



## **Bison Blueline**

BYHA Newsletter – November 2023

### **Gambling Report:**

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:48pm

Reporting on the month of September (always report 2 months behind). September was a good month for us overall. All of our locations seem to be performing how we expect with Thirsty Buffalo performing the best. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support us through pull-tab sales.

Julie will be updating and verifying the hours we have posted for all locations on the website.

Board Members Present:

Lena, Ryan, Maria, Mike, Kent, Jeremy, Jake, Eric, Bridget and Deb

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$223,909.62
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$7,789.87)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$163,700

Julie is requesting \$163,700 for the month of November.

A motion was made to approve \$163,700 was made (\$123,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeremy. No Discussion. All Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

### **Event Schedule**

#### **HOC Meeting:**

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM  
Next meeting will be December 3rd

#### **BYHA Board Meeting**

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be December 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 Under - Buffalo**

**Pulltabs:** Monday-Thursday 3pm-11pm, Friday-Sunday 12pm-12am  
**Meat Raffle:** Wednesday and Saturday 5:30pm

#### **Wild Marsh - Buffalo**

**Times:** TBD



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

**Attendance: 11 Directors**

Lena Gawtry, Ryan Ferguson, Maria Rosso, Mike Honsey, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Jake Comee, Dusty Pierce, Deb Blaeser, Eric Kolkind and Bridget Lindeman

**Visitors:**

None

**Members Present:**

Keith Jerpseth, Amy Kotish and Ryan Otto

**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 New Rink Conference Room.

A two-week notice to the President is requested for time on the agenda.

**Secretary Report:**

No changes made to the October newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of September 2023.

- Ryan 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

There was a vote made via email on October 25th after the October meeting.

A motion to approve \$1,000 for travel and fees and one hour of ice for the PWHL player visit.

- Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (7-0).





### Treasurer Report:

#### **Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$611,090.90
- 2.Expenses paid: \$121,689.30 in expenses in October 2023
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$124,812.63 in November 2023
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$115,764.50 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$56,123.41 in November 2023

A motion to approve the treasurer report was made.

- Jeremy 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (9-0).

There was one request for financial aid this season that was approved.

**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, December 3rd @ 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** - Tryouts are happening next week.
- **Girls High School** - Tryouts are complete and teams are formed.
- **Teams/ABC** - There was more discussion regarding the small teams for the 12Us and the things that can be done in the future to prevent this from happening again. Also discussed was having better communication with parents on the front end with a parent meeting, as well as how each year we seem to have some of the same issues on the girls side and how we can work to overcome these in the future.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.





- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Player Development** - Adam and Keith presented a plan that includes hiring Austin Youngmark two days a week for the season to work with players in the weight room. The plan would also include a full makeover of the weight room and improvements to the Green Room. Approximate expenses would be \$7,200 for Austin's fee, \$6,000 for Green Room equipment (bands, balls, etc.) and \$27,800 for weight room equipment (power blocks, kettle bells, squat racks, etc.)
  - A motion was made to approve \$41,000 for the player development request including hiring Austin Youngmark and weight room equipment.
    - Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion around doing this upgrade in phases instead of one large request. It was also discussed that the Player Development and HOC look to spread out the focus on all the levels, not just the Bantams/15s. Motion passed (9-1, Maria).
  - JP said the old weight room equipment that was moved to the back hall needs to be gone by 11/9. Ryan Otto is going to figure out how to get these items gone before the girls game.
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - The 3v3 has been a success so far and the kids and parents seem to really like it.
- **Safesport** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalies** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Tournaments** - The 3 PeeWee C managers are stepping up and coordinating the upcoming home tournament December 15-17th. For those that are around that weekend, please consider volunteering that weekend for even just one Dibs shift. We are still looking for a home tournament coordinator. Please contact the HOC if you are interested in this position.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - Teams will be formed after the high school tryouts around November 20th.
- **Vice President** - No updates at this time.

#### District 5 Report:

So far it looks as though the locker room monitors have been in place and all is going well. The BOD has tabled the idea of having locks on the locker rooms at this time. The BOD is asking that every parent, coach and manager are reminding players that they cannot be in the locker room until a locker room monitor arrives. Thank you for your help with this.





D5 has decided to implement an admin fee each time a coach is relined and D5 has to go in and change the roster.

The season is up and rolling. They have already hired refs for 108 scrimmages/games. Refs would also like the person running the book to please let them know when a player has hit 3 penalties so they are staying on top of this.

#### Volunteer Report:

**This is your reminder that there is a 2-week notice for DIBs requests.** This notice will help ensure that DIBs are posted with enough time for volunteers to see and claim the spots. Please plan accordingly. Sarah and Lisa thank you.

There have been a lot of DIBs already posted and claimed - Don't wait until the end of the season to start looking for these.

Lena is checking to make sure that Lisa is getting the emails and notifications.

#### Concession Stand:

We have two people that stepping into the concession stand role. Thank you so much Fergusons!

Cookies are here, baked fresh and ready to go!

#### Apparel:

New gear has been ordered so be sure to stop by the apparel room and start your holiday shopping. Kent is going to look into getting some more items in smaller youth sizes.

Mike is looking into a few different options for BOD jackets or vests. He is hoping to report back next month.



#### Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Two shooter tutors have arrived and a new tv has been installed in the meeting room.

Jersey handout is completed. Stickers were a hit with the kids. Thank you Kent for working through this for each team.

A motion to approve the cost of the VFW tournament jerseys for the Bantam AA team up to \$1,400.

- Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Maria 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion about making sure the VFW is covering the tournament cost. Motion passed (10-0).

#### City of Buffalo:

JP needs the zamboni gone asap. Dusty is setting up a way to get rid of this. More details to come.

#### Wall of Fame:

Dusty has had few nominations for the Wall of Fame. If you would like to make a nomination suggestion please contact Dusty Pierce.

#### Tournament Report

Nothing new to report.

#### Registration Report:

Nothing new to report.

#### Ice Scheduler Report

Nothing new to report.





#### Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Award Boards are installed and look great. Thank you Jeremy for working on this and making it happen.

Jeremy is working with JP to get a finalized and up to date list of all donors and supporters.

#### Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

The mascot suit is getting ordered and should be here soon. This should be a fun addition to our youth program.

#### New Business:

Nothing new to report.

#### **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)
- Concession Stand Manager (shadow this season)
- Registration Mite Coordinator (work with Mite Coordinators and Parade Coordinators)
- Registration Coordinator (Shadow this year)
- Recruitment and Retention Coordinator
- FUNdraiser Coordinator - Help with Ice in party and future fundraisers

#### Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 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)

November 2023	Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
X	<b>President</b>	Lena Gawtry	612.386.1104	April 2024
X	<b>Vice President</b>	Ryan Ferguson	612.719.2005	April 2024
X	<b>Secretary</b>	Maria Rosso	763.250.8949	April 2026
X	<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Honsey	612.979.6837	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Jeremy Welter	763.438.2487	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Bridget Lindeman	612.790.0787	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Eric Kolkind	612.382.6900	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	612.366.6191	April 2024
X	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	612.702.0089	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Dustin Pierce	763.398.9828	April 2024
X	<b>Director</b>	Deb Blaeser		
NOTE: 11 Directors were present for November 2023 meeting.				



# BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
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 Kurzahls		
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

<b>D5 Rep</b>	Ryan Ferguson
<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>	Danielle Rakos (Traveling Level) 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>	Sarah Shult Lisa Comee



<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Megan Omann Lena Gawtry
<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
<b>Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator</b>	Lena Gawtry
	Alyssa Domagala
	Tate Moser
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Mike Honsey
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Dusty Pierce