of teams at each level should be: 4-Bantam, 4-Pewee, 5/6-Squirts, 1-15U, 2-12U and 2-10U. How the teams will be tiered is an ongoing discussion that will continue into the fall.

Coaching Coordinators- Risa Peterson and Mark Lemen

No updates at this time.

Girls Coordinators - Ben Guck and Amy Kotish

Girl's Hockey Day will be on October 8th in the Peterson Rink. More details to come.

Currently, the numbers on the girls side looks pretty good. Looking at ways to continue to increase our numbers. Lena will have flyers ready for all parades this summer promoting One Goal and Girl's Hockey Day.

Player Development - Adam Stewart and Keith Jerpseth

Adam and Keith are starting to plan the pre-season coaches meeting and will provide a date for it as soon as it is decided. They are also looking at what they will need to continue to get more skaters involved in the 10,000 Puck Club. Information will also be coming out about a Checking Clinic once finalized.

Mites - Tiffany Dixon and Aaron Johnson

One Goal (about 45 skaters) will switch to Sunday afternoons. This year there will be a parent volunteer helping to watch the Mite ice time to make sure that teams are sharing the early morning sessions. They will also try to keep smaller teams at the Mite level as that seems to be the best for the kids.

Squirts - Joe Saxton and Chris Pearsall

Joe and Chris would like to work on the coaching continuity across teams so all coaches are teaching the same ideas. Looking to provide more structure through practice plans. Joe and Chris are also looking at ways to incorporate more ice time, possibly through outdoor ice or morning ice?



Safesport - Michelle Munn and Tina Klaphake

No updates at this time.

Goalies - Matt Griffith and Tristin Baker

Mega will be back this year and will be utilizing a new app program for the kids to have access to the coaches, drill and feedback.

There will be a goalie clinic (4-sessions) in August. More details to come. Also talking about how to get a bit more goalie clinic action for those last year mites that show real interest in being a goalie.

Try-Outs - Brent Danziesen and Josh Hawkinson

Preseason clinics will start Wednesday, September 13th. Try-outs will be starting Monday, September 25th for all groups excluding Bantams. Bantams will begin on Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th. We will be bringing in outside teams for scrimmages as needed.

Tournaments - Serenity Kurzhals

We are still looking for a HOME Tournament Coordinator. Please reach out to the Board if you are interested or would like more details.

Registration is almost complete with four tournaments for each travel team this year. Due to local tournaments filling up quickly, some teams may have two travel tournaments this season. Serenity is still working on finding a fourth tournament for the U15s, hoping for one relatively close to home for the girls.

Ice Schedulers - Hans and Sadie Iverson/ Colin and Carly Hribal

Welcome to Colin and Carly - Hans and Sadie will be training them this year to take over next season.

Ice is scheduled to go in on September 9th.

Ice hours were reconciled and looks like we hit all our goals for ice hours for each group with over 1,800 ice events (practices, games, etc) and over 500 drylands.



Jr. Gold - Matt Frolik

Brett Oberg is applying to be a co-coordinator for Jr. Gold. He is a 2018 graduate from Buffalo High School.

Jr. Gold tournaments for this year are Brookings, Cottage Grove and Buffalo. Matt will also be working to design some new jerseys and apparel for this season.

Vice President - Yuri Preugchas

The next HOC meeting will be Sunday, August 6th.

District 5 Report:

The next D5 meeting will be Wednesday, August 2nd.

Concession Stand:

Pam is working on inventory and will turn it in this week. Pam is also gathering some giveaways for the Fishing Clinic.

Apparel:

Megan is working on new items for next season. We hope to have these for our registration nights starting in July.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Kent is getting helmet stickers jerseys ready for the upcoming season.

City of Buffalo:

The contract for the Advertising and Concessions is back with the City of Buffalo. We hope to know more by the next meeting.

Mike met with Taylor from the City to continue discussion about a new rink and the City's plan to make this happen. Taylor is interested in coming to a Board meeting this summer to discuss ideas.

Registration Report:

Dates for 2023-24 Season:

- Thursday, July 20th from 6-9 PM
- Sunday, August 13th from 5-8 PM
- Saturday, October 1st from 11 AM – 2 PM (Mites/Minis only)



- November – TBD (Jr. Gold only- High school tryouts will be over November 15th)
Planning to have another handout explaining the association fees at registration night. Hoping to also have apparel ready and Hat Trick Hockey at registration night.

Volunteer Report:

No updates at this time.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

No updates at this time.

Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Ice in Party - We are still looking for people wanting to get involved with planning committee. Ice In Party 2023 will be Sept 9, 2023. Reach out to Jeremy Welter, Amy Jo Linden, or Lena Gawtry if you would like to be involved with this event.

Jeremy is working to secure a new 3-year dasher sponsor as well as a new 3-year scoreboard sponsor. We are hoping to continue to take over the rink advertising fully in the future. Jeremy is also talking with KJ Branding about boards for the lobby that highlight players that are excelling in the association.

New Business:

We will be selling the old Zamboni. More information to come on the bidding process. Dusty will be spearheading this process.

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)
- 10,000 Puck Club (Work under Player Development)
- Recruitment and Retention (work with Mite Coordinators, Parade Coordinator)
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with ice in party and future fundraisers
- Diversity, Exclusion, and Inclusion (NEW)



The BOD and HOC members were given an organizational chart to help show which positions we need help overseeing. We will be assigning all roles at our July meeting.

BYHA email accounts - Please let Lena know if you need an email account for your position. This will help year to year as people change roles throughout the association.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 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
x	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
	Director	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
x	Director	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
	Director	Jake Comee	612.702.0089	April 2026
x	Director	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
NOTE: 9 Directors were present for June 2023 meeting.				

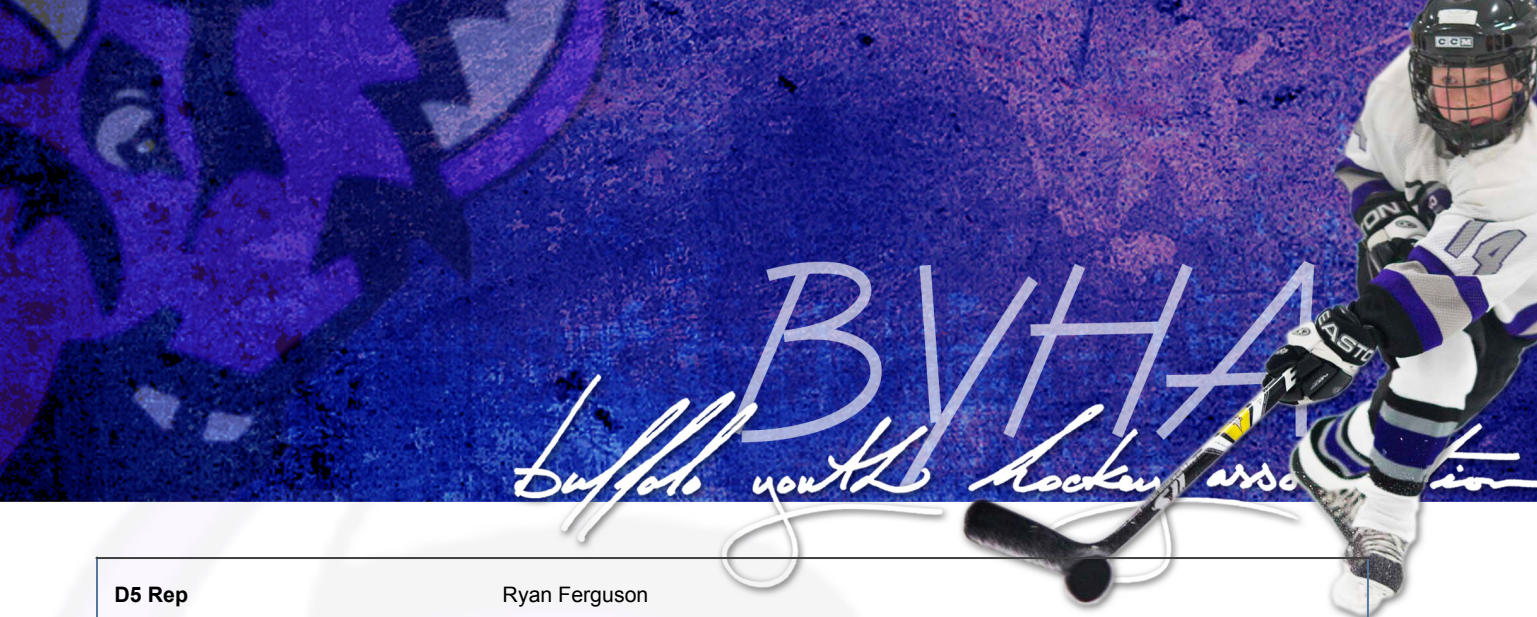
BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
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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 Kurzhals	
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
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