



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – March 2023

Gambling Report:

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

Board Members Present: Lena, Danielle, Mike, Kent, Jeremy, Ryan, Dusty

Reporting for the month of January:

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$256,392.44
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$22,751.61
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$170,700

A motion to approve \$170,700 was made (\$120,700 for gambling expenses and then \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Kent 2nd Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (6-0).

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

Attendance: 7 Directors

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Danielle Rakos, Mike Honsey, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter & Dusty Pierce

Members Present:

Chris Pearsall
Pam Baker

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
Next meeting will be April 9th

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the
month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be April 12th

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



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:

1 minor wording change. No other changes.

A motion to approve minutes for months of February 2023.

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$548,983.29
2. Expenses paid: \$100,459.66 in expenses in February 2023
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$114,296.50 in March 2023
4. Income received (prior month): \$69,295.17 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$58,148 in March 2023

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Danielle 1st, Ryan 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, April 9th @ 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.



Tournaments: We are only hosting Junior Gold & PW C tournaments next year. There will be no scrimmagefest next year.

Teams: Looks like we will have 4 teams at Bantams next year

Coaching Surveys: started to go out.

10k Puck Club: working on final tallies.

Jr Gold: Looking at adding a co-coordinator.

Development: Have 2 open positions here. Working on bringing in various outside skills in the beginning of the season next year.

Ice Schedulers: Got 2 new ice schedulers. Working on shadowing this next year.

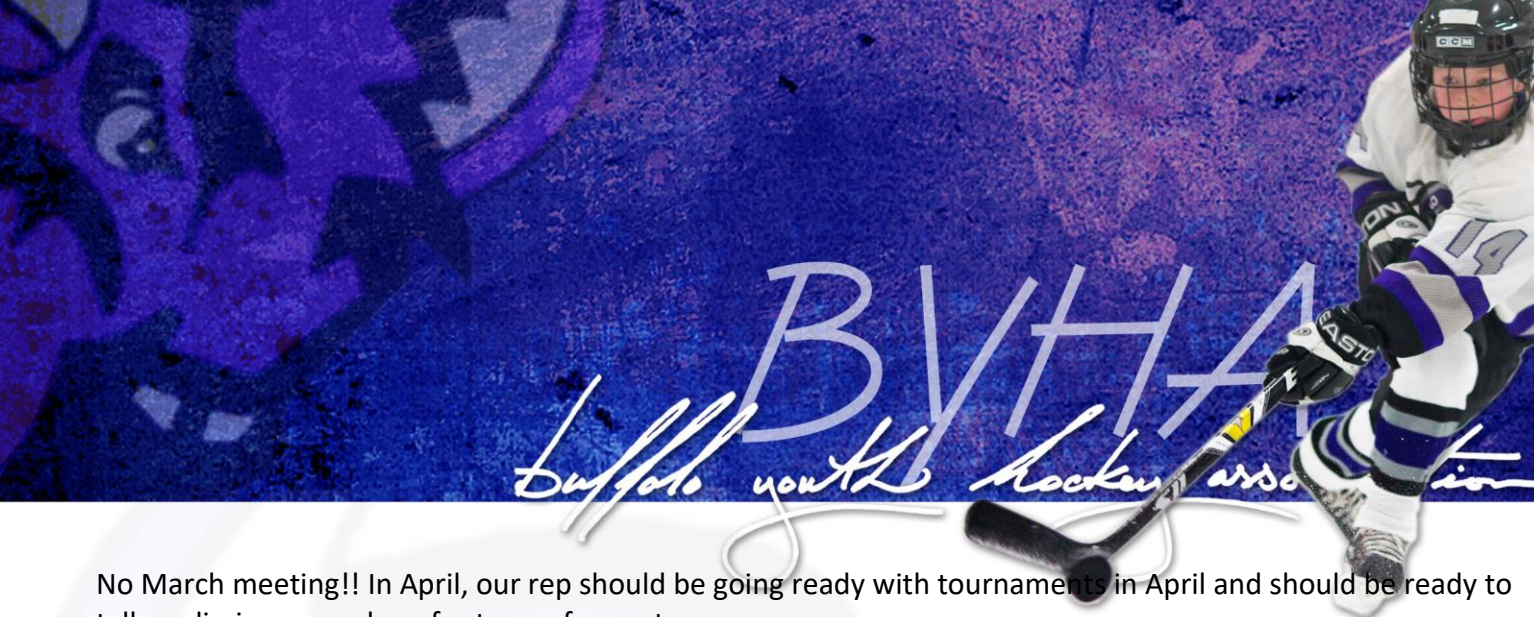
Positions opening that we are currently aware of:

- Home Tournament Coordinator
- Away Tournament Coordinator
- Player Development Coordinator (2 needed)
- Safesport Coordinator
- Mite/U8 Coordinator
- Squirt Coordinator
- Tryout Coordinator

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

District 5 Report:

Discussed concerns from the squirts about the year end tournament bracket set up. This was decided by the district. Going forward, if you have concerns about district-wide items, please reach out to Ryan Ferguson, our D5 rep.



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:

Working on the reconciliation of checks vs. hours.

Concession Stand:

- Nearing the end of the season.
- Closing this weekend for the season. Will re-open on April 30th for the Spring Figure Skating Show.
- Candy for pucks was a hit! Lots of pucks were recovered.

Apparel:

- Megan Omann taking over this going forward.
- Sweats and shorts added.

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.

Working on cleaning out the equipment room. Getting rid of junk and putting new shelves up there to organize.

City of Buffalo:

- City of Buffalo got the feasibility study back. Working through this.
- Still working on the contract with the city.

Wall of Fame:

Dusty is working on getting this up and running. Have a new nominee. Working on getting another nominee and will do something this fall.



Tournament Report

- We received a fine from MN Hockey for hosting an unsanctioned tournament.
- See HOC report above for additional information.

Registration Report:

Nothing at this time.

Ice Scheduler Report

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

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Ice in Party- looking for people wanting to get involved with planning these. Ice In Party 2023 will be Sept 9, 2023.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Community Lawn Care donated \$672.25. This is due to the weed control and fertilizer ordered through Community Lawn Care. Order your weed control and fertilizer through Community Lawn Care to support BYHA!

New Business:

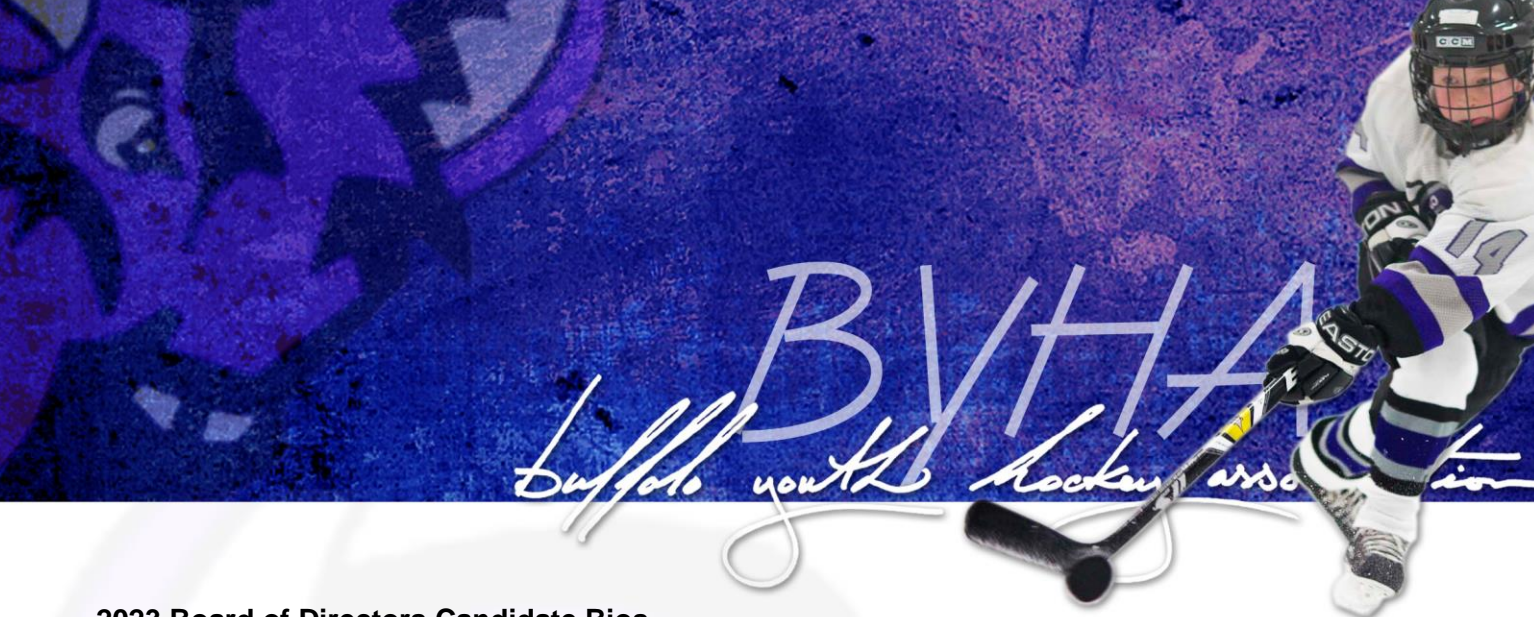
Shawn Kirschner resigned.

The BYHA Board of Directors Elections will take place on April 12th from 6:30-8:30pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Purple Rink.

The voting procedure will go as follows:

- Print or sign your name on the voter registration list.
- Vote for up to three candidates. Selecting more than three candidates will result in the ballot being considered invalid and will not be counted.
- Fold ballot in half and deposit ballot into the ballot box.
- Voting will close at 8:30pm and the ballots will be counted after the close of the April meeting.

Below are the 2023 BYHA Board Election Bios
(There are three open positions this election)



2023 Board of Directors Candidate Bios

BRIDGET LINDEMAN

My name is Bridget Lindeman and I am running for the BYHA Board. We have lived in Buffalo for over 15 years and have 2 children, Amelia and Parker. Amelia started in the One Goal program in kindergarten and is currently skating at the 12U level. Parker also participated in One Goal this past fall and recently told me he's ready to play hockey, he will be a Mini-Mite in the fall. I have spent the past 5 years fulfilling my hockey volunteer hours as the manager of Amelia's teams.

This past July I started working with BHM Community Ed as the Adult & Youth Enrichment Coordinator. I was very excited to take on this position and be able to provide programming for my community. Prior to this position, I spent 20+ years with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the last 16 years focusing on Youth and Adult Athletics. I created athletic programs, camps, managed leagues and tournament play throughout the city including the youth hockey program.

I am involved in our community through our school, St. Francis Xavier serving on a few different committees and volunteering for special events throughout the year. I was a member of the Buffalo Parks Advisory Board, 2015 - 2019. I am happy to continue my involvement in our community through the BYHA board.

DEB BLAESER

Hi!

My name is Deb Blaeser and I would love to join the BYHA Board in one of the open Director positions. I feel that I have the skill set, work ethic and a broad range of knowledge that could contribute to the improvement and ongoing success of BYHA.

I grew up on a farm in Northern Iowa and attended high school at St. Ansgar Senior High. I moved to Minnesota to attend college and never left. My husband and I have lived in Buffalo for sixteen years. We have six children and several pets, so our house is a zoo most of the time! Our 11-year-old twins are just completing their second year of Squirts and have played hockey in Buffalo since they were Mini Mites. I have been a team manager within the BYHA for six years on their teams; most recently for the Squirt A team. The team manager position has helped me gain 'feet on the street' insight around what players and parents are passionate about as it relates to process, transparency, and communication within the organization.

I graduated from college with a Registered Nursing Degree, however, life has a way of changing course and after working in Rochester at Methodist Hospital for several years ended up moving to the Twin Cities taking on a retail career path. I eventually ended up at Target Corporation



where I was an Executive Leader in Technology for over 15 years until life again threw us a curveball and my career took a pause to care for a sick child at home. My leadership experience at Target not only helped me to better understand people within the large teams that I oversaw, but also gave me the opportunity to work with vendors, negotiate multi-million-dollar contracts and create and manage multi-million-dollar budgets.

I love the outdoors and spend many hours fishing, boating, and swimming with our family in the summer. I also love growing flowers and gardening. Many winter hours are spent at the rink where I have had the opportunity to watch our boys develop their hockey skills and form relationships and memories that they will never forget.

I ask for your vote so that I can use the experience that I have gained through my career and life experiences to make a positive contribution to the BYHA Board.

Thank you for your consideration.
Deb Blaeser

JACOB COMEE

My name is Jacob Comee. I am married to Lisa and together, we have a son, Gabe, who just finished his season on the Squirt A team, in which I was an assistant coach. A native Buffalonian, I played my youth hockey in the Buffalo Youth Hockey Association. After graduating from Buffalo High School (class of '99), hockey brought me to St. Olaf College, where I was able to continue my playing career collegiately. I played one year of college hockey through my freshman year before I decided to "hang 'em up" and focus solely on my education; I went on to earn a double major in Psychology and Family Studies, as well as two minors in Neuroscience and Womens' Studies.

After college I decided to pursue a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. In 2007 I founded a company called Tadd's Lighthouse, Inc., an agency dedicated to providing residential services to adults with disabilities in the Home and Community Based Services field. I currently serve on the board of directors as the Owner and Chief Executive Officer.

In 2011 my family was blessed with the birth of my son, Gabe. Early on, Gabe fell in love with the sport of hockey. Watching Gabe grow fond of the sport that I grew up playing reignited the passion in me and the love for the sport. Hockey has become a way of life in our household and I am very passionate about giving back to the sport that helped shaped my life through coaching and developing this current generation of players.

Not only am I passionate about coaching, but I also feel as though I have a lot to offer to the association by way of serving on the board of directors. I feel that my professional acumen, coupled with my hockey knowledge and experiences would make me an ideal candidate for this position.



MARIA ROSSO

I have three kids in hockey (Bantam, U12 and Squirt). My husband helps coach on the ice and I'd like to be on the board to help our association behind the scenes. I think the Board does a great job and if elected I would be happy to help out in any way I can.

MEGAN OMANN

My name is Megan Omann. I am the mother of 4 boys. Kaden (20) is a junior at the U of M and plans on attending law school, Karsen (18) will be graduating this spring, Kahler (13) is a 7th grader at BCMS and Kayson (10) is in 4th grade at St. Francis Xavier in Buffalo. My husband and I both graduated from Buffalo and choose to raise our family here, we love the community. When I am not busy being a mom, I have worked as a Retail Banking Manager for 20 years.

My 13 year old son, Kahler, just finished his second year as a Peewee, on the AA team. He has played for BYHA since he was a Mini Mite.

I currently run the pro shop and manage the apparel ordering for the association. It has been a great experience and I would love the opportunity to do even more.

NATHAN DOMAGALA

Profession: Retired Commercial Construction Site Superintendent turned Insurance Producer Property and Casualty. Domagala Agency American Family Insurance Annandale, MN. I also have a small lawn maintenance and handyman business. I have BA in Business Management from NAU Sioux Falls, SD and a Diploma in Carpentry Alexandria Technical College, MN

BIO

I played youth hockey in District 4 Luverne, MN for 13 years. My family was passionately involved in the Luverne Hockey Club during the planning, fundraising, and construction of Blue Mound Ice Arena back in 1990. My first year as a mite in 1989-1990 season was an outdoor rink only event. We had very limited ice time. From 1990 on we were able to finally skate indoors.

I had an older brother and a younger sister that also played hockey. If I didn't have a practice, game, or tournament my brother or sister did. We lived at the rink. This kept me healthy and out of trouble. In total I have 26 hockey players in my family. My Cousin Logan Domagala played 4 years in the WSHL one year for the Butte Cobras and 3 years with the Fresno Monsters. My Wife Alyssa has 16 hockey players on her side of the family. Her Cousin Danny Irmine Played 3 seasons at the University of MN as a Golden Gopher, 4 years in the AHL as a Houston Aero (MN Wild Farm Team), and professionally



2010 through 2017 in Europe. We just have a love for hockey. I share this because having a support system and others to ask for help is invaluable. Especially for youth hockey.

I have two first year Squirts this year. Twin boys Archer and Berkley. They played 5 years of Mites at Buffalo. I have a 3 year old girl named Doris that is showing interest in hockey. I'd like to help her and the rest of the mites in 2 years! I'll be ready this round if the kids are! I feel this will be my time to give back.

I plan to help coach Squirts next season. Many of our squirt coaches will be moving up with their Pee Wees next year. We have had 3 Domagala USA hockey coaches, and 3 hockey referees in my family. I want experience running practice next year with Al Rakos, Ryan Huddy, and who ever else willing to donate time next year. I plan to hone my coaching skills and patience with them.

Thank you,

Nathan Domagala
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TOM BLAESER

Hello!

My name is Tom Blaeser and I am very interested in serving on the Buffalo Youth Hockey Association Board. I have twin boys that currently play hockey and are in their second year of Squirts. I have a strong passion for hockey and for supporting our community. I started playing Hockey at age 5 and played through high school. I earned my BA in Business Leadership from Concordia University.

Some of my passions/hobbies include:

- Sports! Hockey, Football and Golf. I love to play and watch these sports at all levels
- The great outdoors. Boating, fishing and water sports, etc.
- Technology but especially technology that improves our lives

I have over 20 years of senior leadership experience and currently serve as the CIO and Director of Application Development at LOGIS. LOGIS is a nonprofit, government consortium that provides technology solutions and services to local governments. Our mission is helping communities thrive.

I ask for your vote so I have the opportunity to help the Buffalo Youth Hockey Association thrive too.



Thank you for your consideration!
Tom

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HOCKEY

OFFICAL BALLOT

2023 BYHA ELECTION BALLOT

BYHA Members must SIGN IN at April Board meeting to vote.

VOTE for UP TO FOUR (3) DIRECTORS.

Please mark to the left of selected candidate with (X)

<div>Bridget Lindeman</div>	<div>Megan Omann</div>
<div>Deb Blaeser</div>	<div>Nathan Domagala</div>
<div>Jacob Comee</div>	<div>Tom Blaeser</div>
<div>Maria Rosso</div>	<div>(Write In):</div>

*Selecting more than 3 candidates will result in an invalid ballot.

After marking your ballot, fold the paper in half

and place it inside the ballot box.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.



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	Danielle Rakos	612.720.2967	April 2024
	Director	Shawn Kirschner	612.245.0051	April 2025
x	Director	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
x	Treasurer	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
	Director	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
x	Director	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
x	Director	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
NOTE: 7 Directors were present for March 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
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
	Sara Kubu/ Megan Omann
Billing Managers	Shawn Kirschner Lakeside Consulting – Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce