



## **Bison Blueline**

BYHA Newsletter – June 2025  
Annual HOC/BOD Meeting

### **Gambling Report:**

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

Reporting on the month of April (always report 2 months behind). We had another good month at our locations. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our gambling partners.

There was an error in the payroll last month which will result in the payroll being listed twice next month.

BYHA continues to receive a 5-Star rating for our gambling operations this month.

### **Board Members Present:**

Matt A., Maria, Jeremy, Kent, Bridget, Dan and Shannon

Julie is requesting \$183,700 for the month of July.

A motion was made to approve \$183,700 (\$133,700 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- Maria 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (7-0).

<b>Profit Carryover From this Month</b>	<b>\$208,235.56</b>
<b>Carry over increase / (decrease)</b>	<b>\$10,186.59</b>
<b>Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)</b>	<b>\$183,700</b>

**The board meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.**

### **Event Schedule**

#### **HOC Meeting**

Meetings will move to second Wednesday before BOD meeting  
July 9, 2025 at 6pm

#### **BYHA Board Meeting**

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be July 9th

#### **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 UND'R - BUFFALO**

**Pulltabs:** Monday-Thursday 3pm-11pm, Friday-Sunday 12pm-12am  
**Meat Raffle:** Saturday 4:00pm

##### **TAP INN WILD MARSH - BUFFALO**

**Pulltabs:** 11am-10pm

##### **EVELYN'S WINE BAR - BUFFALO**

**Pulltabs and ETags:** 5pm-9pm

##### **HAYES' PUBLIC HOUSE - BUFFALO**

**ETags**



### Attendance: 9 Directors

Matt Adams, Jeremy Welter, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Bridget Lindeman, Matt Rickheim, Dan Gladu, Shannon Worden and Brandon Gladu

### Visitors:

### Members Present:

Tina Klaphake, Risa Peterson, Mike Honsey, Amy Kotish, Aaron Johnson, Serinity Kurzhals, Nate Dixon, Carly Hribal, Collin Hribal, Adam Stewart, Mike Peterson and Matt Griffith

### HOC Report

Members of the BYHA are 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.

The HOC meeting time has changed to the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. The Board meeting will immediately follow the HOC meeting.

### HOC Department Updates:

- **Player Development** - Budget has been submitted (instruction, equipment, shooting instructor, contact clinics, skills nights, etc.)
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - STP is underway with 151 kids signed up. The boys high school team is hosting a golf tournament and bean bag tournament on September 14th. More details to come.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - There is discussion about when to hold U15 tryouts. Looking at taking players from other associations if need this season. Waiting to see potential numbers.



- **Goalie Coordinators** - Budgets has been submitted. Looking for clarity around part-time goalies. We want to continue to encourage and support young skaters who want to try playing both part-time and full-time goalie. BYHA offers a goalie reimbursement: Up to \$750 for goalie gear (Full-time goalie, U12/Peewee and higher, must submit retail receipt). Up to \$500 for training credit (Full or part-time goalie, U10/Squirt, 50/50 match).
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - Budget has been submitted. Planning ahead for the season to limit traveling distance for all mites.
- **Try-Outs** - Reviewing several areas in the handbook to see if there are changes needed to: the current injury protocol, goalie tryout attendance, who is allowed in the room, etc.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - Actively registering for tournaments.
- **Ice Schedulers** - The schedule outline is ready to be filled. Already planning for fall clinics. Preparing for conflicts with fall Tier 1.
- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.

#### Hockey Director Update:

A motion was made to approve Billy Lincoln in a modified role to coordinate all pre-season clinics and tryouts with providing his plan to the HOC and BOD one month prior to the start.

- Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion: Would like a solid plan in place before money is spent to fill this position. Approved and motion passed (7-1). (Maria)

#### President Report:

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Civic Center in the Purple Rink 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 May 2025

- Shannon 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0). (Brandon not present for vote)

### Treasurer Report:

#### **Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$493,551
- 2.Expenses paid: \$119,401 in expenses in May 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$106,610 in June 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$63,019 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$45,435 in June 2025

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Dan 1<sup>st</sup>, Alex 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).

With several tournaments being released at midnight, we have encountered several fraud alerts from the card company. One suggestion to get around this is to get a few more cards set up with a few separate bank accounts. This will help to ensure tournaments can be booked as soon as they are released so we are getting the best options.

It is recommended that the BYHA start discussions regarding the possibility of the City of Buffalo moving forward with a plan for a new rink addition.

**BYHA has a Venmo account. Parents can make payments through our Venmo account using the account name @BYHA-MN and code 3967**

### District 5 Report:

The BOD will need to make sure the contact list is updated for D5.

Each association will need to fill out a MN Hockey survey.



**Vice President**

By-law and handbook changes are updated and on the website.

A motion was made to approve the HOC meeting time change. Meetings will be changed to the the second Wednesday on the month starting at 6pm. Any HOC meeting changes will be posted 2 weeks prior.

- Maria 1st, Shannon 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).

**Concession Stand:**

Beginning on September 1, 2025, the BYHA concession stand will be cash-free.

**Apparel:**

Looking into doing a pre-order sale for certain items before the season begins.

**Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

Practice jerseys are ordered. Coaches and player apparel is almost ready. Planning to have sample sizes ready to go for registration night.

The Bison is on the roof of the Civic Center entryway. Looking to add lights before the season.

**Volunteer Report:**

DIBs are being posted for the summer parades and events and are a great way to get some of your DIBs completed before the hockey season begins.

**City of Buffalo:**

No updates at this time.

**Registration Report:**

Upcoming registration dates:

7/17 5:30-7:30pm

8/10 4:00-5:30pm



### SafeSport:

Changes and updates are almost complete to the player, parent and coach code of conduct. Will be incorporating all of this more into registration process so every player, parent and coach sees it.

### Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

New on ice sponsors are in from Culver's and Allina. Looking to fill the remaining dashers and scoreboard spots.

Looking for some more people to join the Ice-In committee. Please contact Jeremy if you are interested in helping.

### Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

The new promo video is complete and looks awesome! We are encouraging parents to share it with friends to help with recruitment. After the video was posted we have already seen a small uptick to registration.

Parade season is in full swing. Candy, jerseys and postcards are all ready to go.

Rookie Bison is the new face of both the One Goal and Learn to Skate programs. So far, we are at 37 skaters with 11 sessions. This is a great way for little ones to come try hockey with minimal investment.

Matt has noticed that the Peach Jar items with links directly imbedded are getting a lot more action than those without the direct link. He will continue to include direct links when sending things out via Peach Jar. Little Wild registration is open and is filling quickly.

Matt has also applied for the Gear Up MN grant to help supply a Rookie Bison skate supply. BYHA is also collecting small size skates to use for this program.

Also making plans to have a presence at BHM and Annandale school open house.



### Culture/Sportsmanship

Looking to get more unity on the BYHA images and text going forward. JP has approved initial proposals of signs in the lobby and on the doors. Working on updating the BYHA values in the handbook.

### New Business:

Registration:

7/17 5:30-7:30pm

8/10 4-5:30pm

### Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

### Please continue to support the businesses who support us:

- Allina Health
- Alpine Hardwood
- Bayer Built Woodworks
- Buffalo Pizza
- Community Lawn Care
- CorTrust Bank
- Coborn's Buffalo
- Dunkin' Donuts
- E & M Outdoors
- Evelyn's Wine Bar
- Insurance Center of Buffalo
- J's Down Under
- Just Once Viking Shop
- Lake Country Decks
- North Star Pro Realty
- Omann Brothers Paving
- Otter
- Play It Again Sports - Buffalo
- Ryan Auto Mall
- State Farm – Mark Olson
- State Farm - Troy Crank
- Stellis Health
- The Heights
- Thirsty Buffalo
- Wave Armor
- What's the Scoop?
- Wild Marsh



## BYHA Board of Directors (BOD)

May 2025	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	<b>President</b>	Matt Adams	April 2027
	<b>Vice President</b>	Deb Blaeser	April 2027
X	<b>Secretary</b>	Maria Rosso	April 2026
X	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeremy Welter	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
	<b>Director</b>	Adam Hennen	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Dan Gladu	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Brandon Gladu	April 2028
	<b>Director</b>	Alex Trogstad	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Shannon Worden	April 2026

NOTE: 9 Directors were present for June 2025 meeting.



## BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
<b>HOC Vice President</b>	Risa Peterson		
<b>Co-Coaching Coordinators</b>	Mark Lemen		
<b>Player Development Co-Coordinators</b>	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth		
<b>Goalie Development Co-Coordinators</b>	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon		
<b>A/B/C Level Coordinator</b>	Wes Asleson		
<b>Tryout Co-Coordinator</b>	Josh Hawkinson Mike Peterson		
<b>Scheduling Director</b>	Hans & Sadie Iverson Colin & Carly Hribal		
<b>Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator</b>	Aaron Johnson Devon McNamara		
<b>HOME Tournament Coordinator</b>	**OPEN**		
<b>Away Tournament Coordinator</b>	Serinity Kurzhals		
<b>Safesport Coordinator(s)</b>	Tina Klaphake		
<b>Squirt Coordinator</b>	Chris Pearsall Tiffany Dixon		
<b>Girls Coordinator</b>	Ben Guck Amy Kotish		
<b>Boys HS Coach</b>	Aaron Johnson		
<b>Girls High School Coach</b>	Ryan Huddy		



## Volunteers

<b>D5 Rep</b>	Adam Hennen
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
<b>Wreath Coordinator</b>	Caitlin Chovan
<b>Marketing Coordinator</b>	Sheryl Workman
<b>Picture Coordinator</b>	Michele Siemek
<b>Registration Coordinator</b>	Bridget Lindeman and Deb Blaser Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation level)
<b>One Goal Coordinator</b>	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
<b>S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator</b>	Rissa Schrick
<b>T.E.A.M. Coordinator</b>	Jolene Frank
<b>Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Jeremy Welter
<b>Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
<b>Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kelsey Harps
<b>Initiation Mite Events Coordinator</b>	Karin Brinkhoff
<b>Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators</b>	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank
<b>Initiation Level Scheduler</b>	Emily Starry
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Lisa Comee



<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser
<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
<b>Webmaster Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser
	Alyssa Domagala
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Mike Honsey
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Eric Kolkind
<b>Safesport Coordinator(s)</b>	Tina Klaphake