



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – July 2025

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 7:00pm

Reporting on the month of May (always report 2 months behind). We had a good month at our locations, including the new location at Tap Inn. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our gambling partners.

Rent and payroll was a bit higher than expected this month.

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

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Deb, Maria, Jeremy, Kent, Bridget, Jake, Matt R., Alex, Dan and Shannon

Julie is requesting \$145,700 for the month of July.

A motion was made to approve \$145,700 (\$135,700 for gambling expenses and \$10,000 for the BYHA).

- Jake 1st, Bridget 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (10-0).

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$187,761.47
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$20,474.09)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$145,700

The board meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting

Meetings will move to second Wednesday before BOD meeting
August 13, 2025 at 6pm

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be August 13th

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: 11 Directors

Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Jeremy Welter, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Bridget Lindeman, Jake Comee, Matt Rickheim, Dan Gladu, Shannon Worden, and Alex Trogstad

Visitors:

Members Present:

Tina Klaphake, Mike Peterson and Mike Honsey

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** - Looking to make changes to the 10K puck club to entice more kids to participate. Better prizes seem to increase participation. Still working through options for the Hockey Director position.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - The boys high school team is hosting a golf tournament and bean bag tournament at Wild Marsh on September 14th. More details to come.
- **Girls High School** - The girls high school team is hosting a bean bag tournament. More details to come.
- **Teams/ABC** - Projected numbers for the upcoming season: Bantam (56 skaters, 4 goalies), Peewees (57 skaters, 5 goalies), Squirts (62 skaters, 4 goalies), U15 (39 skaters, 3 goalies - depends on HS tryout numbers), U12 (25 skaters, 3 goalies), U10 (20 skaters, 1-3 goalies)
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.



- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - Working through clinic and tryout schedules with the ice schedulers.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - No updates at this time.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Preparing the clinic and tryout schedule.
- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.

A motion was made to approve Chris Pearsall for the PW director role.

- Jeremy 1st, Deb 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

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 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 June 2025

- Jake 1st, Bridget 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$468,155
- 2.Expenses paid: \$47,891 in expenses in June 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$63,531 in July 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$66,534 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$38,115 in July 2025



The following are some of the changes included in this year's budget.

There will be an increase in this year's fee to play hockey across all levels. A couple of factors have led to this decision, including an increase in the hourly ice fee from the City of Buffalo as well as an increase in the rent at Thirsty Buffalo. The BOD is looking to reduce the budget by reusing jerseys longer than originally planned, modifying the player and coach apparel and reducing expenses on certain programs such as 10K Pucks and SCORE, etc.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1st, Dan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to approve the increased fee schedule (To be posted with registration).

- Kent 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to approve the 2025-2026 budget based on the revisions discussed.

- Jake 1st, Dan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to approve the consolidation of both CDs into the Jumbo CD for six months at 4.39% APY.

The authorized signers for the account are: President - Matt Adams, Vice President - Deb Blaeser, Treasurer - Jeremy Welter, Immediate Past Treasurer - Mike Honsey

- Jake 1st, Dan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

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:

D5 is requiring associations with two B teams at the U10 level to no longer tier (B1/B2) the teams but rather have them be equal B teams. Any move ups must make the highest team in that division or play on the lowest team, cannot be placed on a middle team. D5 is not having a C level at Peewees or Bantams this season.

Vice President

Thank you to Breanna Bouley who has stepped up to be the Home Tournament Coordinator for this season.



Concession Stand:

Reminder that beginning on September 1, 2025, the BYHA concession stand will be cash-free.

Apparel:

New gear is set to arrive around mid August.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Player packs will need to be added to the registration form with size selection.

Volunteer Report:

No updates at this time.

City of Buffalo:

The city is planning to move forward with new locker room configurations in Peterson rink. The plan is to knock down the walls between 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 to make two larger locker rooms, add another locker room by the bleachers and convert the green room into a locker room. The city is also helping with the shooting area renovations.

Registration Report:

Registration is almost ready to go live. A few changes are being made on the back end to make things simpler for the coordinators. Looking at how to get more parents to complete the SafeSport training so we are compliant for all of the posted DIBs shifts.

SafeSport:

Changes and updates to the parent/player/coaches Code of Conduct are being made. Tina will be emailing the changes discussed for an email vote. These documents will be ready for registration so all players, parents and coaches can read and sign them.



Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Ice-In committee has been working hard to finalize plans for this years Ice-In party. More details to come soon.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Two of the parades are complete with one remaining in August. The jerseys being handed out seem to be a big hit with the kids. We will need to double the amount of candy for next year. The form for connecting with parents was also very helpful as they approached the end of the parade route.

We did not receive the Gear Up Grant this year. BYHA is continuing to collect skates in the smaller sizes to help with the Rookie Bison program.

Rookie Bison is the new face of both the One Goal and Learn to Skate programs. So far, we are at 41 skaters with 11 sessions. Our goal is to get to 80 skaters to continue to grow the program. This is a great way for little ones to come try hockey with minimal investment.

Culture/Sportsmanship

Looking to get more unity on the BYHA images and text going forward. Dan will be reaching out to the high school coaches to see their take on including the high school program in the rebranding or not. Dan will continue to move forward with the rebranding and will continue to give updates.

New Business:

Registration:

7/17 5:30-7:30pm

8/10 4-5:30pm

Mites: TBD

A motion was made to approve the purchase of boards from Cambridge for the new dryland area for the amount of \$16,000. This will include boards, tarps, flooring and netting.

- Jake 1st, Dan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).



Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 10:39pm.

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)

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

NOTE: 11 Directors were present for July 2025 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

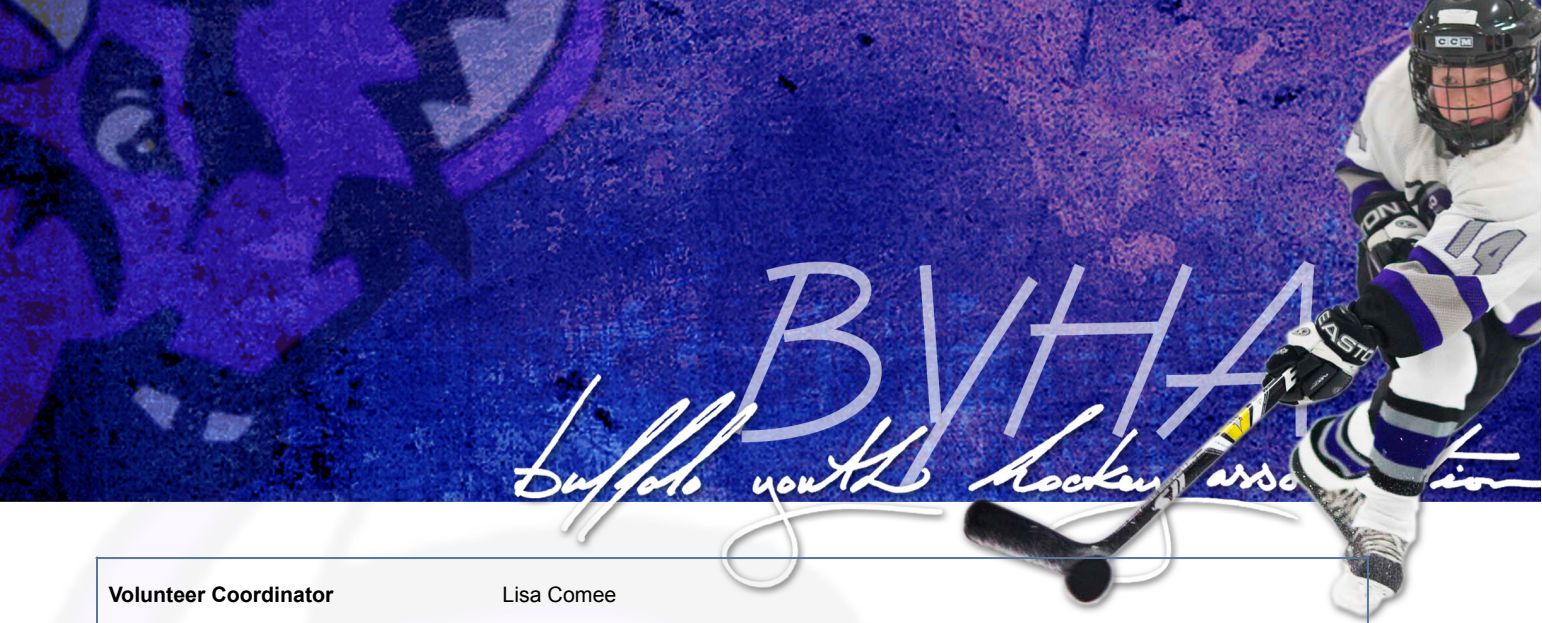
Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Risa Peterson		
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Mark Lemen		
Player Development Co-Coordinators	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth		
Goalie Development Co-Coordinators	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon		
Tryout Co-Coordinator	Mike Peterson		
Scheduling Director	Colin & Carly Hribal		
Jr. Gold Director	Josh Hawkinson Brent Tanzeisen		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Devon McNamara		
HOME Tournament Coordinator	Breanna Bouley		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Serinity Kurzhals		
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Tina Klaphake		
Peewee Coordinator	Chris Pearsall		
Squirt Coordinator	Aaron Johnson Tiffany Dixon		
Girls Coordinator	Amy Kotish		
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson		



Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy
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Volunteers

D5 Rep	Adam Hennen
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Bridget Lindeman and Deb Blaser 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	Lisa Comee
Social Media Coordinator	Deb Blaeser
Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth
Webmaster Coordinator	Deb Blaeser Alyssa Domagala
Billing Managers	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Eric Kolkind
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Tina Klaphake