



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – September 2024

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:50pm

Reporting on the month of July (always report 2 months behind). It was another good month at all of our locations. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our partners.

The payroll was not reported in this month so it will be reported twice next month.

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$224,167.57
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$26,278.87
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$161,376.19

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Deb, Mike, Maria, Kent, Jeremy, Bridget, Eric, Jake, Matt R. and Adam

Julie is requesting \$161,376.19 for the month of August.

A motion was made to approve \$161,376.19 (\$110,200 for gambling expenses and \$51,376.19 for the BYHA).

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

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
(Due to tryouts, the next meeting will be on 10/9 @ 5:30pm)

BYHA Board Meeting

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

Gambling

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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



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

Attendance: 11 Directors

Matt Adams, Beb Blaeser, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Bridget Lindeman, Eric Kolkind, Jacob Comee, Matt Rickheim and Adam Hennen

Visitors:

Kaiya Johnson, Audyn Molesky, Linnea Preugschas and Ava Jovan from the girl's high school team

Members Present:

Ryan Otto, Wes Asleson, Tiffany Dixon

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:

There were no changes made to the August newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of August 2024.

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

There was an email vote on September 4, 2024.

A motion to approve the interview process as laid out by the VP of HOC.

- Jeremy 1st, Jake 2nd. Discussion: Verification that the final interview will take place at the BOD meeting. All Approved and motion passed (9-0). (Mike not voting).



Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$547,420
- 2.Expenses paid: \$134,586 in expenses in August 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$97,697 in September 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$209,627 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$74,647 in September 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

Reminder to all families that all accounts must be up to date with registration fees and volunteer checks before skaters can go on the ice for tryouts.

Any cash placed in the treasurer box should be placed in an envelope labeled with the player's name.

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

HOC Report

Please note the date change: **The next BOD meeting will be held October 9th @ 5:30 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:

- **Player Development** - There have been three applicants for the Hockey Director position so far. The candidates will be screened and moved into the interview process. Interviews will be starting this week with the hiring committee. Connecting with Austin Youngmark to confirm strength and conditioning availability for the season. Working with ice schedulers to confirm time for the checking clinic.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.



- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.

- **Girls High School** - The captains from the high school team came to ask for a donation for their program.
 - A motion was made to approve a donation of \$2,500 for the girls high school team.
 - Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (10-0).

- **Teams/ABC** - The following team breakdowns were discussed and passed at the HOC.
 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC for U12 team breakdowns. A team (13min-15max), B team (14min-16max).
 - Kent 1st, Deb 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC for U10 team breakdowns. A team (13min-14max), B team (15min-16max).
 - Mike 1st, Matt R. 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC for Bantam team breakdowns. Team 1 (13min-14max), Team 2 (12), Team 3 (12), Team 4 (12min-13max)
 - Jake 1st, Matt R. 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).
 - There is ongoing discussion regarding team placement and whether having a Bantam C or two Bantam B2 teams will best serve the players. This will be decided before team declarations are made.

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC for Pee wee team breakdowns. AA team (13min-14max), B1 team (13min-14max), B2 team (14min-15max), C team (14min-15max)
 - Kent 1st, Deb 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC for Squirt team breakdowns. A team (13min-14max), B1 team (14min-15max), B2 team (15min-16max), C team (15min-16max)



- Eric 1st, Bridget 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

- **Coaching Coordinators** - The following coach recommendations were discussed at the HOC.
 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Chris Brenny as the U10A head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Mike 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Matt Bergstrom as the U12A head coach.
 - Mike 1st, Adam 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Taylor Ryan as the U15A head coach.
 - Kent 1st, Jake 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Ryan Huddy as the Squirt head coach with the option of Aaron Johnson as co-head coach.
 - Jake 1st, Matt R. 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Jake Comee as the Pee wee AA head coach.
 - Mike 1st, Deb 2nd. No discussion and motion passed (10-0).

 - A motion was made to accept the recommendation by the HOC to have Dallas Weston as the Bantam AA head coach.
 - Mike 1st, Adam 2nd. Discussion to possibly have Devon Huebner assist. Motion passed (10-0).

- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.

- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.



- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - 139 kids registered so far. Numbers are a bit lower than expected, with hopes to have a few more sign up by the final registration session on October 10th. Flyers are going out in the coming weeks to help promote BYHA at the schools. BYHA was awarded a \$550 Gear Up grant for mites.
- **Try-Outs** - Thomas Johnson has accepted the on ice evaluation lead role and will be running 2-3 clinics for each level along with all of the on ice tryouts. Forest Lake is able to join tryouts for Bantam AA. Waconia might be able to attend for the other Bantam levels. Champlin Park is not available for tryout scrimmages. Request is to not have opposing goalies attend the tryout scrimmages so we can use only BYHA goalies.
- **Tournaments** - The coordinators have the tournaments finalized and are working to finalize a few of the hotels.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Looking at how to maximize ice touches for all groups throughout the whole season. Pre-season clinics and tryouts have been scheduled and are starting next week. Schedulers are looking at the best way to incorporate 3-team practices throughout the season.
- **Jr. Gold** - Planning on two teams. Reaching out to goalie coordinators to see if there are any Bantam goalies that would like to play Jr. Gold this season. Jr. Gold season kicking off in December.

District 5 Report:

Reminder that all neck guards and ear guards should be worn according to manufacturer specs and are not to be altered.

Refs will be doing regular checks for neck guards, ear guards, and mouth guards this season.

Reminder that parent/fan ejection is suspended for 3 additional games (longer if the association should add penalty).

Information coming for an upcoming training session for association Girl's Coordinators regarding growing girls hockey.



Locker room monitors (with background check and Safe Sport completed) are required for pre-season clinics and tryouts.

There is a five-game limit for teams prior to roster submission.

Vice President

No updates at this time.

Volunteer Report:

The DIBs for the upcoming season (clinics and tryouts) are being posted. Parents can sign up and get hours completed before season begins.

DIBS requests need to be submitted two weeks in advance so the coordinators have time to post.

Concession Stand:

Introducing reloadable gift cards this season! They will work like cash at both the concession stand and the apparel shop.

Apparel:

The apparel shop is ready to go. Lots of new stuff so be sure to stop by and shop.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Helmet stickers, socks and jerseys are all here and ready to go for the season.

The player packs are almost ready. Watch for an email from the association.

City of Buffalo:

Reminder that no players are allowed to dress in the lobby.

Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.



Registration Report:

Registration dates are: **October 10th 6-8pm (Mites)**

All BOD and HOC members need to be registered with USA Hockey and have completed their Safe Sport training before September 30th.

Volunteer checks need to be turned in before players can participate in tryouts.

Those players with a Past Due on their account from last season will not be able to complete registration or participate in pre-season clinics or tryouts until the account is paid.

SafeSport:

Parents who are locker room monitors **MUST** have completed the SafeSport training before they are allowed in the locker room.

Reminder that there is no dressing or undressing players allowed in the lobby.

Looking for ways to streamline locker room monitors for next year at registration.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

The Ice In Party is scheduled for September 14th! Stop by for curling, dinner and the auction.

New dashers, backlight sign and scoreboard sponsors are going up in the rink.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Planning for an informational meeting with parents of One Goal kids, with a later registration to follow.

Girl's Hockey Day is scheduled for October 6th. The PWHL players are scheduled for on ice time 1:45-2:45pm with off ice at 3-4pm.

Matt R. is looking into Peach Jar to help with our marketing through the schools.



New Business:

Registration Dates:

October 10 6-8pm (mites)

Positions that still need to be filled. (Get your DIBS hours completed when you hold a coordinator position.)

- Game Sheet Coordinator
- Concession stand workers

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.



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 Reality
- 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)

September 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 September 2024 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Risa 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		
Squirt Coordinator	Chris Pearsall 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	Bridget Lindeman and Jessica Fudali (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 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