



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – December 2024

Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of October (always report 2 months behind). We had good month, with Thirsty Buffalo being our top location again. Thank you to all of our members who continue to support our partners.

The first year-end audit is almost complete. Julie expects the second audit with the Gambling Control Board to begin in the next few weeks.

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

Board Members Present:

Matt A., Mike, Maria, Kent, Jeremy, Eric, Bridget, Jake, Matt R. and Adam

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$206,235.04
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$10,956.28)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$182,400.00

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 January 8th

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



Julie is requesting \$182,400 for the month of November.

A motion was made to approve \$182,400 (\$132,400 for gambling expenses and \$50,000 for the BYHA).

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

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

Attendance: 10 Directors

Matt Adams, Mike Honsey, Maria Rosso, Kent Baker, Jeremy Welter, Eric Kolkind, Bridget Lindeman, Jacob Comee, Matt Rickheim and Adam Hennen

Visitors:

Members Present:

Wes Asleson, Missie Meemken, Jason Webb, Travis Peterson, Alicia Kettenacker, Danielle Rakos, Shylla Webb, Jessie Lenton, Jennifer Kurth, Ryan Otto, Diane Kolkind, Caitlyn Gladu and Dan Gladu

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.

After concluding its investigation, a special committee determined that the subject behavior had no substantive impact on the tryout process. The committee further recommended the following changes to the tryout process for the BOD and HOC to review and discuss. 1 - No parents, no matter their role, to be allowed access to the rink during tryouts. 2 - Clear roles for those who are allowed in the rink during tryouts. 3 - Defined spectator area within the rink for those needing to be there. 4 - Evaluators having more of a role in team placements. 5 - Having a sign in sheet for anyone present at tryouts.



Secretary Report:

A motion to approve minutes for month of November 2024

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$765,715.85
- 2.Expenses paid: \$175,793.81 in expenses in November 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$105,577.20 in December 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$200,871.10 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$87,512.65 in December 2024

BYHA is in a strong financial position and has had more gambling revenue this year. Thank you to everyone who supports BYHA through our pull tabs at our partner locations.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

A motion to waive January ice bills this season.

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

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: looking to get the HOC members who missed Thomas Johnson's interview connected with him to get their questions answered. Another candidate recently applied, the HOC will look through this application. The goal is to be able to make a recommendation



to hire by the end of the season so the candidate can be in place before the planning of the 2025/2026 season begins.

- **Player Development** - The morning skills have worked well with the Peewee and Bantam groups. Approximately two-thirds attendance on these days. The high school coaches have enjoyed the players and it has opened up a lot of prime ice time for practice during the week. A request for black tape to fix the mite pads. The pads will need replacing in the future.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - Boys Youth Hockey Day is set for December 14th. Skate with the Bison will follow the Roseau game.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Coaches must have their CEP and age specific modules completed by December 15th. The registration coordinators need time to submit everything before the December 31st deadline.

Another reminder to coaches per USA Hockey guidelines, Minnesota Hockey and District 5 guidelines, BYHA must follow a zero tolerance policy.

Coaches shall not:

- Openly dispute or argue any decision by an official;
- Use obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time; or
- Visually display any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

We expect our coaches and members to represent BYHA in the best manner and be respectful to everyone.

A motion to approve the remaining paid coaches.

- Mike 1st, Adam 2nd. Discussion: Consider changing the by-laws regarding voting on paid coaches. Opinion that three paid coaches on the Bantam AA team is too many. Motion passed (7-1, Maria).



- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - D5 is asking mite teams to keep travel to less than one hour for games and scrimmages. Exception given to the Alexandria tournament.
- **Try-Outs** - No updates at this time.
- **Tournaments** - The upcoming home tournaments will need a lot of volunteers. Watch for emails regarding upcoming DIBS shifts. We are still looking for a home tournament coordinator. If you are interested, please reach out to any of the Board members.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - Season started on December 2nd. One full team, with 16 skaters and 1 goalie. The Jr. Gold tournament is full with 16 teams.

District 5 Report:

Players cannot be in the locker room without a locker room monitor. Remember, no phone use allowed in the locker room.

Games are already uploaded to GameSheet so there is no need to make a new game.

15 game misconducts so far this year.

REMINDER: Be nice to refs.

Vice President

No updates at this time.



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.

Apparel:

New designs and sizes have been arriving each week. The apparel shop is full and ready for last minute Christmas shopping. The sales have been up 30% from last year at this time.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

Kent will be looking into rotating home/away jerseys ordering. Also looking at places to donate old jerseys (mites, high school, etc.)

A motion was made to approve up to \$1,500 for the purchase of new shelves in the equipment room.

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

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. We will need a lot of help.

City of Buffalo:

The Bison is almost complete and hoping it will be ready by Christmas.

Reminder to coaches that coffee is not allowed on the ice.

Reminder that the BYHA's lease with the City of Buffalo will expire in August 2026.

A motion was made to approve to split the cost up to \$7,000 for the purchase of cameras in the rink, with access to the cameras if needed.

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



Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

All traveling teams, including mites, are rostered at this time.

Coaches need to have their CEP and age specific modules completed by December 15th. The registration coordinator will need time to submit everything before the December 31st deadline.

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 that locker room monitors need to remain inside the locker room they are monitoring. They are not to be standing outside of the locker room. Players are not allowed in the locker rooms until a monitor is present.

The BOD received a formal grievance regarding a decision made with the grievance committee, District 5 and Minnesota Hockey. 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, D5 and Minnesota Hockey.

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

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Jeremy is looking at some advertising space for The Thirsty Buffalo as a way to continue to promote our pull tabs. He will be reaching out the Thirsty Buffalo to see what they would be interested in having.

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:

Annandale schools informed Matt that they will not be moving forward with Peach Jar at this time.

New Business:

Additional Notes:

Rock on Ice: December 27th 6-8pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 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)

December 2024	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	President	Matt Adams	April 2027
	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
X	Director	Eric Kolkind	April 2025
X	Director	Kent Baker	April 2027
X	Director	Jake Comee	April 2026
X	Director	Matt Rickheim	April 2027
X	Director	Adam Hennen	April 2027

NOTE: 10 Directors were present for December 2024 meeting.



BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC)

Position	Name	Phone	Term Expires
HOC Vice President	Risa Peterson		
Co-Coaching Coordinators	Mark Lemen Ryan Otto		
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	Ryan Ferguson
Equipment Manager	Nathan Dixon Kent Baker
Wreath Coordinator	Caitlin Chovan
Marketing Coordinator	Sheryl Workman
Picture Coordinator	Michele Siemek
Registration Coordinator	Bridget Lindeman and Jessica Fudali (Traveling level) 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