



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – July 2024

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:55pm

Reporting on the month of May (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 us through pull-tab sales. We are happy to see so many of our members continue to support those businesses that support the BYHA.

End of year audit is starting this month. The Gambling Control Board will conduct their audit closer to the fall.

The booth at The Thirsty Buffalo will be receiving a facelift this month. The remodel should take no longer than two weeks.

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

Thank you Julie for all of your great work for the association.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$235,678.34
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$18,852.76)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$163,200

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:

First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM
(The next meeting is August 4th)

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be August 14th

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 ETabs: 5pm-9pm



Board Members Present:

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

Julie is requesting \$163,200 for the month of July.

A motion was made to approve \$163,200 (\$138,200 for gambling expenses and \$25,000 for the BYHA).

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

The board meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Attendance: 11 Directors

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

Visitors:

Members Present:

Amy Kotish, Ben Guck, Ryan Otto, Risa Peterson, Josh Hawkinson, Mike Peterson, Missie Meemken, Kelsey Harps

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.

On 6/22/24, the BOD voted via email regarding hosting the PWC tournament.

A motion was made for BYHA not to host a PeeWee C tournament this year due to the hardships and conflicts regarding: ice schedule, available dates for hosting tournament, not having a home tournament coordinator and not having been marketing any sort of tournament yet.

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



Secretary Report:

No changes made to the June newsletter.

A motion to approve minutes for month of June 2024.

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$503,192
- 2.Expenses paid: \$65,623 in expenses in June 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$11,378 in July 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$93,773 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$85,810 in July 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

The Finance Committee has met to finalize the budget for the 2024-2025 season.

The following is a list of some of the changes included in this year's budget.

At registration, each player will order 'player kits' which will include a hoodie, pants and hat. The cost associated with this will be covered by the association. This will help build a uniform look throughout the association as well as keep the team fund money for scrimmages and other team needs.

Goalies (PW/12U and above), will have 40% discount at registration, a \$500 training reimbursement and a \$750 equipment credit (retail receipt needed).

Coaches will receive reimbursement for their certification training in addition to some apparel.

Money is budgeted to cover paid evaluators for tryouts (both on-ice and off-ice).

A motion was made to approve the reimbursement of coach certification fees in addition to the apparel.

- Jake 1st, Mike 2nd. Discussion: Coaches will need to turn in receipts by December 31, 2024 to receive reimbursement. Motion passed (10-0).

A motion was made to approve the 2024-2025 fee schedule.

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



A motion was made to approve this year's budget as presented.

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

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

The next BOD meeting will be held August 4th @ 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** - Bean Bag tournament is scheduled for July 17th at 5pm.
- **Girls High School** - The annual Girls High School Golf Tournament will be happening the end of August. More details to come.
- **Teams/ABC** - 12Us will have 2 teams - one documented goalie so far, waiting on registration to get a better view on numbers. Keeping an eye on the Squirt registration numbers to assess team size.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - The Positive Coaching Alliance meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 5:00pm in the meeting room at the Civic Center. Discussing increasing pay for qualified non-parent coaches. Updates to the coaching application will be made and coaching interview questions will include morning ice availability.
 - o A motion was made to make the following changes to the BYHA handbook: *The Coaches Interview Committee will consist of the following: BYHA President and/or other appointed BYHA Board Member, Hockey Operations Committee, Vice President, Coaching (Co)Coordinator(s), ABC Coordinator and any additional members of HOC from the following positions: Player Development, Level Coordinator (is. Squirts/Girls) and any other person or persons as approved by the BYHA Board of Directors. No relative of an applicant may participate in the selection or voting for or against his/her relative.*
 - Mike 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- **Girls Coordinators** -
 - o A motion was made to follow the HOC recommendation to host the U15 tryouts after the girls high school team tryouts.
 - Jake 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).



All first-year U15s will need to register as normal. Second and third-year U15s will be allowed a late registration that will occur immediately following the girls high school tryouts. An informational email will be sent to parents in the upcoming weeks.

- **Player Development** - Coordinators have spoken to the City of Annandale about the possibility of partnering for some outdoor ice. Discussions with JP about the City's timeline for adding a new sheet of ice, dryland area and locker rooms. Mike will continue to reach out to JP to keep this rolling. The coordinators are also looking into a paid hockey director position that would run the player development, dryland, coach development, etc. There are other associations with similar positions. The coordinators will be looking into how something like this would work here at BYHA. 10,000 Puck Club position has been filled by Greg Anderson. Thanks Greg!
- **Mites** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - Waiting to see registration numbers. Had a couple Squirt Coordinators reach out about running swings this season.
- **Safesport** -
 - A motion was made to have Safesport coordinators report directly to the BOD instead of the HOC.
 - Mike 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- **Goalies** - Coordinators are working with the ice schedulers for adding goalie clinics. Currently looking at Thursday nights for goalie clinics with possibly some Sunday nights as an option too. Replacement equipment will be ordered soon so it arrives in time for the season. Coordinators are preparing the guidelines for tryouts.
- **Try-Outs** -
 - A motion was made to make the following change to the BYHA handbook: *Starting with the top level team, team selection will have skaters ranked in the top 50% of the projected number of rostered players "locked". The tryout committee, including the head coach, evaluators, HOC VP, and BYHA President and any other person or persons as approved by the BYHA Board of Directors, have discretion to complete the team roster.*
 - Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).
- **Tournaments** - Almost all of the teams are registered for their tournaments for the season. Pee wee C is still needing two tournaments, is on the waitlist for several at this time. Bantam C still needs two tournaments. The coordinator is still looking and reaching out to several.
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- **Ice Schedulers** - The ice schedulers are getting the preseason clinics/tryouts loaded this month. They are still looking at other ice options at Brooklyn Park and Cokato for teams. Nothing has been decided yet, just trying to figure out how to open up more ice time at Buffalo.
- **Jr. Gold** - Jr. Gold tournament is already full, with four teams on the waitlist. Half of the teams have already paid.

Vice President

Changes are being made to the BYHA website. Contract with the picture vendor is signed and ready to go for this season. Registration link is updated and ready to go once the final ice fees are listed. The changes to the handbook will be made and the handbook will be posted in the coming weeks.

District 5 Report:

Ryan Ferguson will continue attend the D5 meetings and provide updates to the BOD.

Volunteer Report:

The DIBs for the upcoming season have already started to roll in.

Anyone needing to request DIBS, will need to give a better description of what will be needed and the duties of the volunteers. Sarah and Lisa will be looking into improving the request form.

DIBS requests still need to be submitted two weeks in advance.

Concession Stand:

This year, there will be no corndogs on the menu and we will be adding four popcorn flavors.

- A motion was made to increase the pay for the co-manager to \$20/hour and discretion for workers of \$13-15/hour.
 - Jeremy 1st, Deb 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).

Apparel:

There will be an apparel sale at the registration nights. New apparel is arriving weekly.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Neck guards will be available in the apparel shop. Reversible practice jerseys are on order and will be here soon.



City of Buffalo:

Mike will be meeting with JP to discuss rink updates as well as see what the City is looking for the BYHA to contribute.

The City of Annandale is interested in partnering with BYHA to update the outdoor rink and use it for team practices throughout the season to get more ice touches.

Matt and Deb will be checking with JP about getting new keys assigned.

Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

Tournament Report

The Bantam C and Peewee C teams still need two tournaments. The BOD is reaching out and helping to look for open tournaments.

Registration Report:

Registration dates are: July 18th 6-9pm, August 11th 4-7pm and October 5th 11-2 (Mites)

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 is working to finalize artwork for 4 new ads.

Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

Matt has new flyers for this summer's parades. He is also working through some trailer issues and looking for ideas to fix this for the future. Would like to add more candy in the future.

New Business:

Upcoming Rock on Ice:

August 14th 7-9pm



Registration Dates:

July 18, 6-9pm

August 11, 4-7pm

October 5, 11-2 (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

Looking into having a parent info session during a future Learn to Skate session.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 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)

July 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 July 2024 meeting. 3



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