



# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – May 2025

## Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of March (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.

Tap Inn at Wild Marsh is off to a good start this month.

## Board Members Present:

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

Julie is requesting \$169,200 for the month of June.

A motion was made to approve \$169,200 (\$119,200 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

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

The board meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$198,054.97
Carry over increase / (decrease)	\$42,128.45
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$169,200.00

## Event Schedule

### HOC Meeting

Annual joint meeting with BOD  
June 11, 2025 at 7pm

### BYHA Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm  
Next Meeting will be June 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**



**Attendance: 9 Directors**

Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Jacob Comee, Bridget Lindeman, Adam Hennen and Brandon Gladu

**Visitors:**

Billy Lincoln

**Members Present:**

Tina Klaphake, Risa Peterson, Shyla Webb

**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.*

In order to stay compliant with the MN Gambling Control Board regulations, the BOD has added two additional positions. The BOD took applications from interested members.

A motion to approve Alex Trogstad to the board of directors.

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

A motion to approve Shannon Worden to the board of directors.

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

***Executive Board Member Elections (voted on by the Board of Directors)***

- President – Matt Adams
  - Kent 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).
- Vice President – Deb Blaeser
  - Jake 1<sup>st</sup>, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).
- Treasurer – Jeremy Welter
  - Adam 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).
- Secretary – Maria Rosso



- Kent 1st, Ryan 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).
- Additional executive member — Kent Baker
  - Maria 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (8-0).

The Board is working to update the organization chart with the new members.

### **Secretary Report:**

A motion to approve minutes for month of April 2025

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

### **Treasurer Report:**

#### **Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$525,648
- 2.Expenses paid: \$50,374 in expenses in April 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$120,160 in May 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$38,791 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$38,400 in May 2025

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

Dibs check notices were sent out to members and are being cashed.

Matt has opted to not take any sort of president payment for the previous year.

The finance committee will be meeting to prepare a budget in the coming month. The finance committee consists of Matt, Deb, Jeremy, Brandon and Alex.

**BYHA has a Venmo account. Parents can 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:

The board had an interview with Billy Lincoln for the Hockey Director position. The board will bring their recommendations to the June meeting.

- **Player Development** - No updates at this time.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - Beginning to look at team sizes for next year as well as looking into possible co-op options if needed.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - Looking for ways to improve the Mite end of season evaluations.
- **Try-Outs** - Renewing Team Genius for this season's tryouts.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - Actively registering for tournaments. Struggling to find good options for the U15 level.



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

**HOC positions needing approval:**

- Goalie Coordinator: Matt Griffith
  - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Jake, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).
- Away Tournament Coordinator: Serinity Kurzhals
  - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Jake, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).
- Jr. Gold Coordinator: Josh Hawkinson
  - 1st-Kent and 2nd-Jake, No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (8-0).

**District 5 Report:**

No updates at this time.

**Vice President**

The updated by-law changes are being made and will be published on the website.

Registered the intent to play for the VFW tournaments.

Gathering information for the free mouthguard clinic this fall.

**Concession Stand:**

Beginning on September 1, 2025, the BYHA concession stand will be cash-free.

**Apparel:**

Looking into doing a pre-order sale for certain items before the season begins.

**Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

Practice jerseys are ordered. Looking at new home/away jerseys. Preparing the player/coach apparel for the season. Planning to have some sample sizes of player swag available at registration nights.



### **Volunteer Report:**

Welcome to the two new DIBS coordinators: Bethany Gladu and Sam Hack. Thank you for stepping up and helping BYHA in this role.

DIBs are being posted for the summer parades and events and are a great way to get some of your DIBs completed before the hockey season begins.

### **City of Buffalo:**

JP and Matt are looking into other options for an additional locker room in Peterson.

### **Registration Report:**

Making some changes to the registration to ensure all the information needed is gathered at one time. Dates for registration will be posted soon.

### **SafeSport:**

Updating the player/parent/coach code of conduct. More to come in June.

### **Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:**

Updating the advertising for What's the Scoop and Allina Health.

### **Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:**

Watch for the new promo video coming a couple weeks!  
Planning a Rookie Bison parent meeting in the coming weeks.

### **Culture/Sportmanship**

Updating the core values of BYHA and looking for ways to incorporate it throughout the rink (doors, locker rooms).



**New Business:**

Rock on Ice:

6/27 7-9pm

8/22 7-9pm

**Additional Notes:**

Next month will be our join HOC/BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

**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)

May 2025	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	<b>President</b>	Matt Adams	April 2027
X	<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>	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	April 2026
	<b>Director</b>	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Adam Hennen	April 2027
	<b>Director</b>	Dan Gladu	April 2028
X	<b>Director</b>	Brandon Gladu	April 2028

NOTE: 9 Directors were present for May 2025 meeting.



## BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
<b>HOC Vice President</b>	Risa Peterson		
<b>Co-Coaching Coordinators</b>	Mark Lemen		
<b>Player Development Co-Coordinators</b>	Adam Stewart Keith Jerpseth		
<b>Goalie Development Co-Coordinators</b>	Matt Griffith Nate Dixon		
<b>A/B/C Level Coordinator</b>	Wes Asleson		
<b>Tryout Co-Coordinator</b>	Josh Hawkinson Mike Peterson		
<b>Scheduling Director</b>	Hans & Sadie Iverson Colin & Carly Hribal		
<b>Mites/Mini Mites Coordinator</b>	Aaron Johnson Devon McNamara		
<b>HOME Tournament Coordinator</b>	**OPEN**		
<b>Away Tournament Coordinator</b>	Serinity Kurzhals		
<b>Safesport Coordinator(s)</b>	Tina Klaphake		
<b>Squirt Coordinator</b>	Chris Pearsall Tiffany Dixon		
<b>Girls Coordinator</b>	Ben Guck Amy Kotish		
<b>Boys HS Coach</b>	Aaron Johnson		
<b>Girls High School Coach</b>	Ryan Huddy		



## Volunteers

<b>D5 Rep</b>	Adam Hennen
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
<b>Wreath Coordinator</b>	Caitlin Chovan
<b>Marketing Coordinator</b>	Sheryl Workman
<b>Picture Coordinator</b>	Michele Siemek
<b>Registration Coordinator</b>	Bridget Lindeman and Deb Blaser Alicia Kettenacker (Initiation level)
<b>One Goal Coordinator</b>	Matt Griffith Chris Pearsall
<b>S.C.O.R.E. Coordinator</b>	Rissa Schrick
<b>T.E.A.M. Coordinator</b>	Jolene Frank
<b>Advertising/Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Jeremy Welter
<b>Travelling Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kari Magaard Heather Knight
<b>Initiation Level Team Manager Coordinator</b>	Kelsey Harps
<b>Initiation Mite Events Coordinator</b>	Karin Brinkhoff
<b>Initiation One Goal/Learn 2 Play Coordinators</b>	Karin Brinkhoff Jolene Frank
<b>Initiation Level Scheduler</b>	Emily Starry



<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Lisa Comee
<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser
<b>Rock on Ice Coordinator</b>	Jennifer Kurth
<b>Webmaster Coordinator</b>	Deb Blaeser Alyssa Domagala
<b>Billing Managers</b>	Mike Honsey Lakeside Consulting - Sara Kubu
<b>Hall of Fame Committee Chair</b>	Eric Kolkind
<b>Safesport Coordinator(s)</b>	Tina Klaphake