



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – August 2025

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of June (always report 2 months behind). We had a decent month at our locations. J's and Heights both had a good month. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our gambling partners.

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

We are currently looking to fill a volunteer position for end of month Inventory Auditor. This position will fulfill your DIBs hours for the season. If you interested, please contact anyone on the BOD for more information.

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Jeremy, Maria, Kent, Bridget, Jake, Adam, Alex, Dan, Brandon, and Shannon

Julie is requesting \$150,700 for the month of August.

A motion was made to approve \$150,700 (\$120,700 for gambling expenses and \$30,000 for the BYHA).

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$181,798.48
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$5,962.99)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$150,700

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting

Meetings will move to second Wednesday before BOD meeting
September 10th 2025 at 6pm

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be September 10th

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



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

Attendance: 12 Directors

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

Visitors:

Members Present:

Tina Klaphake, Jessie Lenton, Melissa Meemken

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:

Clarification to the D5 team tiering was made to the July newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of July 2025

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (11-0).

There was an email vote on July 10, 2025

A motion to approve the revised parent, player, and coach code of conduct documents. These will be updated in the BYHA handbook as well as the player and coach registration forms for the 2025-26 season and all subsequent seasons.

- Deb 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (12-0).

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:

- **VP** - The HOC has made the recommendation to get rid of voting positions at the HOC in the handbook.
 - A motion was made to approve the HOCs recommendation to change the handbook and eliminate the voting positions at the HOC.
 - Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (11-0).
 - Looking to clean up the tryout language in the handbook. Want to add a FAQs page to the website.
- **Player Development** - A motion to approve the HOCs recommendation for Dallas to be on-ice coordinator for tryouts this year.
 - Jake 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (11-0).
- **Squirts** - Looking to change the tryout process for this season making it more player focused and taking more time to evaluate the players.
 - A motion to approve the HOCs recommendation to change the Squirt tryout format this year. (Extending the tryout, less formal, utilizing all coaches to help evaluate)
 - Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (11-0).
- **Girls High School** - The girls high school team is hosting a bean bag tournament. This will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 4-7pm at Huikkos. Payouts for the top three teams! There is still time to sign up so bring a friend to this fun event. For high school tryouts, all 9th graders are welcome to tryout for the high school teams if they choose, no 8th graders at high school tryouts.
- **Boys High School** - The boys high school team is hosting a golf tournament and bean bag tournament at Wild Marsh on September 14th. Registration is open for this event. Golf will start at 1pm and bag tournament will start at 2pm. There will be prizes for both events. There is still room to join if you haven't yet signed up.



- **Teams/ABC -**

Projected numbers for the upcoming season:

Bantam (50 skaters, 3 goalies) (looking into options with other associations to increase numbers)

Pewees (54 skaters, 4 goalies) (1 part time goalie, 4 teams AA, B1, B2, C)

Squirts (55 skaters, 4 goalies) (A, B1, B2, C)

U15 (27 skaters, 2 goalies - final numbers depend on HS tryout numbers - planning to run larger teams this season at high school. U15 tryouts will take place before high school tryouts. 9th graders are welcome to attend high school tryouts if they choose, no 8th graders at high school tryouts)

U12 (20 skaters, 3 goalies)

U10 (21 skaters, 1-4 goalies) (potential to have a few players from Delano)

- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Numbers in the girl's program continue to drop through the lower ages.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - Working to find more external tryout evaluators. There is an open position for tryout coordinator. If interested, please reach out Risa or anyone on the HOC or board.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - No updates at this time.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Preparing the clinic and tryout schedule.
- **Jr. Gold** - The tournament is full.

There is an open position for tryout coordinator, bantam coordinator, girls coordinator and mite coordinator. If interested, please reach out Risa or anyone on the HOC or board.

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$460,481
- 2.Expenses paid: \$88,220 in expenses in July 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$1,475 in August 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$8,257 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$173,114 in August 2025



A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (11-0).

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 putting into place a zero tolerance towards swearing, vulgar language and abuse of the officials this season. Reminder to skaters, coaches and parents that they are representing BYHA and should be on their best behavior this season.

Vice President

Free mouth guard clinic will be held September 16th from 4:30-8:00pm.

VFW tournaments for Bantam AA and U15A are booked.

Concession Stand:

No updates at this time.

Apparel:

Orders for player packs are set. A notice will be sent to families when packs are ready.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Still waiting for final confirmation on new jerseys.

Stop by the Pro Shop to see the new selections and stock up.

Volunteer Report:

BYHA had to cancel their spot at the Hanover parade due to a lack of volunteers.

DIBs are already rolling in so this is a great way to get your hours done early.

City of Buffalo:

A big THANK YOU to Bruce Koch and Koch Trucking for helping to deliver the new boards for the new shooting area. THANK YOU for your generosity!

Waiting to hear from Hanover to see how many of the boards they will need.



Registration Report:

Registration is closed. DIBS checks due in the BYHA dropbox by August 30th. Be sure to label the check so we know who it is for and that it is for DIBS.

Document turn in for mites will be held on September 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm.

There will also be a parent info meeting following the final session of Rookie Bison on October 5th with that registration closing on October 7th.

SafeSport:

No updates at this time.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Ice In Party has been finalized. Grab some friends and join us for a fun night of socializing, games and most of all supporting BYHA. Be watching for flyers coming on social media and in your emails.

Remember...IT'S FOR THE KIDS!

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Mini Mite/Mite registration will be from 9/22-10/7

Matt was looking into having a BYHA table at the open houses in the district but the schools are no longer allowing this.

We are looking for someone to step into the Recruitment and Retention position. If you are interested, please reach out to the board.

Culture/Sportsmanship

A motion was made to move forward with the door wraps and window clings and the new banners.

- Dan 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (11-0).

Mentorship Program

Brandon is looking to bring back the high school mentorship program. The boys high school team is on board and ready to start. The girls high school program said that they would not like to participate in the mentor program at this time.

New Business:



Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

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)

August 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
	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027
X	Director	Dan Gladu	April 2028
X	Director	Brandon Gladu	April 2028
X	Director	Alex Trogstad	April 2026
X	Director	Shannon Worden	April 2026

NOTE: 12 Directors were present for August 2025 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name
HOC Vice President	Risa Peterson
Coaching Coordinator	
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	Tina Klaphake
Peewee Director	Chris Pearsall
Squirt Director	Aaron Johnson
Squirt Coordinator	Michelle Munn
Girls Coordinator	Amy Kotish
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson



Girls High School Coach

Ryan Huddy

Volunteers



D5 Rep	Adam Hennen
Equipment Manager	Kent Baker
ProShop Manager	Jamie Johnson
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 Shannon Worden
Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator	Bridget Lindeman
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	Samantha Hack Brittany Gladu
Social Media Coordinator	Deb Blaeser



Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth
Webmaster Coordinator	Deb Blaeser
	Alyssa Domagala
Billing Managers	Jeremy Welter
	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Jacob Comee
Gambling Manager	Julie Prince