



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – May 2024

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of March (always report 2 months behind). It was a great month for the association. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

This month we signed a lease with Hayes on May 1st. Although we don't anticipate a huge return from this new location we pleased to continue to add both big and small sites throughout our community. We continue to receive a 5-Star rating for our gambling operations.

We will continue to advertise our pull tab establishments at each home tournament we host. Looking into new ways we can advertise our pull tab sites throughout the rink to help promote.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$249,791.62
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$38.28)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$172,200

Board Members Present:

Maria, Mike, Kent, Jeremy, Bridget, Eric, Deb, Jake, Adam, Matt A. and Matt R. (Lena was acting president for the May meeting).

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
(The June meeting is a joint with the BOD
June 12th at 6pm)

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the
month @ 6:00 pm
Next Meeting will be June 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:
Saturday 4:00pm

Wild Marsh - Buffalo

Pulltabs: 11am-10pm

Evelyn's Wine Bar - Buffalo

Pulltabs and ETags: 5pm-9pm



Julie is requesting \$172,200 for the month of May.

A motion was made to approve \$172,200 (\$122,200 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- 1st Mike, 2nd Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (11-0).

The board meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

Attendance: 11 Directors

Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Erin Kolkind, Bridget Lindeman, Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Jake Comee, Adam Hennen and Matt Rickheim (Lena was acting President for the May meeting).

Visitors:

Members Present:

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.

Introduction of board members.

Executive Board Members Elections (Voted on by the Board of Directors)

- President - Matt Adams. Matt Adams was nominated for the president position by Jeremy. Deb Blaeser was nominated for the president position by Jake. The board voted and results are: Matt Adams (9 votes), Deb Blaeser (2 votes).
- Vice President - Deb Blaeser (11,0)
- Treasurer - Mike Honsey (11,0)
- Secretary - Maria Rosso (11,0)

Secretary Report:

No changes made to the April newsletter.



A motion to approve minutes for month of April 2024.

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$555,864
- 2.Expenses paid: \$22,039 in expenses in April 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$67,078 in May 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$47,908 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$57,790 in May 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

Tournaments will be paid this month and next so expect that expenditure. Mike is looking to fill the Finance Committee, those on the Board interested should reach out the Mike so we can plan for the 2024-25 Budget Forecast and Planning Meeting.

The talks regarding a new rink for the City of Buffalo continue, but at this time, the City has made it clear that a new rink is not a priority for them now or in the near future. Our lease with the City for the rink is set to expire August 31, 2026. In the meantime, it would be helpful if board members continued talks with city representatives, attend city council meeting, etc.

BYHA now has a Venmo account. Parents can now make payments through our Venmo account using the account name @BYHA-MN and code 1104

BOD/HOC Report

We would like to invite all BYHA members to start attending the BOD/HOC meetings. This is a great way to see what is going on throughout the association.



HOC Report

The next HOC meeting will be our annual joint meeting with the BOD, June 12th @ 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.

HOC Department Updates:

- **Boys High School** - Summer STP registration is open.
- **Girls High School** - Summer STP registration is open.
- **Teams/ABC** - Tentative team numbers for next season are as follows: (these are not set in stone, but rather just a tentative estimate for the year ahead). Squirts-5/6, Peewee-4/5, Bantam-4, U10-2, U12-2, U15-2.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Planning meeting will be set in the next week or so. Then, there will be a parent/player meeting scheduled after that.
- **Player Development** - No updates at this time.
- **Mites** - Gearing up for Learn to Play Hockey and One Goal. Little Wild will be scheduled for September.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Tournaments** - No updates at this time.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.
- **Vice President** - The BOD made the recommendation that the HOC/BOD members all receive the HOC applications ahead of time. This will help guide the discussions regarding each applicant before the vote.
 - **HOC Positions that need to be approved:**
 - VP HOC: Risa Peterson (2-year term)
 - 1st-Jake and 2nd-Deb, No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (9,1) Jeremy.
 - Tryout Co-Coordinator: Mike Peterson (2-year term)
 - 1st-Mike and 2nd-Jeremy, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
 - Goalie Co-Coordinator: Nathan Dixon (2-year term)
 - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Mike, No Discussion. All approved and motion passed. (10-0).



- 8U Co-coordinator: Devon McNamara (2-year term)
 - 1st-Jake and 2nd-Mike, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- SafeSport Co-Coordinator: Michelle Munn (2-year term)
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Deb, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- Squirts Co-coordinator: Tiffany Dixon (2-year term)
 - 1st-Mike and 2nd-Jake, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- Player Development Co-Coordinator: Keith Jerpseth (2-year term)
 - 1st-Deb and 2nd-Adam, No Discussion. Approved and motion passed. (9-1), Jeremy
- Coaching Co-coordinator: Ryan Otto (2-year term)
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Eric, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10,0).
- Girls Co-Coordinator: Ben Guck (1-year term)
 - 1st-Mike and 2nd-Jeremy, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- Girls Co-coordinator: Amy Kotish (2-year term)
 - 1st-Jeremy and 2nd-Matt R., No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- Junior Gold: Brent Danziesen (2-year term)
 - 1st-Mike and 2nd-Adam, No Discussion. All approved and motion passed. (10-0).

The HOC also decided to ask Missy Meemken if she would help with a Goalie Development Liaison position. Also, the HOC would like to ask Garrett Rynanen to shadow Aaron Johnson in the upcoming season.

District 5 Report:

D5 is going to make all players and refs under the age of 18 wear neck laceration protection.

District fees for teams are going to increase this year. This will help cover the cost of Game Sheet. The increase should be around \$250/traveling team, \$50/mite.

Home tournaments have been set, PWC 11/29 and JRG 1/16-19.

For next season, all patches must be submitted by March 1st by the team managers. Only exceptions are if a patch is earned in end of season play.

D5 is looking into having a Bantam C level next season for certain associations.



The deadline to complete coaching clinics and coach registration in the upcoming season is December 15th.

Volunteer Report:

The DIBs shifts have wrapped up for the season and the end of season audits are underway. Thank you for all those who helped fill the DIBs positions this season. Those who didn't fulfill their DIBs hours will be contacted and your check will be cashed.

Concession Stand:

The concession stand inventory is complete. We are looking for a concession stand manager, if you are interested, please contact the BOD.

Apparel:

Kent is looking at options with Hockey Yak to put together an apparel package for the upcoming season. Jamie Johnson is stepping up to help with the apparel orders this year. Thanks Jamie!

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Looking at getting neck guards available in the shop as well adding them to all of the One Goal kits.

City of Buffalo:

JP has re-keyed the doors in the rink. Board members with keys will need to be updated.

Wall of Fame:

Nothing new to report.

Tournament Report

Nothing new to report.

Registration Report:

We are looking for two people to help with registration this year. If you are interested, please reach out the BOD asap as we will start registering in the summer.

Ice Scheduler Report

Nothing new to report.



Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Ice In Party is scheduled for September 14th. We are looking for sponsors to help make this event a success. If you are interested in being a sponsor please reach out the Jeremy Welter.

Jeremy has a couple leads on a few new dasher sponsorships as well as a potential new sponsor for the backlight sign.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Learn to Skate flyers are being sent out this month.

Information about the parades should be coming out soon. Please watch your emails for information regarding this.

New Business:

Upcoming Rock on Ice:

June 12th 7-9pm

August 14th 7-9pm

Looking for a few more quotes to get the Buffalo Statue painted.

The Player Achievement Boards are installed and ready to be admired. Thank you Jeremy for making this happen!

The next BOD meeting will be our annual joint meeting with the HOC on June 12th at 6pm.

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)
- Registration Coordinator (2)
- Recruitment and Retention Coordinator
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with Ice in party and future fundraisers
- 10,000 Puck Club



- Dryland Coordinator
- Concession Stand workers
- Game Sheet Coordinator
- Ice In Party committee members

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 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)

May 2024	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	Mike Honsey	April 2025
X	Director	Jeremy Welter	April 2025
X	Director	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
X	Director	Eric Kolkind	April 2025
X	Director	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	Director	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027

NOTE: 11 Directors were present for May 2024 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Rissa Peterson		
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Mark Lemen Ryan Otto		
Player Development Co-Coordinators	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth		
Goalie Development Co-Coordinators	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon		
A/B/C Level Coordinator	Wes Asleson		
Tryout Co-Coordinator	Josh Hawkinson Mike Peterson		
Scheduling Director	Hans & Sadie Iverson Colin & Carly Hribal		
Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator	Aaron Johnson Devon McNamara		
HOME Tournament Coordinator	**OPEN**		
Away Tournament Coordinator	Serinity Kurzhals		
Safesport Coordinator(s)	Tina Klaphake Michelle Munn		
Squirt Coordinator	Joe Saxton Tiffany Dixon		
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 Lena Gawtry
Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator	Alyssa Domagala Tate Moser
Billing Managers	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Dusty Pierce