



# **Bison Blueline**

BYHA Newsletter – January 2025

## **Gambling Report:**

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

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 partners.

The first year-end audit is still underway. The second audit with the Gambling Control Board to begin in the next few weeks.

Starting in January, the Thirsty Buffalo will begin running the booth.

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

Board Members Present:

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

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

Julie is requesting \$194,700 for the month of January.

A motion was made to approve \$194,700 (\$144,700 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

- Jeremy 1<sup>st</sup>, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. Approved and Motion Passed (7-0).

## **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 February 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**



**The board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.**

**Attendance: 9 Directors**

Matt Adams, Deb Blaeser, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Jacob Comee, Matt Rickheim and Adam Hennen

**Visitors:**

**Members Present:**

Wes Asleson, Missie Meemken, Risa Peterson, Jessie Lenton, Dan Gladu and Caitlyn Gladu

**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.

**Secretary Report:**

A motion to approve minutes for month of December 2024

- 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): \$719,244
- 2.Expenses paid: \$109,728 in expenses in December 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$115,564 in January 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$121,435 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$135,751 in January 2025



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

January ice bills were waived. Notice being sent out to the association.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

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](mailto: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: Still working through the candidates to see what can be accomplished before summer begins.
- **Player Development** - The morning skills have continued to work well. Looking to see about adding dry land or weight room for the morning teams on the same nights. Looking at ordering new attack triangles, white boards and black mite pads. Also looking into possibly adding a shooting coach to the mix for next season. Coaches, please remember to return the pucks to the coaches room when finished with them.
- **Squirts** - 3v3 is scheduled, tourneys are scheduled. 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** - Looking at ways to help the 10s/12s be more competitive. Will be discussing ideas with D5 to see what they would allow.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Coaching coordinators are planning to send out a mid-season coach survey.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - Planning for one more goalie clinic for mites this season.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - Tournaments are scheduled for the season.
- **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** - Scheduled through end of season. Squirts/10s will run one week past district tournament.
- **Jr. Gold** - Jr. Gold tourney is full and ready to go. Looking for volunteers to fill some open DIBs spots for the tournament.

### District 5 Report:

Districts for U15A will be the best of three games.

Reminder that parents working the score table and penalty box are an extension of the refing crew and need to act accordingly.

Another reminder to parents to please be respectful towards the ref crew as well as the opposing parents.

### Vice President



BYHA will be hosting or helping to host end of season tournaments for several groups this season including Bantam AA, Pee wee B2 and U15B. Schedules will be coming soon. We will need to have lots of DIBs help those weekends.

Several teams have had recent tournament success including: U15A - 1st place in Blaine, Bantam B2 - 3rd place in New Ulm, Pee wee AA - 2nd place in Grand Rapids, Squirt A - 1st place in Willmar, Squirt B1 - 2nd place in The I94 Challenge, Squirt C - 2nd place in Inver Grove Heights. Congratulations to all the teams!

Several players have already reached the 10,000 Puck Club status! Congratulations to those players! Keep shooting those pucks!

### **Concession Stand:**

We are looking for a new concession manager for the 2025/2026 season. If you are interested in learning more about the concession stand manager position, please reach out to the board. The concession stand food license will be expiring and will need to be renewed. The concession stand has been running very smoothly this season. Lots and lots of pretzels sales! Looking into ideas like hotdog eating contest for home tournaments. The Puck/Sucker trade in has been working really well this season with over 60 pucks turned in the last week.

### **Apparel:**

New designs and sizes have been arriving frequently. The apparel sales have been doing well, thank you to those that have been shopping.

### **Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

No updates at this time.

### **Volunteer Report:**

DIBS requests need to be submitted two weeks in advance so the coordinators have time to post. Remember to start getting your DIBs shifts completed early in the season so you don't run out of time or opportunities.



Please be watching for upcoming Dibs shifts at our home Jr. Gold tournament and district tournaments. We will need a lot of help.

### City of Buffalo:

A motion was made to approve to pay \$20,000 for the September City of Buffalo concert for Diamond Rio (or other artist).

- Jeremy 1st, Mike 2nd. Discussion: BYHA would receive a \$20,000 ice credit for next season and 500 tickets. Motion passed (8-0).

New cameras were installed.

### Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

### Registration Report:

No updates at this time.

### SafeSport:

Parents who are locker room monitors **MUST** have completed the SafeSport training and background check before they are allowed in the locker room. Reminder to all players, parents and coaches that no players are allowed in the locker room without a coach or monitor present. Players must wait outside the locker room until a coach or monitor arrives. Thank you for your help with this.

The BOD received a formal grievance regarding a decision made with the grievance committee. The BOD reviewed the formal grievance as well as the information provided by the grievance committee on the previous decision.

A motion was made to agree with previous decision given by the grievance committee.

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



**Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:**

Working on a few new sponsors for next month.

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. Matt is in contact with BHM schools about sending flyers for BYHA to BHM families.

Looking into a Pass the Puck grant for \$2,500 to help grow the Mite program.

Looking into creating a promotional video for girls hockey recruitment.

**New Business:**

**Additional Notes:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 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)

January 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>	Mike Honsey	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Jeremy Welter	April 2025
	<b>Director</b>	Bridget Lindeman	April 2026
	<b>Director</b>	Eric Kolkind	April 2025
X	<b>Director</b>	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	<b>Director</b>	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	<b>Director</b>	Adam Hennen	April 2027

NOTE: 9 Directors were present for January 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 Ryan Otto		
<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>	Ryan Ferguson
<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 Jessica Fudali (Traveling level) 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>	Sarah Shult Lisa Comee
<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Megan Omann 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