



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – January 2026

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 7:04pm

Reporting on the month of November (always report 2 months behind). We had a good month at all of our locations. 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.

Board Members Present:

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

Julie is requesting \$167,700 for the month of January.

A motion was made to approve \$167,700 (\$127,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (9-0).

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$180,894.66
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$21,582.23)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$167,700

Case for small claims court has been rescheduled for February 18th, 2026.

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting

Meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday before BOD meeting
February 11th, 2026 at 6pm

BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be February 11th

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 7:11pm.

Attendance: 10 Directors

Matt Adams, Deb Blaser, Jeremy Welter, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jake Comee, Bridget Lindeman, Adam Hennen, Matt Rickheim and Shannon Worden

Visitors:

Polar prospect team members: Finely Stodola, Calin Moline, Athena Baker and Taylor Ryan

The Polars are the MN Tier 2 Champions and will attend the national tournament in March in Rochester, Michigan. Congratulations to the BYHA girls and the all the other girls from around Minnesota, and GOOD LUCK!

Members Present:

Tina Klaphake, Risa Peterson, Bethany Gladu, Jess Lenton, Missy Meemken, Mike Peterson, Josh Hawkinson

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:

A motion to approve minutes for month of November 2025

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

A motion to approve minutes for month of December 2025

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (9-0).

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 at 7pm.



HOC Department Updates:

- **VP** - The following are the open HOC positions in May: VP, Player Development, Goalie Coordinator, Tryout Coordinator, Jr. Gold Coordinator, Squirt Coordinator, Mite Coordinator, Girls Coordinator and Ice Scheduler. All roles will be posted and members can apply.
- **Player Development** - Morning practice attendance is down. Looking for ways to help increase participation for next season. Need to order a new tarp for shooting area. Look for ways to reinforce the tarps from behind. Katrina is winding down for the season.
- **Squirts** - Looking at adding two additional 3v3 sessions. Also need to remember to rotate the boys/girls on the fresh ice.
- **Peewees** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - Skate with the Bison is on Monday, January 19th from 12:30-1:30pm
- **Boys High School** - Skate with the Bison is on Monday, January 19th from 12:30-1:30pm
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Started discussions with Katie Olson regarding co-op with Delano.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - Two MEGA sessions remaining. Last year mites are invited to attend. Dates are Feb. 2nd and Feb. 16th.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - Date for Jr. Gold tournament next season is set. January 21-24, 2027. Plans to make it bigger and better next year. This year's tournament went well.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - BB2 tourney was booked and the date was changed. The new date interferes with district games that can't be changed. As a result the BB2 team will miss out on a tourney this season. Working to see if there will be a refund as the date was different on two of the sign up forms.
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- **Home Tournament Coordinator** - D5 tournaments will be hosted at Buffalo so there is a chance for more DIBs coming. Please consider picking up a shift or two.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Need to reserve ice time for upcoming HP sessions.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$674,720
- 2.Expenses paid: \$154,388 in expenses in December 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$150,000 in January 2026
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$97,879 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$115,628 in January 2026

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Matt R., 1st, Deb 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9,0)

A motion was made to approve putting the mature CD into a new 5-month CD 3.75% APY

- Adam, 1st, Matt R. 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (9,0)

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:

Reminder there is no D5 meeting in March, which means there won't be any disciplinary meetings held that month. The PWB2 super tourney is scheduled for March 7th and 8th.

Vice President

BOD elections are in April. There will be five open board positions this year. If you are interested in running for the board, please get your bio to BOD before the March meeting.



Concession Stand:

Making some changes to the food ordering to ensure items don't run out of stock. Looking into having Big Bore for the Jr. Gold tourney next year.

Apparel:

Looking for a new person to help run the apparel shop. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a board member.

Equipment Report:

No updates at this time.

Volunteer Report:

Please sign up for DIBS shifts. We are nearing the end of the season and have a limited number of DIBs shifts remaining. Thank you to those who have already stepped up to help this season. Those who have not completed their DIBs shifts will have their deposit check cashed. If you have any questions about your DIBs, please reach out to byhadibs0@gmail.com

City of Buffalo:

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

Mite rosters are finalized along with coaches.

We are looking to fill the registration position before the start of next season. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to a board member.

SafeSport:

Looking into whether or not BYHA should have all parents complete SafeSport at the time of registration. It was suggested that this would help parents understand the difference between a SafeSport issue and non SafeSport issue.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Finalizing one dasher renewal and connecting with a few new advertisers.



Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

The programs that received the Skate it Forward grant saw an awesome increase in numbers of new skaters this year. Plans to apply for it next year.

Culture/Sportsmanship

No updates at this time.

Mentorship Program

No updates at this time.

New Business:

There will be five open BOD positions in April. If you are considering running, please get your bio to the BOD before the March meeting.

Additional Notes:

Rock on Ice dates:

2/13 6:00-8:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.



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)

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

NOTE: 10 Directors were present for January 2026 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	Chris Hammer
Boys HS Coach	Aaron Johnson



Girls High School Coach	Ryan Huddy
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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
	Bethany Gladu
Social Media Coordinator	Deb Blaeser
Rock on Ice Coordinator	Jennifer Kurth
	Deb Blaeser
Webmaster Coordinator	Alyssa Domagala
	Jeremy Welter
Billing Managers	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
	Jacob Comee
Hall of Fame Committee Chair	Jacob Comee
Gambling Manager	Julie Prince