



# Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – April 2025

## Gambling Report:

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

Reporting on the month of February (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.

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

This is the second month of the rent change with Thirsty Buffalo and things seem to be working out well so far.

Julie is in the process of connecting with the new restaurant at Wild Marsh about opening a booth.

## Board Members Present:

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

Julie is requesting \$152,700 for the month of May.

A motion was made to approve \$152,700 (\$122,700 for gambling expenses and \$30,000 for the BYHA).

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$155,920.52
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$20,221.23)
Gambling Operating Expense Request (Includes graduated tax rate)	\$152,700.00

## 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 May14th

### 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 7:09pm.**

**Attendance: 10 Directors**

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

**Visitors:**

**Members Present:**

Tina Klaphake, Dan Gladu, Risa Peterson, Alex Trogstad

**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 March 2025

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

Amended bylaw recommendations were added to the March newsletter.

**Treasurer Report:**

**Actuals:**

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$523,555
- 2.Expenses paid: \$101,166 in expenses in March 2025
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$16,404 in April 2025
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$4,023 in revenues



5. Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$30,425 in April 2025

A motion was made to approve the treasurer report.

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

**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:

Interviewing another candidate, Billy Lincoln, for the Hockey Director position with the plan to have him attend the next board meeting for a Q&A with the BOD. Open HOC positions will be posted once final decisions are made regarding the hockey director.

- **Player Development** - HOC recommendation is to fill one position to assist the Hockey Director if hired.
- **Squirts** - HOC recommendation is to fill one Squirt Director role.
- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - HOC recommendation will be to not fill this role if a Hockey Director is hired.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - HOC recommendation is to not fill this role, but rather split duties between Hockey Director, Player Development and Registration Coordinator.
- **Girls Coordinators** - HOC recommendation will be to not fill this role if a Hockey Director is hired.



- **Goalie Coordinators** - HOC recommendation is fill one position to work with the Hockey Director if hired.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - HOC recommendation is to potentially fill one position with possibly an additional admin role.
- **Try-Outs** - HOC recommendation is to have one position that will assist the Hockey Director in tryout coordination.
- **Away Tournament Coordinator** - HOC recommendation is to fill this position and work with the Hockey Director if hired.
- **Ice Schedulers** - No updates at this time.
- **Jr. Gold** - HOC recommendation is to fill one position for this role.

#### District 5 Report:

No updates at this time.

#### Vice President

The BYHA is happy to post local hockey promotions on the website but will not be sending promotional emails to the association members at this time.

#### Open Positions:

- \* DIBS coordinator(s)
- \* Hockey Director
- \* Gambling Auditor

#### Concession Stand:

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



**Apparel:**

Starting to plan a summer pop-up sale, possibly at the Rock on Ice nights.

**Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:**

Jersey turn in was not as smooth as in past years. Looking to raise the jersey deposit check to encourage a smoother turn in process in the future.

Looking at pricing options for new jerseys, player swag and coach apparel for next season.

**Volunteer Report:**

The Dibs list has been reconciled and checks will be cashed.

Looking for 1-2 people for the DIBS coordinator position for next season. If you are interested, please reach out to someone on the Board.

**City of Buffalo:**

No updates at this time.

**Wall of Fame:**

No updates at this time.

**Registration Report:**

Looking for ways to better manage the registration process for both players and coaches.

**SafeSport:**

No updates at this time.



**Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:**

Finalizing a few returning sponsors as well as getting some advertising for Thirsty Buffalo lined up for the rink.

**Marketing/Recruitment/Retention:**

Promo video is scheduled in a couple weeks. Should be able to send it out to new families in the school district using Peach Jar.

Still waiting to hear about the Skate it Forward grant.

Starting to plan ahead for the upcoming parades. 6/14 - Buffalo, 7/4 - Annandale, 8/2 - Hanover

**New Business:**

Rock on Ice:

4/25 7-9pm

6/27 7-9pm

8/22 7-9pm

**A HUGE Thank you to Mike Honsey and Eric Kolkind for serving of the Board of Directors these past years!  
We appreciate your dedication to the BYHA community.**

A motion was made to approve the two bylaw changes discussed in April.

- Mike 1st, Adam 2nd. No Discussion and motion passed (14-0). (All present members voted on this motion).

**Election Results:**

Alex Trogstad - 21 votes

Brandon Gladu - 30 votes

Dan Gladu - 32 votes

Jeremy Welter - 34 votes

Write in: Shannon Worden - 1 vote

**Congratulations to Jeremy Welter, Dan Gladu and Brandon Gladu on their new Board of Director positions.  
And a big thanks to all the members who showed up to vote.**



**Additional Notes:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

**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)

April 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
X	<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: 10 Directors were present for April 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