



# **Bison Blueline**

BYHA Newsletter – February 2026

## **Gambling Report:**

Julie gave the gambling report update. Started 7:03pm

Reporting on the month of December (always report 2 months behind). 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.

The case for small claims court is scheduled for February 18, 2026. Jeremy will be representing BYHA

## **Board Members Present:**

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

Julie is requesting \$170,700 for the month of February.

A motion was made to approve \$170,700 (\$137,700 for gambling expenses and \$40,000 for the BYHA).

<b>Profit Carryover From this Month</b>	<b>\$191,204.66</b>
<b>Carry over increase / (decrease)</b>	<b>\$10,310.00</b>
<b>Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)</b>	<b>\$170,700</b>

Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (8-0).

## **Event Schedule**

### HOC Meeting

Meeting will be held on the 2nd Wednesday during the BOD meeting  
March 11th, 2026 at 6:30pm

### BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm  
Next Meeting will be March 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 7:17pm.**

**Attendance: 9 Directors**

Matt Adams, Jeremy Welter, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Adam Hennen, Dan Gladu, Brandon Gladu, Alex Trogstad and Shannon Worden

**Visitors:**

**Members Present:**

Risa Peterson

**President Report:**

We would like to invite all our members to our monthly board meetings. These are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

A motion to approve combining the HOC and BOD meetings on the same night starting at 6:30pm. Meetings are still held on the second Wednesday of the month in the upstairs meeting room in the Purple rink.

- Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).

**Secretary Report:**

A motion to approve minutes for month of January 2026

- Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).

**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 6:30pm and will be combined with the Board meeting.



#### 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** - Feedback has been requested from all travel level head coaches. Will continue to gather feedback and present at the March meeting. Power skating has wrapped up for the season, great feedback. Had positive feedback for Austin in the weight room. Looking for a solution in the shooting area as the tarps are ripping on the seams. The shooting area overall has been a great addition for the dryland area.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Peewees** - Great turnout at the PW family Gopher hockey game night with 80 players and families attending.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - STP registration is open for both spring and summer options.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - Waiting to hear from Delano to see where they would like to take the discussion of a co-op at the younger levels.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - Goalie gear swap for all levels on March 7th.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - Discussion of bringing back the team slush fund for the mite level. Spring session for Rookie Bison will need volunteer coaches and high school player volunteers.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - Playdowns are starting soon.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - No updates at this time.
- **Home Tournament Coordinator** - Ready to go for the upcoming weekend, just needing to line up ref snacks. Getting DIBs requests to the coordinators.



- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time

### Treasurer Report:

#### **Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$668,950
- 2.Expenses paid: \$124,395 in expenses in January 2026
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$178,448 in February 2026
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$128,197 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$49,476 in February 2026

The budget is tight this season, which will be something to keep in mind as we approach the annual budget review. Need to keep a better handle on extra expense requests that pop up in the middle of the year.

Past due bills need to be paid in full before players are allowed to participate districts this coming weekend. Everyone with an outstanding bill has been notified. If you have any questions regarding your account, please reach out the Jeremy Welter at [byhatreasurer@buffalohockey.net](mailto:byhatreasurer@buffalohockey.net)

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

- Kent 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (8,0)

A motion was made to approve the donation of \$250 per player and coach for the HP Polar girls representing BYHA for a total of \$1,000.

- Kent 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (8,0)

**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 is March, which means there won't be any disciplinary meetings held that month. Looking to use 3/4 nets for squirts next season.



**Vice President**

BOD elections are in April. There are 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:**

There will be a change in the concession stand management for next season.

**Apparel:**

No updates at this time.

**Equipment Report:**

No updates at this time.

**Volunteer Report:**

Make sure you complete your assigned DIBS hours. Those families who have not completed **ALL** of 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:**

Meeting with representatives from the city to discuss the plan for a new rink.  
Renewed and signed a one-year lease with the city.

**Registration Report:**

No updates at this time.

**SafeSport:**

Wrapping up some final issues for the season.

**Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:**

Considering changing up the Ice-in party. Looking into going back to golf in the fall? Or possibly having some sort of mid-season get together.

Also, looking at whether it makes sense to keep the wreath fundraiser or change to something else.

**Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:**

Looking at whether we can make Rookie Bison free to help gain interest and continue to grow numbers.



**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.

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**Additional Notes:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.



**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)

February 2026	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	<b>President</b>	Matt Adams	April 2027
	<b>Vice President</b>	Deb Blaeser	April 2027
X	<b>Secretary</b>	Maria Rosso	April 2026
X	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeremy Welter	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	April 2027
	<b>Director</b>	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	April 2026
	<b>Director</b>	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Adam Hennen	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Dan Gladu	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Brandon Gladu	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Alex Trogstad	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Shannon Worden	April 2026

NOTE: 9 Directors were present for February 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



<b>Initiation Level Scheduler</b>	Emily Starry
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Samantha Hack
	Bethany Gladu
<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser
<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
	Deb Blaeser
<b>Webmaster Coordinator</b>	Alyssa Domagala
	Jeremy Welter
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
	Jacob Comee
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Jacob Comee
<b>Gambling Manager</b>	Julie Prince