



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – February 2025

Gambling Report:

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 6:45pm

Reporting on the month of December (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 partners.

The audit with the Gambling Control Board is underway. Will be meeting at sites next week.

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

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Deb, Mike, Maria, Jeremy, Bridget, and Adam

Julie is requesting \$160,200 for the month of February.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$201,686.65
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$4,548.39)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$194,700.00

A motion was made to approve \$160,200 (\$130,200 for gambling expenses and \$30,000 for the BYHA).

- Jeremy 1st, Deb 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (6-0).

The board meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Event Schedule

HOC Meeting:
First Sunday of the month @ 7:00 PM

BYHA Board Meeting
Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm
Next Meeting will be March 12th

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 ETags: 5pm-9pm

Hayes Public House - Buffalo
ETags



Attendance: 8 Directors

Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Jeremy Welter, Jacob Comee, Bridget Lindeman and Adam Hennen

Visitors:

Joey - from CrossBar

Joey gave the BOD a brief description of CrossBar. He was able to answer several questions about CrossBar and is going to be sending us a demo in the coming week.

Members Present:

Jessie Lenton, Tina Klaphake, Keith Jerpseth

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 January 2025

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

There was an email vote on January 15, 2025

A motion was made for BYHA to provide funding, as legally allowed, up to \$60,000, to secure Rodney Atkins or similar artist for the fall concert, (reserved date is 9/13/2025), the City of Buffalo is coordinating. In exchange for securing the artist, the city of Buffalo will give BYHA a \$60,000 credit to be used towards our ice fees and/or rent fees.

- Jeremy 1st, Mike 2nd. Discussion to ensure BYHA is paid back this next season and a donation like this is allowed. Approved and motion passed (10-0).



Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

1. Cash Balance (from prior month): \$651,502
2. Expenses paid: \$69,168 in expenses in January 2025
3. Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$128,387 in February 2025
4. Income received (prior month): \$26,030.91 in revenues
5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$60,486 in February 2025

Thank you to everyone who supports BYHA through our pull tabs at our partner locations.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).

Mike is working with the finance committee to make sure that everyone is paid up to date before districts begin. He has contacted all families who are currently past due. Most families have responded with only a few who have not connected with him. Accounts need to be up to date by Friday (2/14) at noon to be eligible to participate in the weekend play.

Reminder to families that your accounts need to be paid in full before districts begin. If you have any questions please reach out to the treasurer, Mike Honsey at byhatreasurer@buffalohockey.net

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

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.

HOC Department Updates:

- **VP Update** - Update on the Hockey Director: will be interviewing the next candidate, hopefully in the next month.



- **Player Development** - The morning skills have continued to work well, but looking at how to incorporate Monday nights with Austin when older teams have Monday morning practice. Positive reviews with having skating skills night with each individual team. Coaches seemed to like that it took place at the regular scheduled practices. The shooting clinic trial was successful and is something that will be looked into for next season.

A motion was made to approve 12 hours of ice for HP sessions.

Jake 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (7-0).

- **Squirts** - Looking at tryouts for next season and talking with other associations to see how they structure squirt tryouts.
- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Looking to plan an all-day, in-person coaches clinic before the start of next season. Planning to have off-ice as well as on-ice trainings for all coaches.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - For next season, need to make sure travel is under an hour. Also should be staying away from full ice games at the mite levels.
- **Try-Outs** - Starting the planning process now. Looking into what worked well and what can be improved on for next season.
- **Tournaments** - No updates at this time.
- **Ice Schedulers** - Ice touches are up from last year in all groups.



- **Jr. Gold** - No updates at this time.

District 5 Report:

D5 is planning for a U19 team next season.

For playoffs, EBUG should wear their teams home jersey so there is no confusion for the officials.

Vice President

Deb has everything ready for the district playoff games that are hosted by BYHA. Thank you to those who have picked up DIBs shifts for the weekend.

End of season team/player stat boards will be updated after the season.

Don't forget to turn in your final 10,000 puck club numbers.

Concession Stand:

Concession is ready for the weekend.

Still looking for two people to take over the concession stand management for next season. If you are interested, please reach out to anyone on the BOD.

Apparel:

No updates at this time.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

No updates at this time.



Volunteer Report:

Thank you for those of you who have helped to fill the DIBs shifts this season. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. There were over 300 unclaimed hours this season so thank you to those who helped. The coordinators will be working on reconciling the completed DIBS and reporting to the BOD in the coming weeks.

City of Buffalo:

JP is looking at installing a viewing deck in the Peterson rink.

A motion was made to approve a match up to \$5,000 for a Jr. Gold locker room below the viewing deck in Peterson rink.

- Jeremy 1st, Mike 2nd. No Discussion. Motion passed (7-0).

Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

No updates at this time.

SafeSport:

No updates at this time.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Working on renewing the on-ice sponsors. So far, two of the four current sponsors have been in contact.

Ryan Chevrolet in Buffalo is offering their Chevy Youth Hockey Test Drive Fundraiser again this year. Ryan Chevrolet will make a \$25 donation for each person that takes a test drive and mentions BYHA now through February 28th, 2025.



Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:

BHM schools are going to start implementing Peach Jar around March 1. Matt is in contact with BHM schools about sending flyers for BYHA to BHM families. The application for Pass the Puck has been submitted. Also looking into MN Wild's Skate It Forward program with more details to come.

New Business:

If you are interested in running for one of the open BOD positions, you will need to submit your bio to Matt or Deb before the start of the March meeting.

Please email bios to byhapresident@buffalohockey.net or byhavp@buffalohockey.net

Elections will take place in April.

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 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 Realty
- 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)

February 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	Mike Honsey	April 2025
X	Director	Jeremy Welter	April 2025
X	Director	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
	Director	Eric Kolkind	April 2025
	Director	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	Director	Jake Comee	April 2026
	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027

NOTE: 8 Directors were present for February 2025 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Risa Peterson		
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Mark Lemen		
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	Adam Hennen
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
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
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