



Bison Blueline

BYHA Newsletter – November 2024

Gambling Report:

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

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

Due to a previous error, payroll for both July and August were posted this month which is why the expenses are higher than normal.

The first year-end audit is currently underway. After the first audit is complete, the Gambling Control Board will begin their audit.

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

Board Members Present:

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

Profit Carryover From this Month	\$217,191.32
Carry over increase / (decrease)	(\$41,007.05)
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 December 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 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: 9 Directors

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

Visitors:

Members Present:

Mike Peterson, Missie Meemken, Cory Kampschroer, Jason Webb, Travis Peterson, Alicia Kettenacker, Danielle Rakos, Shylla Webb, Jessie Lenton, Jennifer Kurth, Brittany Burns, Susan Davis, Nataliya Nyquist, Shaun Craig, Heather Craig, Diane Kolkind, Ryan Otto, Mark Lemen, Luke Piram, Wes Asleson

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.

Jason Webb spoke at the meeting about his concern regarding tryouts and the tryout process. A subcommittee was formed to address the concerns.

Secretary Report:

Changes to the previous newsletter after posting:

The Treasurer Report was updated after the meeting and approved via email vote.



There was an email vote on October 12, 2024

A motion was made to approve up to \$2,500 for painting and clear coat of the bison statue.

- Mike 1st, Jeremy 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (10-0).

There was an email vote on October 24, 2024

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report from October.

- Deb 1st, Jake 2nd. No Discussion. Approved and motion passed (10-0).

There was an email vote on October 25, 2024

A motion to approve the additional \$2,300 needed for the checking clinic, to add the U15s.

- Mike 1st, Eric 2nd. No Discussion. All Approved and motion passed (10-0).

A motion to approve minutes for month of October 2024

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

Treasurer Report:

Actuals:

- 1.Cash Balance (from prior month): \$689,360
- 2.Expenses paid: \$79,908.00 in expenses in October 2024
- 3.Estimated expenses upcoming: Anticipate expenses of \$136,389 in November 2024
- 4.Income received (prior month): \$149,846 in revenues
- 5.Estimated income upcoming: Anticipate revenues of \$166,344 in November 2024

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:

- **VP Update** - Update on the Hockey Director position: Thomas Johnson attended the HOC meeting to interview for the Hockey Director role. Thomas delivered a 15-minute presentation followed by Q&A.
- **Player Development** - The Contact Clinic has concluded. PD looking at options of running this in-house next season and looking at scheduling it before tryouts begin. The shooting area continues to receive a facelift with new tarps and dashers being added this winter. Sessions with Austin have been effective. There are plans to incorporate a “train the trainer” model for Squirt and U10 coaches.
- **Squirts** - No updates at this time.
- **Boys High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Girls High School** - No updates at this time.
- **Teams/ABC** - No updates at this time.
- **Coaching Coordinators** - Coaches meeting will be virtual on November 17th at 7pm. Will include Coaches Site training along with other updates. Reminder that coaches need to have their CEP certification completed by December 31st. Classes are limited.
- **Girls Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Goalie Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Mite/8U Coordinators** - No updates at this time.
- **Try-Outs** - U15 tryouts are complete and teams are formed. One injury protocol remaining at the Pee wee level.



- **Tournaments** - The coordinator has recommended booking tournaments only for confirmed teams to avoid last minute cancellations. Squirt A resolved the tournament scheduling issue by replacing the dropped tournament with four scrimmages. Bantam B1 had their Duluth tournament registration cancelled, but were able to secure a spot in the Superior tournament for the same weekend.
- **Ice Schedulers** - The ice schedule is out and being added to each week. Looking to extend the Squirt/ U10 season 2 weeks past the district tournament and incorporate additional 3v3 times as well as end of season coach evaluations with player feedback. Power skating sessions have been well received and are being added for this month.
- **Jr. Gold** - Waiting to see the final numbers after high school completes tryouts.

District 5 Report:

Players will need a tethered mouthguard when playing in D10.

Teams need to make sure there is a qualified locker room monitor at each practice and game. Locker room monitors need to stay in the locker room the entire time and cannot step out while players are present. MN Hockey will be spot checking throughout the season to make sure BYHA is following the locker room monitor policies.

Any out of state play needs to get approval first.

Vice President

MN Orthodontics mouthguard clinic will be added to the calendar for next year.

A motion was made to approve up to \$2,700 for the purchase of Bantam AA jerseys needed for the VFW tournament.

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

Concession Stand:

Pick up your concession stand gift card today! Great stocking stuffers!



Apparel:

New designs and sizes have been arriving each week. The apparel shop is full and ready for last minute Christmas shopping.

The final team apparel order is completed and on its way.

The vending machine is stocked with a few new items this season. The vending machine has been a great thing to have in the lobby and gets used regularly.

Pro-Shop/Equipment Report:

All jerseys have been handed out.

Reminder to all coaches to put pucks in the coaches' room after you are done using them.

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.

Reminder that people need to show up for their DIBS shifts and cannot cancel last minute. Remember to follow the DIBS policy and the 72-hour rule if you need to cancel. This will help the volunteer coordinators be able to fill the shift.

City of Buffalo:

The Bison is primed and waiting to be painted.

Wall of Fame:

No updates at this time.

Registration Report:

All traveling teams are rostered 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 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.

Request that a BOD member attend and speak at each team meeting at the beginning of next season.

Advertising/Sponsorship/Fundraising:

A couple new banners are going up in the rink this 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:

Players from the St. Cloud Norsemen are scheduled to come join a squirt practice in the near future. Matt R. has been talking with the Norsemen and ways they could partner with BYHA in the future.

SCSU offered for Pee wee teams to sign up to shovel at a Huskies game, at this time two teams are signed up.

Looking into creating a video for promoting girls hockey that can be used around the area.

New Business:

Additional Notes:

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 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 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)

November 2024	Position	Name	Term Expires
X	President	Matt Adams	April 2027
X	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
	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 November 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